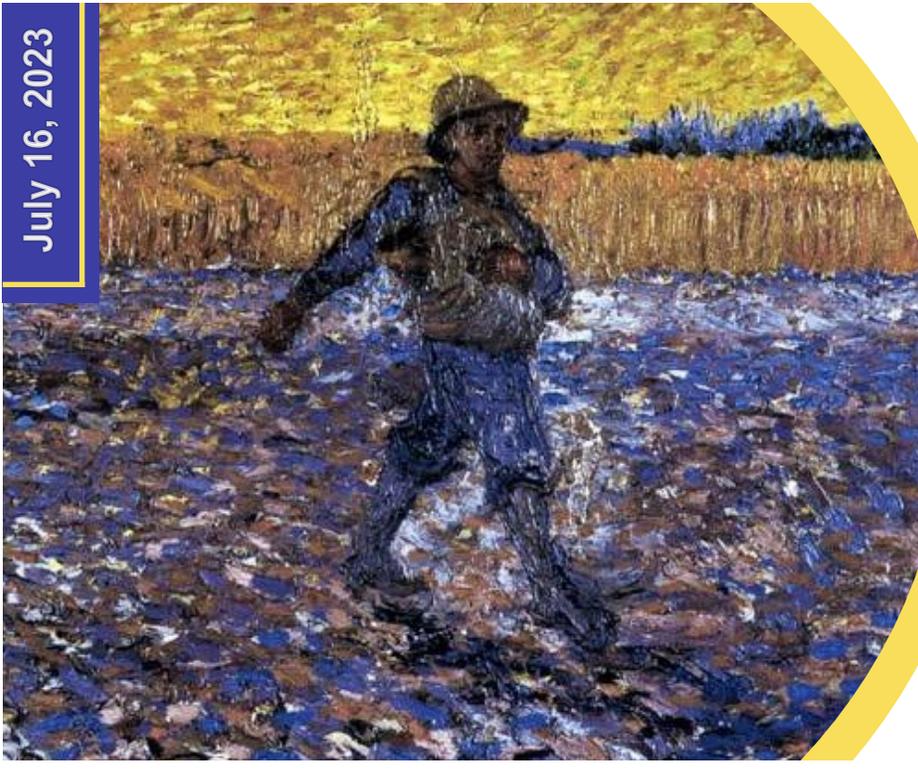


July 16, 2023



# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some seed fell  
on rich soil  
& produced  
**FRUIT**  
MATTHEW 13:8



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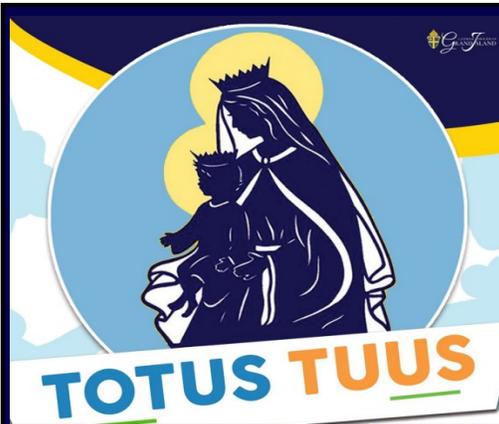
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### NEXT WEEK!

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/230224586350148>

9-12th Grade Students (2023/24)  
Recent Graduates Welcome  
July 23-27 6:00-8:15pm  
Evening meal provided

1st-8th Grade Students (2023/24)  
July 24-28 9:00am-3:00pm  
Bring sack lunch

Volunteers Needed!

Submit a  
*Prayer*  
Request  
Prayer Chain

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Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

*Pray without ceasing* <sup>1</sup> Thessalonian 5:17

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2023

The gospel today tells us the parable of the sower which is communicated this way:

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

This parable has been explained and articulated many times. However, I would like to offer this reflection. The SEED is the WORD OF GOD. The SOIL is our HEART. Some hearts are like the path; they listen to the WORD but reject it outright. Other hearts are like rocky ground; they receive and listen to the WORD but since the hearts are as hard as stone, they decline to embrace the WORD. Other hearts are like thorns; they refuse the WORD, and the WORD is not given a chance to be listened to. However, other hearts are rich soil; they welcome, listen to and embrace the WORD. In short, the WORD OF GOD finds sacred dwellings in rich and hospitable hearts. And in these hearts, the WORD OF GOD finds meaning, it is shared, and it is lived. They become WORDS of love, hope and peace for others.

To deepen and strengthen our relationship with God, let us struggle to make our hearts the RICH SOIL. And when our hearts become the rich soil as sustainers and givers of LIFE, let us practice the following virtue of GIVING:

“THE BEST THING TO GIVE...

to our enemy is FORGIVENESS;

to our opponent, TOLERANCE;

to a friend, our HEART;

to our child, a GOOD EXAMPLE;

to our father, REVERENCE;

to our mother, CONDUCT THAT MAKES HER PROUD OF US;

to ourselves, RESPECT;

to all men and women, CHARITY!”

