

BAPTISM: Parent preparation program required. Please call the rectory at least three months prior to the birth of the child.

Arrangements for the Baptism may be made upon completion of instructions. Please call the Rectory office to set up Baptism date and time.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday. 3:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/ DIACONATE): For information please contact the Diocese at 216-696-6525.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Please call Rectory office.

REGISTRATION: If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

July 16, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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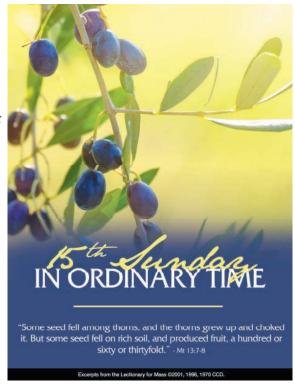
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30am -12 noon and 1:00—3:30pm. Anytime for emergencies.



"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the ideal is to be "the seed sown on rich soil" that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be "the one who hears the word and understands it."

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit. First, we must beware of "the evil one" who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that "tribulation or persecution" do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer-"Thy will be done"-can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" do not "choke" us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the words he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's word.

OUR LADY OF HOPE BEDFORD, OHIO

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH: Saturday, July 15 4:30 p.m.....Jeffrey Lansky Sunday, July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Gerald Strazek Monday, July 17 7:30 a.m.Rosary—Joyful Mysteries 8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Greif Tuesday, July 18 7:30 a.m. Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries 8:00 a.m. Vi Opalko Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass. ST. MARY CHURCH: Wednesday, July 19 8:00 a.m. Jim Weakland Thursday, July 20 8:00 a.m. Princic Family **OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:** Friday, July 21 7:30 a.m. Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries 8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of the of the American Legion & Auxiliary of Post 559 Saturday, July 22



YEAR OF HOPE

"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." —Leonard Cohen Selected Poems

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

3:30 p.m.....Confession

4:30 p.m......Robert Shivey

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. Robert Ferrante & Harold Johnson

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Our parish Outreach Committee is again sponsoring an activity to reach out to the poor and homeless. We will be collecting items that are needed for the West Side Shelter. Items being collected are —Paper Products: Sturdy Paper Plates, Paper Napkins, Paper Towels, Hot and Cold Cups, Kleenex. Also, New Socks for Men and Women. Containers will be placed at the doors of the Church during the entire month of July. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

BEDFORD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY T-SHIRTS

If anyone is interested in purchasing an Adult Large or X Large Bedford Catholic Community t-shirt please call Verna at 440-232-8166. The cost is \$12.00.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Paula Balogh, Jim Waple, Ann Murg, Dave Modarski, Daisy Darus, Matthew Reeve, Shirley Hershberger, Barbara Burda, Mary Grauel, Saleema Corrigan, Joan Lucas, Edie Incorvaia, Steve M. Cingel, Linda Marks, Helen Barto, Charles Sprowls, James Wichert, Norman Kostyo, Laverne Chubbuck, Virginia Vitale, Ron Hirko, Kerri Lubinski, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Uguccini, Ethel Cataldo, Frani Slusarz, Diane Touschner, Marge Laganke, Zane Wood, Hilda Waychoff, Frank Sprowls, Elayne Stefanek, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Jerry Bryndal, Joseph Travagliante, Eileen Salupo, Pheilemon Munishi, Chuck Deininger, Sherman Whaley, Tom Toohig, Mary Kay Queisser, Ryan Toohig, Marie Walker, Bernie Sylvester, Jennie Mazzaferri, Lil Kalal, Dorothy Litwinowicz, Joseph Offutt, Joseph R. Bugara, Gerry Wrobel, Jacqui Routkowski, Eleanor Campana, Bob Franklin...



We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family & friends of our recently deceased—

Ethel Finley
May she rest in peace.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, JULY 17

Boy Scout Mtg., 7:30pm in Scout Room. Rummage Sale Drop-off, 6-8pm, C

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Rummage Sale Drop-off, 6-8pm, C

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Rummage Sale Drop-off, 6-8pm, C

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Dear Parishioners.

