

July 16, 2017 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Janesville/Milton Mass Times

Nativity of Mary Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am

St. Patrick..... Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 7:30 & 10:00 am

Spanish Mass - Sun. 5:00 pm

St. John Vianney Sat. 5:00 pm

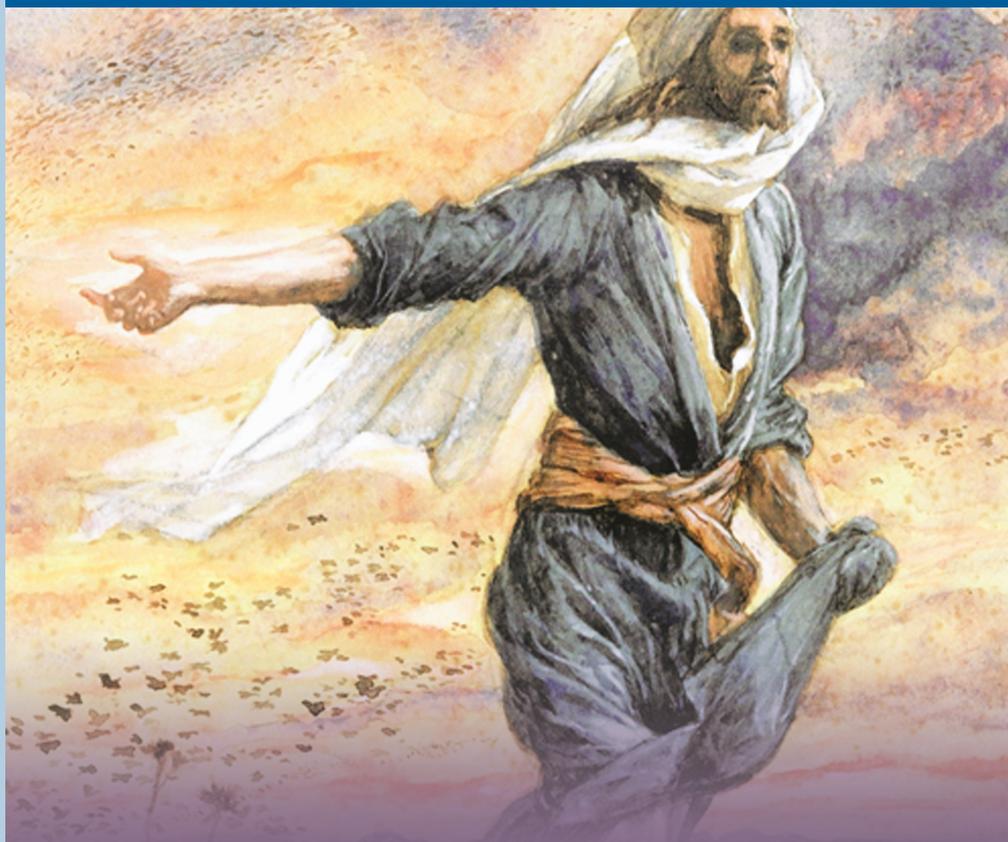
Sun. 8:15 & 9:45 am

St. William Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 am

St. Mary - Milton Sat. 4:00 pm

Sun. 9:00 am



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“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 13:23

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Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the Gospel as good stewards, sharing God's love. -Mission Statement

NEWS & NOTES

From the desk of Father Rob

Safety Addressed: Some people may have noticed that the concrete crosses that were set on the twin spires were removed. One cross had cracked and fallen back in April. Two weeks ago, another cross cracked. Concerned about the condition of the remaining crosses and for safety, a company was hired to examine them. There were signs of cracking on others, so the remaining crosses were removed. Your stewardship of treasure helps in paying for unseen expenses such as these.

Gestures During the Mass: Last Sunday's homily was about humility. Jesus showed His love for us by humbling himself and dwelling among us as a man. Outward physical signs are meant to represent our thoughts and feelings and express them to others. The example used last week was greeting a wife or a mother or a grandmother. Many people express their greetings with a hug or a kiss. This represents their love and respect for them. The gestures of the Church also teach us and others this. For example, when we genuflect before entering the pew, our kneeling acknowledges that we are not God. Jesus, who is present in the Tabernacle, is Lord of our life. Gestures made when we receive the Eucharist should reflect this as well. When we approach Eucharist, we approach a person – Jesus Christ. How do we greet someone who is so important and someone who we love? What are we doing or not doing? Consider this every time when approaching the Lord.

I will be on retreat this week, so there will be no weekday Masses celebrated. Please pray for me, and know that you all will be in my prayers. Have a blessed week!

Would You Like A Pastoral Visit?

REMINDER: If you, a family member or someone you know is confined or hospitalized and would benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact your parish office and let them know. Staff does not always know of hospital admissions for a variety of reasons and often has no way of knowing of other situations in which a parish contact would be beneficial.



Rest in Peace

Roger Beck was recently called to eternal life.

Please remember him, and all who mourn the loss of a loved one, in your prayers.

SCRIP

Did you know that when you fill your tank, up to 5% of what you spend could be helping to support your parish and school? Next time, consider purchasing SCRIP before heading to the gas station!



Put your regular shopping dollars to work supporting your parish & school with over fifty participating retailers.

SCRIP will be for sale after Mass on July 15th/16th. You can also purchase SCRIP at the rectory during the summer months, Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Please call 752-7861 in advance to be sure we are available to assist you.

