

St. Mary Our Lady of the Lake

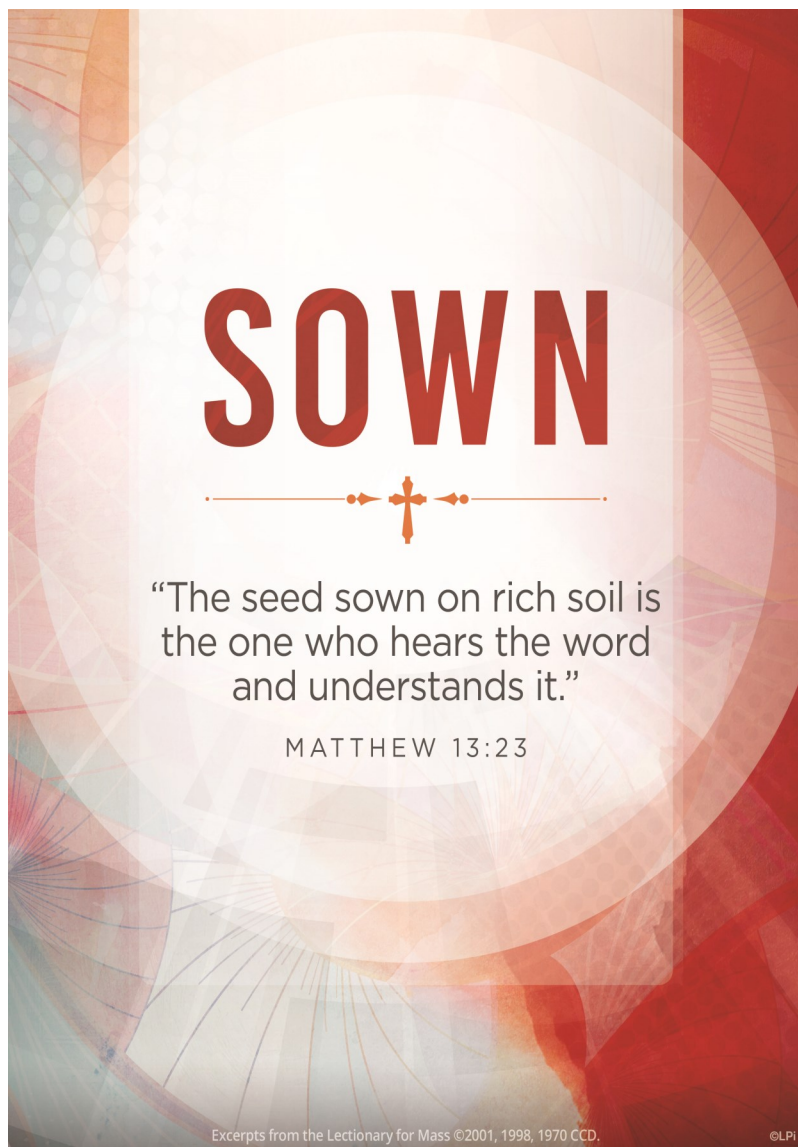
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Serving Our Neighbors in Christian Love*

July 12, 2020 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE Celebrated by Father Kenneth Doyle

SATURDAY (vigil) ~ 6:30pm / SUNDAY ~ 8:30am

Reconciliation ~ Saturday 6:00-6:30pm / Sunday 8:00-8:30am



Interim Parish Administrator

Karen Walker ~ 607-264-3779

pastor@stmaryscoop.org

Karen is in St. Mary's parish office each Monday or can be reached by phone.

Parish Office ~ 547-2213

Kitty Dykstra

Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Faith Formation Director ~

POSITION AVAILABLE

call 315-269-8434 for information

Anointing of the Sick ~ 547-3626

Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital, contact the Chaplain Office's office

Trustees

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Past, archived masses can be found here:

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♦ We are actively seeking a **Faith Formation Coordinator**. It is a paid position with varied hours. This ministry could be divided into two part-time positions: Pre-K – 6 and 7-12 grade. We need someone A.S.A.P. For more information please call Karen Walker at (315) 269-8434

♦ We are in need of volunteers to help before and after mass to satisfy all Diocesan and State regulations for **safety**. If you are interested please call Janet Eckard (607) 242-7468 who has volunteered to make our schedule.

