

July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Scattered Seeds

Those of us who are gardeners or farmers know the faith it takes to watch seeds grow to maturity. We pick the best soil, provide water, fertilizer and shelter from the worst of the elements. Still, inexplicably some plants flourish while other fail. There is a measure of uncertainty no matter how skilled the hands are that plant the seed.

It is the same when we scatter the seeds of our faith in the world. We can't foretell who will be receptive and who will not. Often we will see no difference, no response that a seed has even been planted in their hearts, but we cannot lose faith. Today's parable reminds us that our responsibility is simply to continue to share, to see that the seeds are planted and leave the growth to God. He will know how to tend the hearts that have been sown, so that they reap a good harvest. Perhaps we will be there to see this rich reward, perhaps not. It is enough to know that we are trusted to continue the blessed planting that Jesus began, and which will continue until He comes again.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest

7:00 am: Mass: James Turczyn

7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 am: Mass: Clarence & Rosalie Becker

3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, July 20

Memorial of Saint Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

Friday, July 21

Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the church

8:00 am: Mass: Mildred & Eugene Walter, Sr.

10:00 am: Neillsville Retirement Community Mass

Saturday, July 22

Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene

10:00 am: Sowing Seeds of Mercy: Hope for the Homeless

Allan & Connie Walter's Farm, Loyal WI

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: LaVerne Schmitt

6:00 pm: Baptism – Emma Lynn Armstrong

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Parishioners

10:30 am: Mass: Pat Sass

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain: Contact Jean Kuhn 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Please contact Mary Sladich 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Annie Augustine 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Contact Renee Schoen 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Natural Family Planning: Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are necessary. Please contact the office for further info.

Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

July 9, 2017

Tithe \$3,333.00

Offertory 312.00

Student 12.25

Total \$3,657.25

Weekly Budget

\$ 4,414.73

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, July 22-23

Lectors (A) (B)

Sat. 5:00 pm Delores Schmitt Jean Moseley

Sun. 8:00 am Rick Kuhn Donna Kuhn

Sun.10:30 am Bob Barth Phyllis Carney

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm Delores Schmitt/Jean Moseley/Mary Sladich

Sun. 8:00 am Rick Kuhn/Mary Luedtke/Jack Hammond

Sun.10:30am Gretchen Fitzmaurice

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm Kathy Barth/Gina Krzyzanowski

Sun. 8:00 am Jeff McNeely/Rose Marie LaBarbera

Sun.10:30am The Conner Family

Accompanists: 5 pm Barb / 8 & 10:30 am Samantha

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm Lucas Moseley Bridget Canfield

Sun 8:00 am Gianna Kuhn Gabriella Kuhn

Sun 10:30 am Aubrey Matousek Addison Moen

Ushers for July

Sat 5:00 pm. Russell Ratsch

Sun. 8:00 am Jim Langreck/John Langton/Al Spaete

Sun.10:30am Eric Backaus

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm Larry Hoese

Sun 8:00 am Wayne Thomas

Sun 10:30 am Jody & Judy Conner

Greeter Schedule – July

5:00 pm: Louis & Shirley Kessler

8:00 am: Dr. Greg & Linda Foster

10:30 am: Larry & Mary Sue Kyle

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Will resume in September

Parish Announcements

VBS Thank You

Thank you so much to those who made VBS a success this year! Heartfelt gratitude goes to Phyllis Carney, Mary Miller, Kim Swita, Loretta Canfield, Cindy Wirkuty and Rogene Matuszak for their time, creativity, resourcefulness, and energy to plan and complete lessons for the week. Thank you to our youth helpers who helped entertain our little ones. Also a big thank you to the parish for the generous support by providing items and donations that were requested for VBS. What a great week to have fun and learn about God's power to help us in difficult times and to be confident in Christ's victory. Stephanie, CRE/Director of Youth Ministry

Our Lady of Fatima said ...

"I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, whoever, on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

Devotions for the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet continues to be prayed at 3 pm in the Prayer Garden or church on Wednesdays. First Saturdays of the month will be celebrated as follows: Confessions will be available at 7:45 am, Mass will be celebrated at 8 am, Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be prayed following Mass. If you have any questions contact Rogene Matuszak 715-743-8138.

Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus Food Drive: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive every weekend in July. Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Collection containers are available in the narthex.

Diocese of La Crosse Parish History Book: A 350 page book including every parish's history and photos, and diocesan history celebrating the 150 year anniversary for the Diocese of La Crosse will be available for \$33 and arrive before Christmas 2017! If you would like to reserve a copy please contact the parish office.