I'm sure many of us can relate to the Parable of the Seed and the Sower. I enjoy gardening, and I used to plant and care for a 400 square foot plot in a community garden in Chicago. I grew all sorts of vegetables and fruits from kohl-



rabi and beets, to cantaloupe and watermelon. I did my best to keep weeds down so my plants didn't get choked out. The Israelites understood the planting cycle and the importance of good soil. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that Jesus used this parable to describe how people received the Word of God in their lives. In this parable, it's as though Jesus is asking us, "What kind of dirt are you?" And truth be told, none of us are exclusively one type of soil. We may have tendencies which keep us more closely associated with one or two types of soil described by the parable, but day in and day out we probably run the gamut of soil quality depending on what circumstances we find ourselves in.

Hopefully we won't equate ourselves with the hardened path too often. Here the seed falls on the sidewalk or driveway, and it is immediately eaten by the birds or animals. We don't want to be the rocky ground either where the seed sprouts but the plant dies in the heat for lack of roots or have the thorn bushes of life choke out our Christian aspirations. There is a saying that I've seen the bumper-stickers and T-shirts: "Life is a garden, dig it." Let's all do our best to tend our garden and make our soil as fertile as possible, so we too can bear fruit and yield a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Christ's peace, Fr. Joe



Are you someone or do you know someone who: Has expressed interest in becoming Catholic?; Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?; Is an adult who has been baptized but has not received First Eucharist or Confirmation? You are invited to participate in a process with your questions, insights and faith story. For information please call Louise at 440-232-8166.

WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY

Preparations are in progress for an interactive Scripture Study on seven key virtues that will help us to grow closer to God. This will involve a daily 15 minute reading & reflection, a weekly meeting for 8 weeks to watch a video and have group discussion on putting into action what we have learned from homework and video. More info to follow in future bulletins.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting soon at Our Lady of Hope. Please call Louise at 440-232-8166 if interested.



Our St. Vincent DePaul Society is once again sponsoring a back to school drive for needy children Filling a blue bag with a complete set of supplies for one stuchool dent is a big help to the Drive. Blue Bags and a list of items to fill them are available

in the Narthex and Rectory. To make a financial contribution instead, write a \$17.00 check to: Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and the needed items for schools will be purchased for you. Collection boxes will be available at the church entrance from now until July 24th.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Our Lady of Hope Ladies Auxiliary's annual Rummage Sale will be held on July 27th, 28th & 29th. Collection times are — Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-8 p.m. at the front of the church only. Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** leave anything at the church doors! We will be collecting CLEAN usable Clothing, Puzzles, Small Appliances that work, Toys, Dishes, Glassware, Books and Magazines, Baskets, Crafts, etc. WE CANNOT ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS FURNITURE, CRIBS, COMPUTERS, BOWLING BALLS, TIRES, FENCING OR ENCYCLOPEDIAS. THANK YOU!



The parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13th, beginning at 12 noon and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. It will be held on the parish grounds. There will be delicious food and beverages. Chinese Raffle and THE GRAND DRAWING for \$2,000 in cash prizes.

We are asking parishioners for certificates (\$5, \$10 or \$20) or any monetary amount towards our Certificate Chinese Raffle prizes of greater than \$25 value can be dropped off at the rectory during office hours. We ask that all these prizes be new, not used.

THE HUNGER CENTER

We had a great cookout on Saturday, July 8th, at the Scattered Seed Hunger Center. Thanks to Rick Zivsak, and the Reville Family, and our amazing volunteers for everything they did to host the meal. Our next 2 hot meals will be Monday, July 17th, at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 12th, at noon. Both meals will be at the Hunger Center located in the Library at St. Mary Church. Everyone is invited to an open house for the hunger center on July 30th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your continued support!

HOMECOMING FESTIVAL!

Come and enjoy St. Monica Church Homecoming Festival on Saturday, July 22nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 23rd, with Noon mass under the Big Top and festivities from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be great food, bingo, instant tickets, midway games, beer garden and music. Drawing is on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. with \$14,000 in prizes.

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