



# 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JULY 23, 2017



## SAINT MARY'S & SAINT ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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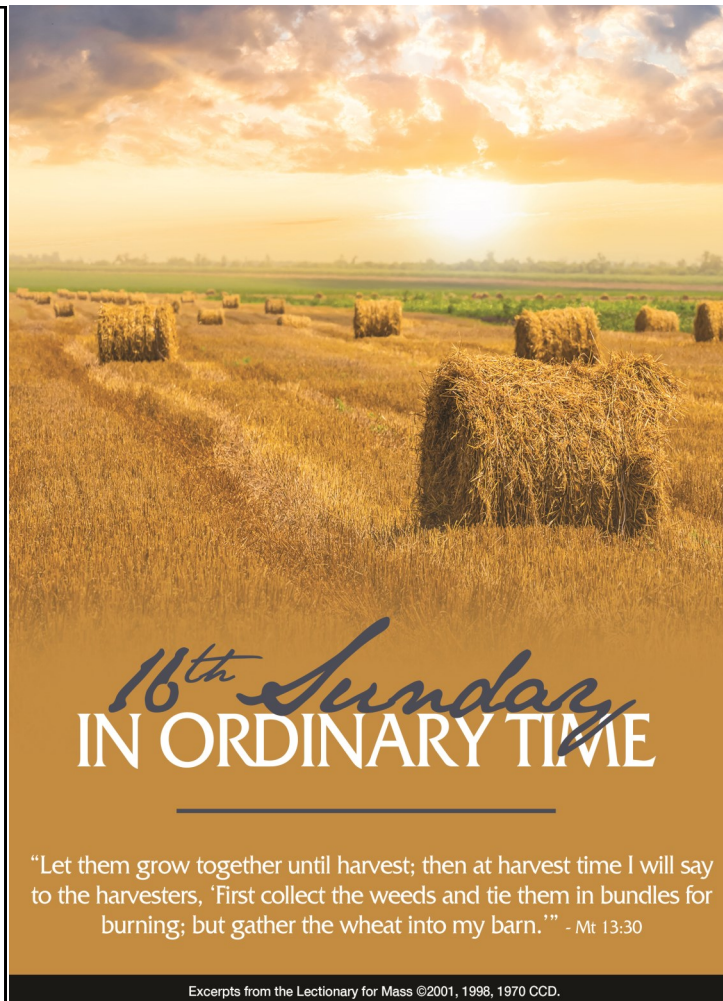
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VICTOR DVORAK –DEACON

***“If you pull the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.”***

Acknowledging the fact that there is evil in the midst of the community, this week’s parable answers the question of how to respond to it. The answer is: be slow to judge. God is the judge. Our role instead is to model Christian behavior. The Gospels are filled with parables reminding us that small things can be transformed into something immense. Despite the sinful behavior of others, our kindness and our prayers for them can begin to work a change. It won’t happen all the time, but it will happen enough to serve as a reminder never to dismiss someone as “hopeless” or “lost”. Wheats and weeds do grow together. If we rush to separate them, we end up killing the good along with the bad. God has preferred kindness, tolerance, and patience when dealing with us. We should practice no less with those who would disturb our peace.



### Mission Statements

#### St. Mary’s Parish

Brothers & sisters in Christ, accept as our mission:

Christ Reigns-Our Salvation

Christ Conquers– Our Hope

Christ Commands—Our guide to build the Kingdom of God.

We are all one in Christ Jesus & through Him, strengthen & inspire the faith of our community.

#### St. Elizabeth’s Parish

Walking in Faith, with Integrity.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saint Mary’s: Before Mass

Saint Elizabeth’s: Before Mass

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office 9 months prior to wedding date.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Meeting with the Priest is required.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish office.

## MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

**Monday, July 24**

**7:30 AM SM—Communion Service**

**Tuesday, July 25**

**7:00 AM SM— Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions**

**7:30 AM SM— +Jackie Naumann by Tom & Shelley Schaeffbauer**

**Wednesday, July 26**

**7:30 AM SM- +Pauline Candrian by Ivo & Joan Schoch**

**7:00 PM SE –Dale Reindel by Brian & Kim Herold**

**Thursday, July 27**

**7:30 AM SM— Luella Emmil by Benny Benz**

**Friday, July 28**

**7:30 AM SM- +Andy Mellmer by Ruth Fitterer**

**12PM-3PM SM— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Saturday, July 29**

**8:30 AM SM— Family of Victor & Dianne Binstock by Victor & Dianne Binstock**

**5:00 PM SM— +Butch Yates by Liz Yates**

**Sunday, July 30**

**8:30 AM SE- +John Herold by Cliff & Eleanor Walter**

**10:30AM SM— Pro Populuo**

*Please Keep in Your Prayers:*

Benny Benz, Jeff Hewson, Marilyn Jacobs, Leo Heck, Ross Thomas, Keith Herold, Arlene Rohr, Brenda Barton Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Jackie Deplanche, Duane Grundhauser, Cely Stagl, Linda Reisenauer, Rose Krebs (SE), Russ Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Alyssa Binstock, Yvonne Fettig, Dale Reindel, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Carla Rohan, Shari Obritsch, Charlotte Krebs, Eugenia Stagl, Bart Rohan, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Thresiamma (Fr. Biju's mom).

**Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents:** Joan Binstock, Joe Wandler, Sylvia Koppinger, Mike Urlacher, Leona Gordon, Ardelle Kovar, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnell Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick, Dale Schoeder,

**Our Deceased Loved Ones :** +Florian Urlacher +Paul Schiwal, + LeRoy Jacobs +Victor Roller +John Herold, + Viola Martin + Viola Neprash +Maggie Schoch, +Rose Lefor, + Mary Ficek + June Stockert +Adeline Bogner +Vern Honeyman, +Kasper Heidt, +Caroline Pechtl, +Jacob Frank, +Frances Fichter, +Marie Krebs, +Maggie Kuhn, +Irene Benz

## Saint Mary's Announcements

- ◆ **Children's Collection**—children are invited to bring their weekly offering directly to the Father Gary while the regular collection is being taken.

### St. Mary's Liturgical Assignments July 29 & 30

MINISTRY	Saturday-5:00PM	Sunday-10:30AM
Lector	Richard Wandler	David Hernandez
Mass Servers	Zach M./Will S.	Matthew B./Jess S.
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary F./Leonard G.	Betty H./Larry H.
Gifts	Jim Krebs	Marc & Ann Wolf Family
Rosary Leader	Kathy Gartner	Ann Wandler
Greeters	Connie Jalbert Family	Victor & Lynn Dvorak
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	Toni Jung	Toni Jung

### Collection Report St. Mary's July 15 & 16

Adult	Youth	
\$ 407.50	Envelopes	\$ 0.00
\$ 241.50	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 649.00	Total	\$
\$ 3615.00	Month	\$ 0.00

## Saint Elizabeth's Announcements

- ◆ July Church Cleaners— Dorita Kuhn, Amanda Kuhn & Trish Kaufman

### St. Elizabeth's Liturgical Assignments July 30

Lector	Elvie
Mass Servers	Elizabeth
Eucharistic Ministers	Fran & Cindy
Gifts	Cindy S & Jessica S.
Greeters	Darrell & Dorita
Ushers	Keith H. & Deran

### Collection Report St. Elizabeth's July 16

Adult	Youth	
\$ 210.00	Envelopes	\$ 3.00
\$ 57.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 267.00	Total	\$
\$ 2038.00	Month	\$ 6.00
\$ 143.00	Peter's Pence	

## **Fundamentals of our Catholic Faith, *Why do Catholics believe that the Apostle Peter was the first pope, when the word “pope” does not even appear in the Bible?***

It is true that the word “pope” does not appear in the Bible, but neither do the words “Trinity” or even “Bible”. However, they are referred to by other names. The “Bible” for example is referred to as “Scriptures”. The Pope, which is the title for the leading bishop of the Church, is referred to as the “Rock” of the Church or as the “Shepherd” of the Church. Jesus Christ used the terminology when He appointed the Apostle Peter the first pope of the Church, saying, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah . . . You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church” (Matthew 16:17-19); “There shall be one fold and one shepherd” (John 10:16); “Feed my lambs, feed my sheep” (John 21:15-17). The words “Rock” and “Shepherd” must apply to Peter and they must distinguish him as head of the apostles, otherwise Jesus’ statements are so ambiguous as to be meaningless. Certainly, the other apostles understood that Peter had authority from Christ to lead the Church because they gave him the presiding place every time they assemble in council (Acts of the Apostles 1:5; 5:1-10) and they placed his name first every time they listed the names of the apostles (Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:16; Luke 6:13-14; and Acts 1:13)

In addition, there is the testimony of the Church fathers, the great theologians of the first centuries of the Church. In the second century, Saint Hegessipus compiled a list of the popes to the time of Anicetus (11<sup>th</sup> pope), which contained the name of Saint Peter as the first. Early in the third century, the historian Caius wrote that Pope Victor was “the thirteenth Bishop of Rome from Saint Peter). In the middle of the third century, Saint Cyprian related that Cornelius (21<sup>st</sup> pope) “mounted the lofty summit of the priesthood . . . the place of Peter.” Even Protestant theologians and historians have attested to Peter’s role as the first Bishop of Rome, the first pope of the Catholic Church. In his *Historia Literaria*, the historian Jean Cave wrote, “That Peter was at Rome and held the See there for some time, we fearlessly affirm with the whole multitude of the ancients.”

Indeed, the source of the pope’s authority to rule over the Church is quite obvious: it was given to him by none other than Jesus Christ, God Himself. To embrace the infallible teachings of the pope is to embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ as well.

### **Time Out**

I know some people are troubled or concerned about an addition to last week’s bulletin which spoke of a possible change in the Sunday morning Mass schedule. Know that this was one option to discuss and no changes would be made until after Labor Day, when parish life returns to a state of normalcy.

This aside, some wonder why the need for change. The main reason for me, as pastor, is the concern that there is not adequate Confession time at Saint Mary’s. Because the time is so short between the two morning Masses, I am unable to hear Confessions before the 10:30 Mass. To me, the fact that a parish does not have Sunday Confessions is a scandal. If we don’t seek the mercy of Jesus Christ in Confession, then we begin to wonder if we need a Savior who saves us from sin. Then the need for the Church follows shortly after and the Faith dies in that faith community. It is really as simple as that.

Let’s remember that we should fit our schedules into the Mass times, not make the Mass conform to our schedules. If our children hear us complaining that a Mass time interferes with Sunday brunch, Sunday work, leisure, shopping, etc., then we have told them what is more important in life. I have to believe that our ancestors in the Faith would be saddened by all the concern and furor about Mass times. They were happy just to be at Mass . . . their greatest spiritual treasure.

Please pray about our discussion on the Mass schedule. What is best for the well-being of souls should be our main concern. In all things, Jesus must increase and I must decrease .

### **On the Lighter Side**

CCD teacher: “Can anyone tell me the story of Adam and Eve?”

Little girl: “First God created Adam. Then he looked at him and said, ‘I think I could do better if I tried again.’ So He created Eve.”

### **A Point to Ponder**

*Reputation is made in a moment. Character is built in a lifetime.*