



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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July 12, 2020

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesday - 9:30 to 11:00am



GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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! ©LPi

welcome

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE—The pantry is open to registered clients of the pantry on **Tuesdays & Thursdays, between 9 AM & 10 AM.** Clients are to remain in their cars and the volunteer workers will take their name and bring the food out to the car. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

MARY'S KITCHEN

**OPEN FOR
TAKE-OUT!!**



Mondays -

3:00 to 5:00pm.

**Please wear face mask
when picking up food.**

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In Memoriam ~ 2020-21		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/7/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/23/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20</p>
<p>Readings for the week of July 12, 2020 Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30</p>		<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 5/10/20</p>

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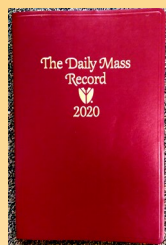
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IHM Prayer Ministry~ We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. The prayer tree ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others — if you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda at 518-271-6184.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN to the public. Our Summer Schedule will be Monday through Thursday; 8:30am to 3:30pm. Closed on Fridays throughout the summer months.



Mass Intentions - At this time all the Mass intentions that were previously listed from March 21 through end of June in the Mass Intention book have been rescheduled and will be read at the corresponding Masses going forward each week-end in the Prayer of the Faithful at the Saturday and Sunday Masses according to the Mass time booked. We are accepting new requests, so please stop by the parish office during business hours if you would like to request a Mass intention. First come first served basis, with maximum of 3 requests at one time.

The full Mass Intention Listing normally run in the bulletin will commence at a later date and as space allows.

*MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 11

4:00pm—Anthony & Teofila Chmielewski, req by Karl & Joan Robert Glogowski (10 yrs), req by brother & sisters Michael Kowalski, req by Mike & Diane Smith

Sun., July 12

8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by sister & brother Walter Muir (1st Anniv), req by the family Brian & Kevin Daley, req by Tom & Jane Hanley

11:00am—Charles Centanni, req by the family Jose Mauro & Rose Madlin, req by the family Patricia Crinigan, req by Audrey O'Hare

*Above names were initially slated for the April 4 & 5 weekend Masses.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Contributions received for the week of:

June 25-July 1, 2020—\$5251.00

This total includes the tithing Envelopes, Mail-in & Electronic Giving (We Share).

Thank you for your faithful support and commitment to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Your faithfulness is much appreciated; may God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