♦ We need 3-4 **strong backs** to move a piece of furniture from the office into the rectory. Please coordinate with our sexton, Frank Liberati, if you can help. Frank's cell is (607) 644-5958. Thank you in advance.

♦ Please remember the **food pantry**; it is very easy. There is a monetary collection box in back of the church under the picture of the Blessed Mother, labeled **Food Pantry Offering**. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and needed at this time.

♦ Both masses at St. Mary's are to be **live streamed and saved**. To view please go to the permanent link to the channel of the parish, and there you will always find whichever stream is taking place.

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Within the channel, the live stream will always appear right away on the landing page.

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♦ **St. Mary's bulletin** is on our website <http://stmaryscoop.org>. If you are unable to access this, please call the office, 547-2213, to have the bulletin mailed to you.

♦ **St Thomas the Apostle in Cherry Valley masses** are **Saturday at 4:30pm** and **Sunday at 11am**; confessions are 4-4:30p Saturday and Sunday 10:30a-11a. Bulletins cannot be handed out so we would send them to you via email or snail mail, if requested.

**Thank you for your generous support
July 4th & 5th (mailed, in-person, e-giving)
\$2,524.73**

Food Pantry donations: \$314.00



Saturday, July 11th

6:30pm Robert Yates

Req. by Edna Chase

James Fitzpatrick (healing)

Req. by Jim & Terry Donley

Sunday, July 12th

8:30am Joseph Curcio

Req. by Sharon Curcio

Saturday, July 18th

6:30pm June Christman

Req. by the Family

Sunday, July 19th

8:30am Richard & Elizabeth Gralinski

(birthday)

Req. by John & Deborah Gralinski

Mass intentions that had been scheduled during the time we were closed will be rescheduled. Please call the parish office to arrange a convenient date and time.



*Flowers for weekend July 11 & 12 generously
donated by Edna Chase*

If you would like to furnish flowers or plants in church please call the office, 547-2213, and we'll be glad to schedule you. Home grown or store bought are both welcome and enhance the liturgy.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Ordination September 5, 2020, 10 am Cathedral of IC, Albany; Priesthood and Diaconate ordained together. 1 Priest, 5 ordained to Transitional Diaconate, 8 to Permanent Diaconate. Please continue to pray for vocations, especially to the Church.

Quote of the week

"The apostles saw Christ and believed in a church they did not see. May we who see the church believe in Christ whom we do not yet see. --St. Augustine of Hippo

Please keep Father Pagones in your prayers. He fell a couple weeks ago and is still limping about. He is finally able to start the medical treatment that he planned for in March but he asked that we send his good wishes and blessings to all.



Pray for the sick and homebound
of our parish:

Fr. Peter Pagones ~ Ivy Bischof ~

Maureen Brennan ~ David Butler ~

Mary Devenpeck ~ Robert Davenport ~

Richie Davy ~ Stephen Markuson ~ Fran Raeder ~

Senator Jim Seward ~ Bradley Smith ~ Sarah Tarr

Pray for members of the military from our families

Liam Dolan-USMC ~ Ryan Barrow

Scripture Insights

The parable in today's Gospel reading is called the parable of the sower. In this parable, the sower represents Jesus, who spreads the message of the Kingdom of God like seeds. The Kingdom itself is planted like a seed in the world and in the hearts of those who are willing to accept it (Mt 13:31-32). The different kinds of soil represent different responses to Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom. Jesus is encouraging his audience to be the rich soil – to take his words to heart and let them take root in their lives.

**We have dates for First Sacraments:
Reconciliation will be *July 18 at 2:00pm* and
First Communion will be *August 15***

Please pray for *Emmett, Alexis, Richard, Emma, Allison, Jocelyn, Kristen, Hannah and Daniel* as they continue Direct Preparation for the Sacraments.

Confirmation date to be announced soon.



