

Daily Readings

Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday, 7/16: Isaiah 55:10-11/ Ps 65:10-14/
Romans 8:18-23/ Matthew 13:1-23

Monday, 7/17: Exodus 1:8-14, 22/ Ps 124:1-8/
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, 7/18: Exodus 2:1-15/ Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/ Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, 7/19: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/ Ps 103:1-4, 6-7/ Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, 7/20: Exodus 3:13-20/ Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/ Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, 7/21: Wisdom 8:9-16/ Ps 67:2-5, 7-8/ Luke 9:1-6



Liturgical Ministers

Schedule for July 23, 2023

Lector: Katie

Greeters/Gifts: Sauer Family

Servers: Kevin/Grady

Money Counters: Jon/Mary A M

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jon, volunteers

Today's Mass Intention

Mark Lasack

Priest Visit to the Homebound

If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack,
Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Jaimie Driver,
Isaiah Leeper, Larry Merrick, Rosie Stephan,
Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule: 10:30am Sunday

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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:00am-11:00am

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Office Hours:

Tues.: 8:00am-5:00pm, Fri.: 7:00am-3:30pm

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PASTOR SPEAKS

"The Sower and the Seed"

Mother Teresa of Calcutta is one of the world's most influential individuals in modern history. Though Mother Teresa's perspective of life was simple and humble, her words and actions illustrated her approach and understanding of life were so illuminating and inspiring to even the most sophisticated.

As I began exploring the readings for the 15th Sunday gain some perspectives that I could share with the church, I came across one of the numerous fascinating stories about Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

When Mother Teresa wanted to start her holy enterprise to build an orphanage, she went to her superiors and told them, "I have three pennies and a dream from God to build an orphanage." The superiors quickly responded, "Mother Teresa, you can't build an orphanage with three pennies...with three pennies you can't do anything." "I know," she said, smiling, "but with God and three pennies I can do anything."

To many of us it is impossible to build an orphanage with three pennies but not to Mother Teresa, who understood the principle of the seed that Jesus teaches about in the gospel and Isaiah also talks about in the first reading.

The first reading suggests that God can bless the little faith we have in Him and the little resources we possess and turn them into a miracle to produce abundance. Here, Isaiah is seeking to establish the supremacy of God's Word in the world. Believers, therefore, can count on the Word of God and guide their lives and conduct by it.

Jesus also compared the Kingdom to a sower going out and spreading seed. Some of it falls upon hard ground and is unable to take root. Some of it falls on shallow ground, and although it initially sprouts it later withers away. But some seed falls upon good earth and comes to fruition and produces a harvest.

The point of the teaching is to direct our attention to keep our hearts in the right state to receive God's Word and nurture it to yield the fruits God intends for us. The believer's attitude towards God's Word shouldn't be one of a hardened heart, distracted heart, defeated heart, but hopeful and Joyful heart.

OJ Community Vacation Bible School will be on July 25th, 26th and 27th from 6-7:30 each evening at Sacred Heart Church with a short ending program on July 27th at 7:30 pm. Pre-K 4 - 6th Grade are welcome.

Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Oxford Junction United Methodist Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church.



It's time to get kids signed up for CCD for 2023-2024!

Please sign up your child through this link. Check the church Facebook for a clickable link or email Sarah to be sent the clickable link via email or <https://forms.gle/7HXMBFpDt3TzsHWD8> We also need teachers - Please contact Sarah to sign up to teach or inquire about teaching. It takes a village!

The Sacred Heart Church Dinner is approaching fast. Please mark your calendars for September 17th. We need all of our church family to help in various ways!!!

It's not too soon to be thinking about silent auction items to donate the Fall dinner. People love to bid on great gift baskets at the silent auction. Here are some great ideas that Shari Crock suggests: Holiday Basket, Fall Basket, Beauty Basket, Favorite Team Basket and so many more. Team up with a friend to create a basket. Be creative and have fun with it!!

Please, if you have been stuck with a job at the fall dinner that you do not like, talk with Karen or Mary Ann. We meet in August to plan jobs and donations. If we know, we can change your job.

The Ladies Guild (all church women are members of the Guild) is putting together a church-related basket for the silent auction. Please consider a cash donation to cover the cost of the contents of the basket. There will be a box in the church hall to place your donation. Any amount you feel comfortable donating is greatly appreciated. Please have your donation in by August 13th. Any cash left over will be donated to the church.

July 9th Collection

Envelopes	=	\$368.00
Offertory	=	\$ 32.00
Candles	=	\$ 6.00
Total	=	\$406.00
Building Fund	=	\$ 10.00



Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM

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