



15th Sunday *in* Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow.”

Matthew 13:3

15^o Domingo *del* Tiempo Ordinario

Usando comparaciones o parábolas. Les decía:

“El sembrador salió a sembrar.”

Mateo 13, 3

The summer is now in full display in our midst. And it was a great joy to start my ministry as your pastor. I couldn't be present in every parish as I wanted but my heart was with you.

In some way it is planting season for us, though for our farmers it started some months ago. I think about seeds and planting, as I read and start my preparation of the homily for this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We know well that The Word of God is not just a collection of words, but a living and powerful force that can transform our lives. God's word is like a seed planted in our hearts, and it grows as we nurture it with love, with faith, with hope and a total openness to it.

Jesus said that the seed of the Word of God can fall on different types of soil, representing different types of hearts (Mt. 13:1-23). Some people hear the Word of God but do not understand it, and the enemy snatches it away. Some people receive the Word of God with joy, but they have no root, and they fall away when trouble or persecution comes. Some people hear the Word of God but are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life, and they become unfruitful. But some people hear the Word of God and understand it, and they bear fruit with perseverance.

As your pastor, I want you and I to be one of those fertile soils. I know that everyone on the staff wants to do the same, and I want to invite everyone in every ministry to do their best daily to be that fertile soil so that our parish may produce abundant fruits. I am thinking especially about **vocations**. That would be one of the ways to honor those who before us, like Fr. Bob Flickinger, if they did not plant, they watered the seed that grows in our hearts. Let us share the Word of God with others and spread the seed of the Joy of the Gospel to all nations.

In God's love,
Fr. Evelio



Estamos en pleno verano, y este fin de semana fue de gran alegría para mi comenzar mi ministerio como su párroco. No pude estar presente en cada comunidad parroquial como quería, pero si pude estar con ustedes.

De alguna manera es temporada de siembra para nosotros, aunque para nuestros agricultores comenzó hace algunos meses. Pienso en las semillas y la siembra, mientras leo y comienzo mi preparación de la homilía para este Domingo 15 del Tiempo Ordinario. Sabemos bien que la Palabra de Dios no es solo una colección de palabras, sino una fuerza viva y poderosa que puede transformar nuestras vidas. La palabra de Dios es como una semilla plantada en nuestros corazones, y crece a medida que la alimentamos con amor, con fe, con esperanza y una apertura total a ella.

Jesús dijo que la semilla de la Palabra de Dios puede caer sobre diferentes tipos de tierra, representando diferentes tipos de corazones (Mt. 13:1-23). Algunas personas oyen la Palabra de Dios, pero no la entienden, y el enemigo se la arrebató. Algunas personas reciben la Palabra de Dios con gozo, pero no tienen raíz, y se alejan cuando llegan problemas o persecución. Algunas personas escuchan la Palabra de Dios, pero se ahogan por las preocupaciones, riquezas y placeres de esta vida, y se vuelven infructuosas. Pero algunas personas oyen la Palabra de Dios y la entienden, y dan fruto con perseverancia.

Como su párroco, quiero que usted y yo seamos uno de esos suelos fértiles. Sé que todos el equipo pastoral quieren hacer lo mismo, y quiero invitarlos a todos en cada ministerio a hacer su mejor esfuerzo diariamente para ser ese suelo fértil, que nuestra parroquia produzca abundantes frutos. Pienso especialmente en las vocaciones. Esa sería una de las maneras de honrar a aquellos que antes que nosotros, como el P. Bob Flickinger, si no plantaron, regaron la semilla que crece en nuestros corazones.

Compartamos la Palabra de Dios con los demás y difundamos la semilla de la alegría del Evangelio a todas las naciones. En el amor de Dios,
P. Evelio

*"All things are possible for him who believes,
more to him who hopes,
even more to him who loves."*

St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Feast day July 21

Grotto Paver Bricks

St. Basil Parish offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installation in the the fall. A contribution of \$100 entitles you to a standard 4x8 paver brick engraved with your name, your family name, or a personal message or intention. Forms are available outside the church office window, or on our website under the Info tab, then Links. You may mail in your form and payment. Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, extension 1103.



In Our Diocese

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number setup by the Michigan Attorney General's office at (844) 324-3374. The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



Scripture Readings for the Week of July 16

Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

*The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.*



Be a Flag Sponsor!

We are offering an opportunity to sponsor the flag that flies so proudly in front of our church. For a \$100 donation, your name, and

the person(s) you choose to have memorialized with the flying of the flag, will be placed in the bulletin on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office, 269-637-2404, to set up the month of your choice to be a flag sponsor.