Peter's Pence 2nd Collection will be
weekend of July 25 & 26. Please consider
donating generously

CATHOLIC BIBLE IQ

1. The book of Isaiah is in
 - a) the library,
 - b) Old Testament,
 - c) New Testament,
 - d) Roman Missal
 2. The proverb "God helps those who help themselves" is:
 - a) in the Bible,
 - b) not in the Bible,
 - c) the reason I pig out at church suppers,
 - d) a Chinese proverb
 3. The book of Jonah is:
 - a) in Hebrew Scriptures,
 - b) in Christian Scriptures,
 - c) Seafarer's Guide,
 - d) dictionary
 4. Jesus was born in
 - a) Jerusalem,
 - b) Nazareth,
 - c) Bethlehem,
 - d) Cleveland
- Answers from last week's questions*
1. The Our Father was taught to the disciples by:
D. Jesus (Luke 11:1-4)
 2. If you find a lost object, the Church teaches that you should:
C. you should try to return it to the owner if possible, (You shall not steal)
 3. On an altar in church or in a chapel, a tabernacle contains:
C. the Blessed Sacrament, (for veneration and taking to those who are sick)

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)

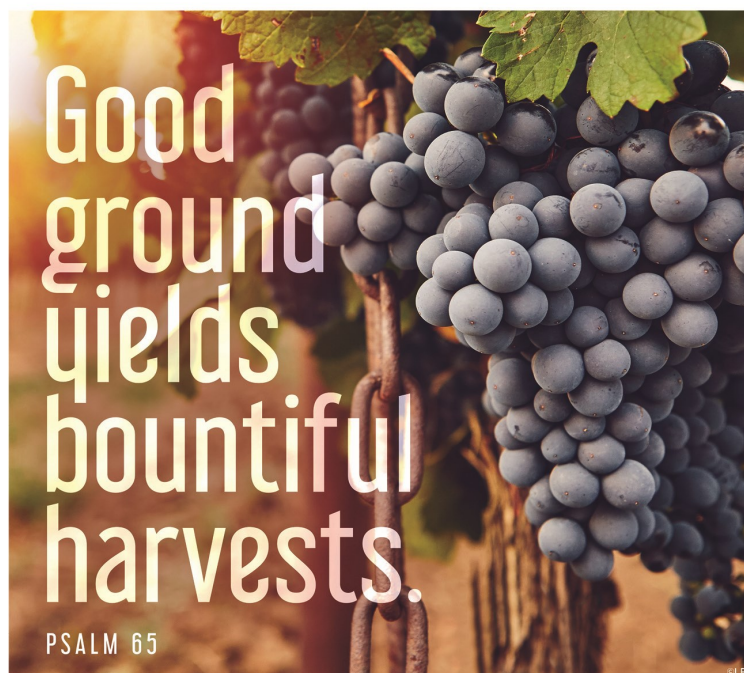
GOSPEL:

"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)

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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?

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

WHY DO CATHOLICS BAPTIZE BABIES?

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who “do nothing” — be baptized?

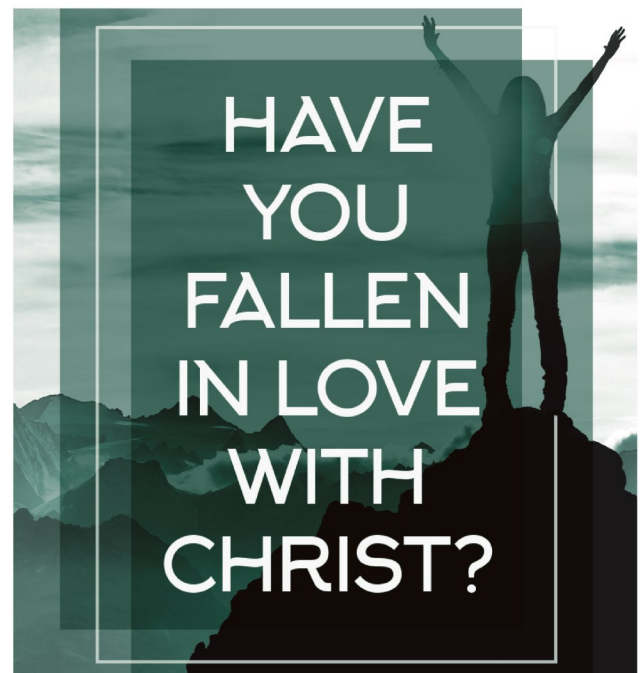
Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds

us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God’s initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life’s journey. Salvation isn’t something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any good farmer will tell you 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. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

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The
things that
we love
tell us what
we are.
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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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!

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But 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 13:22-23

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



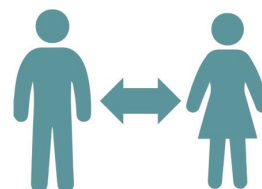
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

**ANYTHING
IS POSSIBLE
WITH GOD.**

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead, you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.

PRAYER

God, help my heart to be soft. Help your Word to change my life.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit a garden center. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

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