Your support is appreciated!

Save your plastic or paper shopping bags for ECHO, 65 South High Street in Janesville. Call 754-5333 or visit echojanesville.org to donate or volunteer.



It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

Make a Difference!

The Religious Education Committee is in need of new members to serve a two-year term. The Committee meets from August to May and provides assistance to the Religious Education Coordinator.

Over the last two years the Committee has hosted the Ash Wednesday Soup for the Soul, Walking Tacos supper the last evening of class after Mass, and inspired the children when explaining the Gospel for the upcoming week.

Wednesday evening Religious Education classes from 5:45 to 7:00 is in need of teachers for the elementary classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the youth in our church.

Please contact Kathy Hookham at 752-7861 ext. 29 if you are interested.

FOCUS ON FAITH

Please Pray For Our Parishioners:

Barbara Allen, Bill, Peter Barrett, Bill Bever, Noah Cotter, Alice Figi, Linda Fredell, LeeAnn Gilligan, Gerri, Jackie H., Geraldine Hilt, Paul Holznecht, Alice Jensen, Ellen Kotche, Nancy McCann, John (Floyd) McNally, Brenda Porter, Shirley R., Madelynn Schieve, Colleen Schroeder, Richard Schuler, Kelly Dooley Trewartha, Peter Weirich, Lola Williams, Avalon Widner, Lucille Willegal



SCRIPTURE

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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

"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."

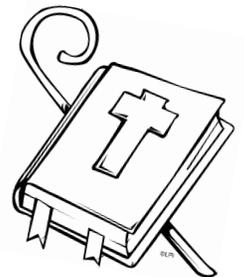
So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

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. eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.



Readings for Sunday, July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

Readings for Next Sunday, July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43



Traveling Chalice Full Year of Prayer Planned

This week the Traveling Chalice will be hosted by a homebound parishioner.

Any questions regarding our Traveling Chalice program may be directed to: Colleen at 868-6386 OR irishcatholic56@gmail.com.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tuesday evening from 5:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturday morning from 9:30-10:30 am.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call us at 752-7861 when a loved one has a serious illness.

Weddings: Please contact the rectory six months in advance. One party must be a parish member in good standing.

Infant Baptism: Registered members of the parish are welcome to arrange for their baby's baptism by signing up for the necessary preparation program for parents.

RCIA

Please call anytime if you would like to discuss Catholicism and see how joining the Church may offer you a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Catholic Women's Club

Contact Jennifer McBride at 741-8909 or Beth Konkol at 754-1304 for more information.

Knights of Columbus

Meetings held 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Greg Kraft at 754-5615 for more information.

Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 12:00 noon. Please contact the Rectory at 752-7861.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Summer Fun

T L F S E N W H Y S N U O W F
G I H L E V U S E K O B G A R
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Beach
Boating
Camping
Flowers
Frisbee

Gardening
Grass
Humidity
Ice Cream
Jet ski

Picnic
Sandals
Sandcastle
Sunglasses
Sun Screen

Swimsuit
Tent
Vacation
Watermelon
Waterpark



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Save the Date! St. Mary's Fall Festival

Sunday, September 17th 2017
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Taste of St. Mary's—Food vendors galore, as well as the KC's grilled hamburgers and brats. Beer available, too!
Farmer's Market—Fresh produce, plants, fall décor, arts & crafts, including a Christmas tree full of ornaments.
Art Auction—Personally designed and hand-painted pieces that you'll want to take home. Loads of fun!
Kid's Activities—Bouncy house, face painting, arts & crafts.
Music—Lineup to be announced.
More to come! Stay tuned

New, designated drop-off/pick-up area this year, for your convenience.

Do you have a flair for the creative? We've begun collecting baskets, containers, crafts, etc. for the fall festival. Please place your donation in the big wooden chest, located in the church vestibule. Thank you!

Think about how you might participate in this fun-filled, community building event put on by our parish every year. Call Joe Viertel with any questions at 754-2144.



We'll be updating the display in the church vestibule, honoring those who serve our country. If you have a family member or close friend in the Armed Forces, we welcome you to submit their name, branch of military and place where they are stationed to the parish office and we'll add them to our list of honored military men and women to keep in our prayers. Photographs are welcome as well, and can be dropped off at the rectory. Contact Sharlet Collins at 752-7861, extension 10.

Prayer for our Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.
Protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties.
Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm.
May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP

Forty three pilgrims made the three hour bus ride to Campion Wisconsin on Thursday, June 29th to take part in both spiritual and historical activities at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good help near Green Bay, WI. Pilgrims came from six Janesville parishes: Nativity of Mary, St. William, St. John Vianney and St. Patrick, as well as Immaculate Conception of Milton and St. Patrick of Whitewater. Huge thanks to Joni Jarstad for suggesting the idea and being incredibly helpful the day of, Sr. Ruth and Fr. Rob for their advice and support in putting it together, and Jon Jarstad for being our driver, and all of our pilgrims for making this journey such a delight and success!!



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Snapper baseball game to thank our loyal altar servers again this year. It will be on Thursday, August 3rd at Pohlman Field in Beloit. Please arrive at 5:30 to get your ticket. Gates open at 6:00 and the game starts at 7:00. Tickets for the servers are paid for by the KCs; family members and anyone else that would like to join us will pay \$18 per person for their ticket and dinner. RSVP to Greg Kraft 754-5615 or John Collins 752-9669. See you there!

