# 15th Sunday Ordinary

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am Wednesday: 10:30am Weekend Mass: Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9am & 11am



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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** 

Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment. SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required. Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required.

### PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

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"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear."

Matthew 13:16

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, July 15
4:30 pm
Tony Hehl Jr.
Sun, July 16
VIGIL: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tony Hehl Jr.
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Parish Family
11:00 am Catherine Davidson

11:00 am Catherine Davidsor

Mon, July 17 WEEKDAY

No Mass

Tues, July 18 WEEKDAY No Mass

Wed, July 19
8:30 am
Thurs, July 20
WEEKDAY
Lynn Heeringa
WEEKDAY
No Mass

Fri, July 21 WEEKDAY
No Mass

Sat, July 22 VIGIL: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm Special intention for David Stark
5un, July 23 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Parish Family 11:00 am Ted & Esther Szotko



### SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2023 Sunday 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

or 13:1-9

**Monday** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday** Ex 2:1-14a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-

2, 11-18

Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-

27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



### **PASTORAL TEAM**

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### By George....

This is the time of the year when families who need additional financial assistance with paying for Catholic School tuition come to see me for that help. For this coming school year the tuition cost for one student at All Saints Academy is \$8,000. Of that amount the family is asked to pay \$4,255 and if the family is registered in the parish, participating at Mass on the weekends, and using their contribution envelopes to support the work of the church, then with my approval the parish pays \$3,745. (For two children the parents pay \$7,350 and the parish pays \$8,650.) The idea behind this payment plan is not that parents cannot or don't want to pay the tuition but rather the reason that you are paying part of the cost for other parishioners' children is that we are investing in the future generation of the church. That is why we have the requirements that the parents and family be serious about practicing their Catholic faith now because the parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of the faith as they promised at the baptism of their child that they would raise that child in the Catholic faith. How do they do that if they don't hold the Eucharist to be important enough to be regular participants, or they don't believe the work of the church to be sufficiently important enough that they are willing to invest in it financially? Sometimes parents want to have their children at ASA because they are not happy with the public school district in which they are located. We have to explain that if they are not interested in raising their child or children in the Catholic faith then there is nothing for us to invest in because their unhappiness with the public school district is irrelevant to us. If we have room we will happily take their children but the parents would have the responsibility to pay the full cost of the tuition.

For those parents who are serious about their Catholic faith we have a number of ways to help them if they are sincerely not able to afford the cost of tuition. One is the tuition angel program that you often read about in the bulletin. Another is the Blessed Sacrament Education Endowment Fund which provides for tuition assistance for students from Blessed Sacrament Parish. Another is the All Saints Academy Endowment Fund which provides tuition assistance to anyone whether they are Catholic or not as the school is also a tool for evangelization. Another is the Kandra Family Endowment Fund which was started by the children of John and Mary Kandra who some of you will remember. The purpose of the Kandra Family fund is to provide one tuition assistance grant to a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and a second tuition assistance grant to a student who is not a member of Blessed Sacrament, St. Alphonsus, St. Isidore, or St. Jude Parishes again as a tool for evangelization. Another is the Schanz family trust of which the parish is a beneficiary and which provides funds annually to provide tuition assistance grants to financially needy students at All Saints Academy who are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Obviously we are trying to grow the endowment funds to provide even more assistance in the future. If you might be interesting in making a donation to one of them feel free to contact Darrell Beckwith, our business manager at both the Parish and at ASA, or me.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sat July 15: 5:30pm Coffee & Doughnuts, Family Center

Sun July 16: 10:00am & noon Coffee & Doughnuts, Family Center

Tue July 18: 1:00pm Card Making Ministry, MPR

Thurs July 20: 6:30pm Ladies Revive Basketball Group, Family Center

### 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Join us in congratulating the following students for making the Honor Roll at their school! We are so proud of the hard work you do to achieve this goal. If you know of any students we may have missed or students from other schools, please let us know and we would be happy to celebrate their honor.

### **Catholic Central**

Dean Armock - 9th grade
Nicholas Schaab - 9th grade
Joaquin Silvestre - 9th grade
Thomas Stanton - 10th grade
Austin Baxter - 11th grade
Emma Picarazzi - 11th grade
Stephanie Wojciakowski - 11th grade
Morgan Armock - 12th grade

#### **West Catholic**

Grace Ellis - 10th grade
Joshua Murray - 10th grade
Luis Barajas - 12th grade
Noelle Hall - 12th grade
Margaret Needham - 12th grade



### STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF JULY 1 & 2, 8 & 9

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>		
Week 1 & 2/52	7/1 & 2	7/8 & 9
Adult Envelopes (190)	\$9,607.89	\$8,449.00
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Youth	\$26.10	\$34.75
Loose Stewardship	\$252.00	\$492.60
Total Stewardship this week \$11,266.99		\$14,147.35
YTD		\$25,414.34
Budget YTD		\$26,038.46
Last YTD		\$26,168.50
5% Tithe this week		\$707.37
YTD Tithe		\$1,270.72

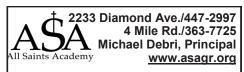




# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Ed Bartosiewcz. Cards may be sent to 2624 Monroe Ave NE, 49505. Let Ed know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.





### **SUMMER FUN!**

Can you believe summer is half over? Our summer kids can't believe it either! They've had fun visiting Aberdeen splash pad, having water play in the courtyard, creating all kinds of crafts, enjoying Kona Ice visits, and playing with friends.

### **ASA Social Media**

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