



LORD,
LET US SEE
YOUR KINDNESS,
AND GRANT
US YOUR
SALVATION.

*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021
St. Mary's Catholic Church—Hamburg, IA.*

We have responded to the call of the Lord by gathering together in this holy place to worship God, to listen to the Word, and to share in the Eucharist. When we leave, we are asked to go forth as changed persons, nourished by the Lord so that we can witness to our faith outside these four walls. In today's Gospel, Jesus sent the disciples out to carry on his mission, empowering them with his authority. In baptism, we have been empowered by Christ to carry on his mission as well. May today's celebration inspire us to renew our commitment to the Christian mission.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:9-10,11-12,13-14

A prayer for the Lord's salvation

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 (shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.



I am delighted to commence my new assignment as your pastor starting from July 8th onwards. I learn beautiful things about the both St. Marys Parish Communities from

Fr. Raphael Assamah as he completed praiseworthy ministry with you during the last six years. Originally, I hail from the spice cost of

India; I have been in the United States from the year 2002 onwards doing parish ministry in Minnesota, Wisconsin and now in Iowa. I became a citizen in 2010. My family comprised of five siblings and my parents. My Dad died long time ago succumbing to Leukemia. My Mom is still in India and keeping well amidst the Covid pandemic there. Two of my sisters are Nuns serving in Germany and India at present. Couple of my uncles are in Atlanta and Houston and other cousins in Des Moines and Seattle. My Dad was a farmer and I enjoyed growing up as a farmer's son and so would love to return to the farm fields of Shenandoah and Hamburg. I am really looking forward to seeing you in this weekend and beyond. I join with Paul in praise and thanksgiving for this mission entrusted to us "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" and on earth; May the Lord enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call" (Eph 1-1,17-18). May God help us to "cultivate the garden of life". Please pray for me as I keep you in my daily prayers.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Tom Thakadipuram

Welcome Fr. Tom, To St. Mary's Hamburg

(Small Parish with Big Heart)

*We are glad to have you as a part of our Church and
we look forward to the gifts you bring to our parish.*

May God enrich our lives together as we worship and serve Him.

My Dad, Martin Goracke, will be 103 July 15th.
Please send him a birthday card: Morton Place, 1500
14th Ave., Room 103, Nebraska City, NE. 68410.
Thank you for making his special day REALLY special!



Birthday party for

Martin

July 15

Morton Place

1500 14th Ave

Nebraska City

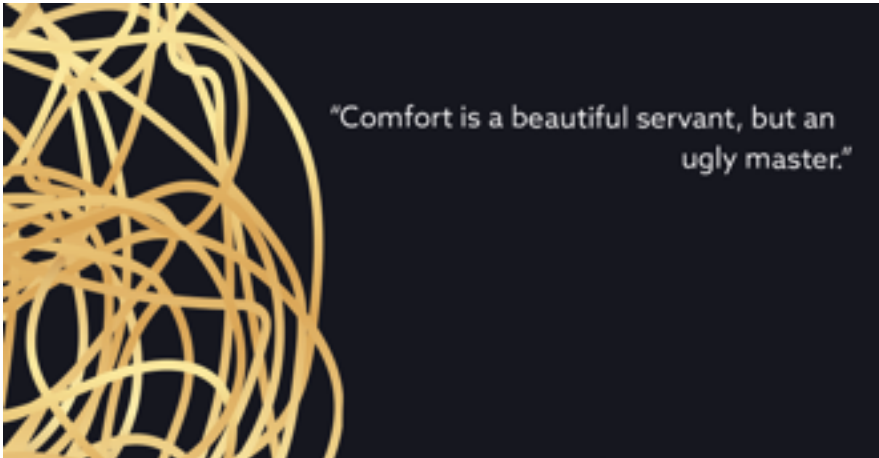
2 P.M.

We will party outside,

as no one will be

admitted to the

building.



DAILY READINGS

for the week of 7-11-21

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

LOURDES CENTRAL CATHOLIC IS HIRING AN EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. Providing before school and after school care for LCC families with students in grades Preschool-Five was identified through our Strategic Planning process and we are looking for the right candidate to implement this new program! Extended Care will potentially be provided from 6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m. each day school is in session.

Please visit our school website for a job description and more information,
www.lourdescentralcatholic.org

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



7-10—Cassie Goodman

7-10—Jake Smith

7-15—Martin Goracke

7-16—Jayde Mitchell

7-17—Kim Travis

7-25—Cale Phillips

7-29—Bill Green

7-29—Maelynn Moody



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins
Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
Zayne Osborn
Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Dave Zavadil

Your Contributions *July 4, 2021*

Tithes—\$1650.00

Plate—\$33.00

Thank You!!

ADA update
Our goal this year
is \$18,910.00.

To date, we have received
\$15,025.00
with 36 parishioners
contributing.
Thank you!



7-3—Dave & Kate Roberts

7-12—Tim & Donna Whelan

7-18—Randy & Wendy Duncan

7-26—Joe & Robbie Travis

2021	July 11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30
Lector	Kathleen Lorimor	Rick Jamison	Joe Travis	Teresa Jamison	Dave Dowling
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Beth	Beth /Anna	Kate	Kate/ Margaret	Beth
Accompanist	Donna	Guitars	Nancy	Kate	Donna
Server	Alyssa Dowling	Mia Foster	Brady Hutt	Evan Laumann	JJ Hirner
Usher and Greeter	Vince & Susan Hilton	Jim & Ruth Folkes	Tim & Donna Whelan	Joe & Robbi Travis	Jim & Cheryl Owen
Coffee & donuts	Rick and Teresa Jamison	Joe & Robbi Travis	Dave & Kim Dowling	Vince & Susan Hilton	N/A
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*Please notice that we are scheduling duties again—if you are **NOT** able to be there on the date that you are scheduled for, **PLEASE** find a replacement or switch weeks with someone.*

We appreciate and need your help at our masses!