Parish Calendar Advertisers Needed

Every year we are fortunate to be able to offer our parishioners a church calendar by Catholic Extension. We depend on the calendar ads to provide this complimentary calendar. If you own a business and would like to have your ad appear on the calendar please contact Cecilia in the parish office, 269-637-2404, extension 1103. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

5:00 p.m. † Suzanne Mark, 1st anniversary

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, July 16

8:00 a.m. † Helen Salasky

9:30 a.m. † Terry Pekny

11:00 a.m. † Mary Lou Kulovitz

Monday, July 17 No Mass

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 a.m. † Cheryl Allen

Wednesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. † Marie Sachen

Thursday, July 20

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

Friday, July 21

9:00 a.m. † Rex Nower

Saturday, July 22

5:00 p.m. † Steve Howe

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Kyle Koestner

9:30 a.m. † Lena Little, 1st anniversary

11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Allen family



Flowers on the Altar

Hamlin wedding anniversaries

*Charlie & Cheryl Hamlin, 38 years
and
† Ward & Sue Hamlin*

Flowers on the Altar

There are many dates available to arrange for flowers on the altar. Please call the parish office to schedule a date, 637-2404, and then contact your favorite local florist to make the arrangements.

Worship on the Riverwalk

Southside Marina, 345 Water St., South Haven

This weekend, Sunday, July 16 7:00 p.m.

featuring the Lifebridge Worship Team

Sunday, July 23 700 p.m.

featuring the Hope Love Band

All are welcome!

St. Basil Catholic School

Happy July! I hope everyone has had a nice summer thus far. It's been a warm one but my flowers are certainly enjoying the heat and humidity.

Aside from working from home (which is kind of nice given the price of gas), we've spent the summer getting a number of home improvement projects done, both intended and not intended. We've been dealing with a lot of unseen water damage, which we now can see, but hey, I'm getting a new back deck out of the deal. (That would be one of the *unintended* projects.) We spent the 4th of July holiday visiting with out of town family and spending some quality time in my mom's pool, a



perfect spot on a hot sunny day! My husband and I also drove his cousin's 1955 PowerWagon in the Dorr parade with the nieces and nephew in the back. All in all, a nice week.

A few odds and ends are getting taken care of around our school, such as new carpet in a couple classrooms, some

badly needed storage space in the basement, and a two-classroom modular unit to help alleviate some classroom crowding and provide space for art and a STEM/science lab. We are very excited for these upgrades and the additional space for program expansion.

It's hard to believe that the new school year will be starting in a seven weeks! While I am enjoying my time away from our school building, I am looking forward to seeing our students and families again. I seem to thrive in noise and chaos!

I hope you all have a wonderful rest of the summer and enjoy the long days. They go by so fast!

Camille DeLano, Principal

School Summer Office Hours

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

All calls to the school will be forwarded to our principal's email and will be responded to as promptly as possible. 269-637-3529



Stained Glass Booklets

These booklets explain each stained glass window of our church, along with the Bible reference. Pick one up at the parish office for a donation of \$5 apiece.

Also available at the office are the wooden replicas of our church, \$25 donation.



Can You Help?

Food Pantry Drop-off

St. Basil Church is not a drop-off point for food or clothing for the less fortunate. From time to time we do a month-long collection of either non-perishable food or personal care items, and this will be announced in the bulletin as well as at Mass.

Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street. They are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Donations of gently used clothing will be graciously accepted by St. Vincent de Paul, 245 W. Monroe, Bangor.

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Hwy., Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Pictorial Directory 2023

Appointments still available!

If you were unable to get your photo taken this past week, you can still get an appointment for **August 14-15 or September 25**. We want you and your family to be included in the new Parish Pictorial Directory! Visit www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login. Enter MI1749 in the church code field. Our church password is: photos. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. Or visit our website, www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org, click on the "About" tab, then click on "Photo Signup."

Summer parishioners, you are a vital part of our parish, so please include yourselves in this directory!

WSG Rummage Sale

There's still time to "rummage" through your closets, attics, and garages! We will take clean, useable clothing, shoes, household items, linens, sports equipment. We cannot take books, toys, furniture, tvs, or computers. Call Mary Lou at 269-767-1850 with any questions, or to volunteer to help.

Drop-Off Dates

Please take items to the church basement on these dates only:

Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 after all Masses
Monday & Tuesday July 24-25, 9a.m. to 4p.m.

Sale Dates & Times

Wednesday, August 2	4pm—7pm
Thursday, August 3	9am—5pm
Friday, August 4	9am—2pm



Our Stewardship

July 9

Envelope Offering (80)	\$ 5,697.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 1,021.00
Loose Offering	\$ 3,120.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,838.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$3,912.00)

Mission Statement

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

This week's bulletin sponsor

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor Fr. Evelio Ramirez
Senior Parochial Vicar.. Fr. Richard Altine
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Church ManagerAndrea Aleman

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School Principal..... Camille DeLano
DRE/Youth Faith Formation

ConfirmationMargie Little
Coordinator of RCIAGeraldyn Monacelli
Parish Pastoral Associate for Hispanic
Ministry Sister Karen Zea Patiño

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)
Sunday8:00, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and
Friday 9:00 a.m.
No Mass on Monday

Confessions

Saturday3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday after morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 12:30 p.m.

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.