Uganda Pilgrimage 2018: The dates for the 2018 pilgrimage will be June 1 to June 15 (approximately). Our first blessing when arriving will be to attend the Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs at Namugongo on Sunday, June 3rd. Prior to our departure fund raisers will be held for the completion of a girls hostel at the Our Lady of Guadalupe School. The girls who have to travel too far to come to the school are currently sleeping in the school library. We will help with the construction during our time in Uganda and also have many opportunities to be with the people of Uganda and learn about their faith and culture. If you would like to join the group a \$500 nonrefundable down payment is required to hold your spot. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,000. Please contact Martha Opelt in the parish office with any questions.

Air Conditioning: Just a reminder that the air conditioning is running in the church and the narthex. If you see the doors opened to the outside of the church, please close them and help save money.

Area Events

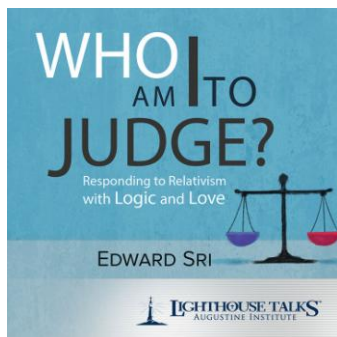
Sowing Seeds of Mercy "Hope for the Homeless" Fund Raiser, Saturday, July 22, 2017: The event will be held at the Allan & Connie Walter Farm, W4077 Heintown Rd, Loyal, WI beginning at 10 am. Join clergy, county leaders, and concerned community members as hands and hearts are joined together in the work of ending homelessness in Clark County. All proceeds will benefit the House of Mercy; a homeless facility serving women and children in Clark County. See bulletin insert for more details.

Witnesses for Christ Conference "Basic Catholic Principles for Healing the Culture Starting with Yourself" August 11-12, 2017

Camille Pauley, the President and CEO (co-founder with Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J.) of Healing the Culture, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. Camille will unfold the four levels of happiness and basic Catholic principles that help us to experience the deepest happiness. These principles and insights will provide us with a steady compass for navigating the mainstream culture when we encounter bad ideas and values. Camille's presentation will include engaging, interactive exercises for small group break-outs. Every Catholic is in need of these principles that give a solid underpinning to debates about marriage, pre-marital sex, abortion, assisted suicide, and so many other issues. *Hosted by: Office for Catechesis and Evangelization and Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry*

Mark Your Calendar.....
Sharing
The Light of Faith
A Deanery Convocation
Sponsored by the Thorp Deanery
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
6:00 - 9:00 PM
St. Anthony's Parish
Loyal, WI

ALL parishioners of the eleven parishes of the Thorp Deanery are invited to the Annual Convocation on September 6th at 6:00 at St. Anthony's in Loyal. Parents, grandparents, lay ministers, religious education teachers, parish council and committee members will find topics of learning and of interest. Some of the topics include class management techniques, growing a super-abundant marriage, housing for the homeless in Clark County, discussing same-sex attraction with our children, finances in marriage, improving parish stewardship, spiritual growth and ways and means to involve everyone in parish life. Registration materials will follow in July/August.



Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 “keys” to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the “dictatorship of relativism.” He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

Mother Teresa India Festival and Colorfest Walk

Activities for the India Festival begin at Noon at the Marshfield Fairgrounds on Saturday August 5th. Following the Festival, the Colorfest Walk begins at 6 pm. Prepare to become doused with color by running through the four color zones. Adult \$20 includes t-shirt, \$10 bring your own white t-shirt, children under 12 years old \$15 includes t-shirt, \$8 bring your own white t-shirt. Registration forms are on our website: www.indiamissionjoy.org or contact Dennis at 715-305-1960. See flyer in carport vestibule for more details.

**4 Person Knights of Columbus Charity
9 Hole Scramble**

Sunday, August 20 @ 3:00 PM



Hole in One Contest

Prize: \$10,000.00

Cost \$ 40.00 per person (cart not included)

Men and Women invited

Included are door prizes and a Steak dinner

Additional Steak Dinner tickets available at \$15 each!!!

Raffle with a \$250 1st prize and \$50 BP Amoco Gas Card for 2nd

50/50 Raffle Too!

Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians and Sisters

Contact Larry Hooser (743-6913) to sign-up.

Please sign up by August 14, 2017

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4963



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or dkunz@dioc.org.

