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“The righteous will shine  
like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father.”

MATTHEW 13:43A

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## Parish Information

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### Office Hours:

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

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

### 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 19, 2020 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

### 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:** Gary Mohs (18); Vince Greuel (19); McKayla Whitesell (21); Mary Corwin (22); Timothy Johnson (23).

##### Happy Anniversary to:

Jeff & Donna Everard (23).

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

<b>Mass Intentions:</b>	<b>July 18th - 24th, 2020</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Special Intentions
<b>Sunday 8:00</b>	Special Intentions
<b>Sunday 10:30</b>	Jim & Willine Ryan † / Buddy & Stacy James
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jon Patton † / Kay Dickerson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Special Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	Special Intentions
<b>Friday</b>	Special Intentions

### Readings for the week of July 19th, 2020



<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86/Rom 8:26-27/ Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
<b>Monday:</b>	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50/Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85/Mt 12:46-50
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36/Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31/Mt 13:18-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126/Mt 20:20-28
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I am probably the world's worst gardener. Might have to do with being a bit lazy. And not wanting to pay the high water bill. Working out in the heat just gets to me so my flower garden can look pretty sad by August. One thing I am really bad at is knowing what a flower is and what is a weed. I finally had to get this app that takes a picture of the plant and gives me a description. Don't you wish there was an app that would work the same on people? I have been reading up on plants and found out that some of the "weeds" that I have been pulling up are actually plants with medicinal value. They just have to mature and flower to be the most beneficial. Like weeds, you need to let some people mature in order to see them as God sees them. This can be difficult and sometimes heartbreaking but, in the end, it is not us who will decide who gets to shine with the Son. That decision is theirs. - Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner

### Sacred Heart Church Collections



#### July 5, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 3,796.00
Loose .....	\$ 872.00
<b>Total Weekend Collection.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,668.00</b>

Capital Account .....\$ 0.00

#### July 12, 2020

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

*Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7*

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Organizations

**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

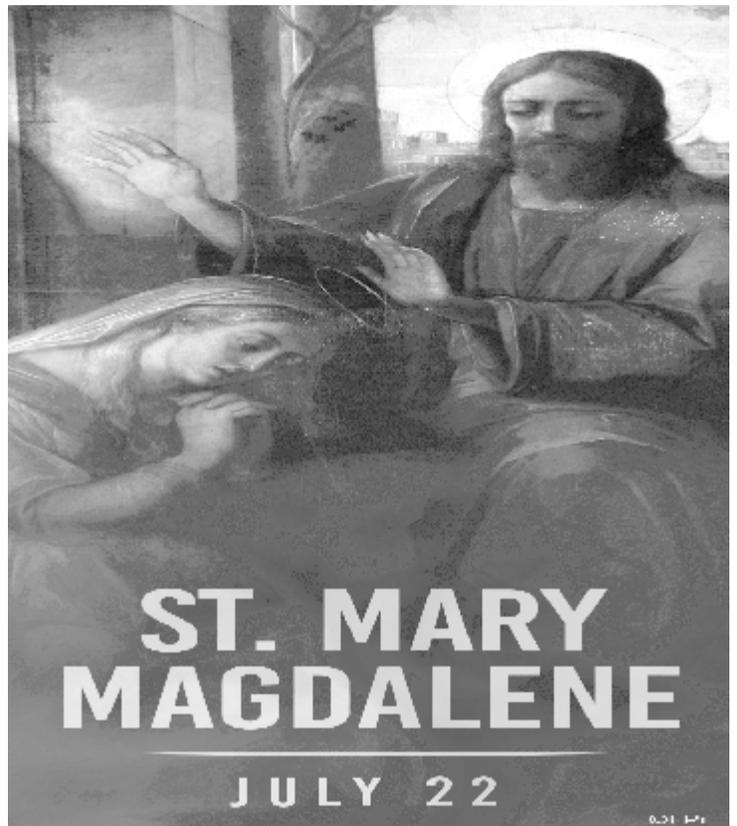
**Fatima Ladies:** Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:** Volunteer basis until further notice.

**Thank you to all those who stay after Mass to disinfect the Church to help keep us all safe.**

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