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/17</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/18</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † John McIntyre By Dan & Janet Reilly, † Mary Ann Nevriy By Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/19</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † David & † Dorothy Bogus By Rodney & Linda Wells, † Francis Mrkvicka By Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7/20</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> Thanksgiving of family, friends, & enemies By Elaine Rozmiarek family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7/21</b>	<b>9:00 am (Matelyn)</b> † Colleen Killinger By Carolyn Just
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/22</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Leonard Dush, † John & † Rose Koperski By Koperski Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/23</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † LaFern Mudloff By Janice Lukasiewicz, People of the Parishes  <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Jim Leonard By Bob & Patty Krycki

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 22TH & 23TH

### SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Volunteer

Sun - 8am: Zach Hirschman

Sun - 10am: Glen Killion

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda/ Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers



Continue learning & growing in faith by attending Mass, reading the Bible, & helping others.

Google search this faith song & share it with a friend...



### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

by Matt Redman

*It might sound familiar, we hear it at Mass sometimes!*  
DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418



## AT STS. PETER & PAUL JULY 23-28 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can provide snacks, &/or be a helper during any day of the week please register as a volunteer on this link- <https://form.jotform.com/230224586350148>, you can also access the link on our Parish website, on the Totus Tuus screen. We are happy to have high school student helpers during the day too! **Recent graduates Welcome to attend &/or help also!** Please call the Parish office with any questions &/or if need assistance getting registered.

### YOU CAN HELP GOD CHANGE LIVES

Join our Religious Education Team! Prayerfully consider being a Catechist or Helper! Let's discuss the possibilities!

Contact DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418



Thank You St. Paul Catholic Quilters for your generous donation towards the new ovens for our Parish Life Center!

### OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT - LB753

Opponents of school choice are mounting a petition drive to obtain a ballot referendum seeking to overturn LB753, known as the Opportunity Scholarship Act. Bishop Hanefeldt is inviting us to respectfully decline to sign a petition.



CCW - Thank you to all that contributed to the GCA Days Bake Sale!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Knights Steak feed. Great help and great visits among those who came to eat. Thank you to Homestead Bank for the use of their BBQ grill. It worked flawlessly! Thank you to those who came and enjoyed the steaks and all the goods served with them. I believe a good time was had by all. ~ Deacon Neil Baquet  
Knights of Columbus Council 1918



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**JULY 15-19**  
**10:30AM-10PM**  
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### DANNEBROG SWEET CORN

Sweetcorn from Mike Kube, Prolife Director for our diocese will be available in the parking lot of Sts Peter & Paul after the Sunday Masses on **July 23rd**. The suggested donation is \$5 for 10 ears. All proceeds are donated to SUPPORT:

- Sts. Peter and Paul (Youth Programs)
- Diocese Pro-Life Office (Pro-Life Youth Programs)
- Growing Hope Globally - Growing Lasting Solutions to Hunger (Partnering with Catholic Relief Services)

<https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/about-us/>

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### THEOLOGY ON TAP

JULY 26, 7PM

FR. ALEX BORZYCH

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### Eternal Life

We pray for Betty Kaltenbach, sister of Pat Kuchta, who passed away on July 10, 2023. Funeral service was held at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Beresford, South Dakota. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

# Peters

## FUNERAL HOME

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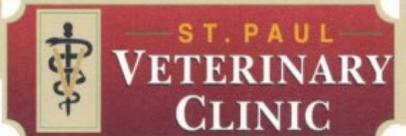
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[How a 5,000-square-mile parish remains a tight-knit community](#)  
A special shout out to Fr. Matthew Nash and his parish family.  
Article at: [www.catholicextension.org](http://www.catholicextension.org)  
Select - *Stories of Faith*

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Seminary - \$65.00
<b>St. Anthony</b>
General Fund - \$ 345.00
General Fund 7/2/23 - \$1,338.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>
General Fund - \$ 221.00
General Fund 7/2/23 - \$195.00

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
July	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19
	NO Daily Mass <i>Busy Time Women's Holy Hour 7pm SPP</i>  <b>FAIR STAND FUNDRAISER</b> 10:30AM -10PM	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP   <b>FAIR STAND FUNDRAISER</b> 10:30AM -10PM	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP  Please submit <b>BULLETIN</b> items via e-mail or call the church office by <b>Noon on Wed.</b> <b>FAIR STAND FUNDRAISER</b> 10:30AM -10PM
	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
Daily Mass 8:30am SPP	Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)	Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP Mass 5:00pm SPP  <b>WELCOME Totus Tuus TEAM!</b>	Sunday 23 Mass 8:00am SPP Mass 10:00am SPP Totus Tuus - High School 6-8:15pm