

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 16—July 22, 2023



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Mass Intentions

Sun., July 16: For the people

Mon., July 17:

Tues., July 18: +For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus

Wed., July 19: +For William Morse
by the Catholic Daughters

Thurs., July 20:

Fri., July 21:

Sat., July 22: +For William Morse
by Larry & Deb Johnson



Offertory Collections

Sat., July 1: \$ 1,020.00

Sun., July 2: \$ 1,269.00

Sat., July 8: \$ 1,526.00

Sun., July 9: \$ 1,080.00

Month of May, 2023

Income: \$ 6,534.10

Expenses: \$ 9,381.18
\$ (2,847.08)

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Matthew 13:8

Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., July 15	Katie Fuchs	Chris Fuchs	Bethany Fuchs & Larry Johnson
Sun., July 16	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez & Visencia Ramirez
Sat., July 22	Bethany Fuchs	Richelle Link	Deb Johnson & Julie O'Dell
Sun., July 23	Visencia Ramirez	Candy Wells	Paula Bowler & Angela Ramirez
Sat., July 29	Julie O'Dell	Katie Fuchs	Chris & Bethany Fuchs
Sun., July 30	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez	Visencia Ramirez & Candy Wells

Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin

Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

St. Mary's Mission – Custer

Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm

For Holy Communion and Anointing of the

Sick, please contact Father Cally

Contact Numbers:

Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions

Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

Calendar

Mon., July 17: Knights of Columbus meeting,
6:00 pm, church basement

Wed., July 19: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Marriage Saving – the Post Session Phase – The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

**God is good, all the time!
All the time God is good!**



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Today's gospel (Matt 13:1-23) is about the parable of the Sower told by Jesus. The seed sown is the love of God planted in every human heart. God is so generous with his love that like the rain which he sends to both for the good and the bad (Matt. 5:45) his love is shown both to the good and the bad people on earth. This is what is represented by the seeds being scattered all over by the Sower, on the rocky ground, on the walking path, on the thorns and on the good rich soil.

The good people are the rich soil on which the seed fell. Faith in them is the ground which receives the seed and makes it grow. They are the people who appreciate God's love and reciprocate it by loving God back and bearing good fruits. The bad people in their evil inclination rejected God's love and bears no good fruits.

We are that good rich soil. The faith in us receives the word of God which makes us to come here every weekend to worship God. The faith in us expresses itself in the love we show daily to God and to fellow human beings, in the charity work we do, in the sacrifices we make for the sake of the gospel and salvation of souls. We face challenges in life, yet we keep our faith and still serve God. The good lives we live are the good fruits we produce.

This faith we have in God must grow daily. The love of God in us must grow daily. But remember that if a farmer does not attend to his growing seeds and takes off the weeds growing around them, the weeds can grow and choke or suffocate the good seed and the seed may die. In the same way there are weeds that may grow and suffocate the love of God in us. Such weeds include constant worries, negative thoughts, sadness of heart, feelings of guilt, lack of trust in God. We must not allow these weeds to grow and kill the love of God in us.

These bad feelings must always come but we

should not allow them to develop in our lives. Like the farmer that fights the weeds in his farm, fight these bad feelings and allow God's love in you to stand high and control your life. The love of God must be a dominating force and feelings in us (2 Cor 5:14). God can never stop loving us. His steadfast love never ceases (Lamentation 3:22-23).



Inviting all Married* Couples  and Priests! 

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an experience for married couples and priests who value their relationships and desire a richer, fuller life in their marriage and priesthood.
- Attend a Marriage Encounter Experience and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage and priesthood strong and thriving.
- For over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped millions of couples and priests find new ways to thrive together and live their vocations in love.



- This is an invitation being offered to all married couples and priests who are looking for a way to enrich their relationships through an online opportunity.
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Northern Illinois is hosting a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience being held on Thursday evenings starting October 5th through November 16th.
- The sessions run for 2 ½ - 3 hours each evening starting at 7:00 PM CT.
- Zoom access is required and you must be available to attend all 8 sessions.
 - Early application is required in order for the materials for the experience to be mailed to you ahead of time.

 3RE Virtual Experience - Thursday Evenings starting October 5 – November 16, 2023

For more information and to sign up for an Experience visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or wwme.org or call 888-574-5653

*WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.