15th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:7-8

SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

PSALM:
The seed that falls on the good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

SECOND READING:
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. (Rom 8:18)

Gospel:
“But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” (Mt 13:8-9)


OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020
Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Henry
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECT

FIRST READING
The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God’s word is reliable and purposeful. Does this bring you comfort or distress?

SECOND READING
Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself. What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?

Gospel Reading
Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?
First Holy Communion

July 18th at 4:00pm
July 19th at 9:00am
July 25th at 4:00pm
July 26th at 9:00am

Youth Confirmation
August 1st at 4:00pm

RCIA
August 15th at 4:00pm

Vacation Bible School at Home

Enjoy the same activities you would do at a week-long VBS at home! We provide an at home kit with a Bible story, a scripture verse to memorize, a craft to put together, links to music and a snack suggestion for each day. Kits are Limited, so be sure to register your child.

To Register, go to: https://forms.gle/kQVmgj73i6xGLafg8
Open to students in K4—Grade 4
Kits will be available to pick up the week of July 13
FIFTEEN SUNDAY OF ORDINARY

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Need**

Over the course of the past month, our In Reach/Out Reach (IR/OR) Committee has been blessed by your support of our hygiene drive to assist homeless Veteran’s.

As you may know, IR/OR is a human concerns committee that plans various projects to assist others in need. Over the past year, we have supported homebound parishioners with our “Sunshine Bags”, assisted SVDP with their Thanksgiving Food Collection and supported our local veterans.

We are in the planning stages for our 2020-21 outreach calendar and would welcome any ideas you might have! If you would like more information about joining our small but mighty committee, or you have an outreach idea to share with us, please email Michelle at mzakula@stgregsmil.org

Thank you for your constant “heart work” in supporting so many people who need to see Jesus’ Good News in action! God bless you all!

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**A prayer for Veterans**

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation
an order and value.

You call Your children “very good.”
We surrender to You the conflicts
that tear Your family apart.

We pray for an end to blindness
that places pride, greed, power, and
selfishness above human dignity
and brotherly love.

We pray in gratitude for all those
who have defended peace, virtue,
and justice with honor. We pray
especially for those who are
suffering in mind and body from
the ravages of war.

Let Your Kingdom come!
May Your peace that surpasses all
understanding reign in our hearts
and in our world.

Amen

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**July 12: St. Vincent de Paul Reflection**

In the Gospel today we hear the Parable of the Sower, and like the seed that fell on good ground, and produced fruit a hundred, or sixty or thirty fold, when you share a gift with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, it too produces good fruit. Throughout the year, your generosity, together with the generosity of all our supporters, allows us to continue to do the work of the Gospel by serving the poor. All of this is accomplished by the simple act of making a contribution! It might seem like a small thing to you, but it produces great fruit! May God bless you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at our parish.
A Note from Fr. Todd

I am pleased to announce that the discernment for Pastoral Council brought forth two excellent leaders to join us. Jackie Konkol and Chris Hodges both bring a wealth of leadership and parish volunteer experiences to their new roles, as well as an excitement for the future of St. Gregory the Great.

As we welcome two new members, our gratitude for the time and dedication of our outgoing members must be expressed as well. I want to sincerely thank Mary Gentile for her leadership and insight. Mary looks forward to volunteering in other areas of ministry and her gifts will be welcomed and appreciated! Jeff Senn has accepted the role of Parish Trustee-Treasurer and brings his experience on school commission, pastoral council, and finance council with him to this new role. Jeff will replace Marge Fischer who has faithfully served as a parish trustee through several pastors and many parish transitions. I greatly appreciate the consistent guidance and leadership that Marge has provided and I wish her well as she continues in her other vital roles as a parish volunteer. God has blessed our parish community with all of these key leaders and as I reflect with gratitude for the past, I look forward to our future with a sense of excitement as we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ for one another and those whom we serve.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Todd

WE ARE FAITHFULLY PRAYING FOR...the sick and hospitalized.....


For the deceased members of St. Gregory the Great, especially Mary Lou Guenette and Mary Toth
Who died recently
May they rest in Christ’s peace.
The Food Pantry continues to operate on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00-Noon. We are now located in Tenpenny Hall. If you are in need of assistance prior to the scheduled days, please call the Parish Office at: 414-543-8292, or email us at SVDP@stgregsmil.org. All requests for assistance are confidential. Now more than ever, we are here to help.

July Office Updates

Our staff will be in the office
M-Th 9:00am-2:00 pm

Please call ahead to make an appointment.
We will keep you updated on any changes
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SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00am  
No Daily Mass until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION -by appointment  
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK -by appointment