

Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

July 12, 2020 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

Catechetical Corner

Have a safe and blessed summer

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Dale Wilson, Laurie Boyne, Jean Beesley, Alan Craig, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Judy Diskin.

Happy Birthday to:

Sue Johnston, Joe Schuler, Jr. (11); Mary Craig, Vicki Dunkel (14); Connie Anderson (15); Stacy Schuler (17).

Happy Anniversary to:

Phillip & Kay Austin (15).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: July 11th - 17th, 2020
Saturday Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Manuel Tenorio t / Mayla Lamb
Tuesday A. Hamra t / Kay Dickerson
Wednesday Buddy James / Stacy James
Thursday Special Intentions
Friday Special Intentions

Readings for the week of July 12th, 2020



Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Are we losing the battle that is the Word? Have you ever sat down and let your Bible fall open and begin to read where it landed? It always amazes me when I do this that it is usually something I need to hear at that time. There are so many times that the Word falls on rocky ground for me. I read but my mind wonders and I retain very little of what I just read. But then, there are those times when what I just read hits me right in the middle of my core. How does God know what I need when I need it? Well, because He is God of course. In times of sorrow do we turn to His Word and let Him comfort us? Or are we constantly letting our pain fall and chock us. God is always available to help through the good times and the bad. His Word is so rich and beautiful, yet we generally ignore it. It only takes a few minutes to read a page from the Bible. Try letting it fall open sometime and soak in the beauty that He has left us with. You may be surprised at how well He knows you. - Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner

Sacred Heart Church Collections



June 28, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....\$ 1,829.00
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Total Weekend Collection.....\$ 2,097.00
Capital Account\$ 60.00
2nd Collection/Peter's Pence.....\$ 398.00

July 5, 2020

Week-end Collection.....\$ Not Available

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any good farmer will tell us that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. Let us all be more attentive to attending the soil of our heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Volunteer basis until further notice.

Please continue practicing social distancing guidelines. Please no gathering before and after Mass in the Gathering Area. Please wear a facemask when entering and leaving the church. Please sanitize your hands when entering the church.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the St. Anthony Catholic School Alumni Reunion, Okmulgee, which was planned for August 1, 2020, has been rescheduled to July 31, 2021.

Job Opportunities

School of Saint Mary seeks candidates for their After School Program. The position needs a person 5 days a week from 2:45 to 6:00 p.m. who will be in a care and guidance relationship with students and their parents. Please contact Pamela Slateligggett at 918-798-5857 if you are interested or have questions.

St. Joseph Monastery is hiring a Dietary Cook (full time or part time) who can prepare lunch and supper for the Sisters, employees, and guests from a planned menu and established recipes while also being able to clean and maintain the kitchen. Please contact Sr. Maria Paula at: smariap@hotmail.com for more information.





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