

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11 - July 17

Events

SATURDAY July 11

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:30pm - Confessional

Welcome Women Meeting
9:00-11:00am - Faith Formation Room

SUNDAY July 12
No Events today

MONDAY July 13
No Events today

TUESDAY July 14
No Events today

WEDNESDAY July 15
Stitchers
9:00am-12:00pm - St. Francis Room

THURSDAY July 16
OLL Game Day
1:00pm-3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY July 17
Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00-9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY July 18
No AM Events today

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7pm - Chapel

Important Links

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MASS INTENTIONS](#)

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FLOWER INTENTIONS](#)

*Flower Intentions
available for
August & October*

Mass Intentions

Sat. 7/11 5:00pm Hope Rock (L)
Sat. 7/11 7:00pm Taney County Parish Family (L)
Sun. 7/12 8:00am Todt Family (Living & Deceased) †
Sun. 7/12 10:30am Steve Rock (L)
Mon. 7/13 9:00am Hope Rock (L)
Tue. 7/14 9:00am Crystal Rock (L)
Wed. 7/15 5:30pm Tina Lallo (L)
Thur. 7/16 9:00am Deceased Members of the Konzen Family†

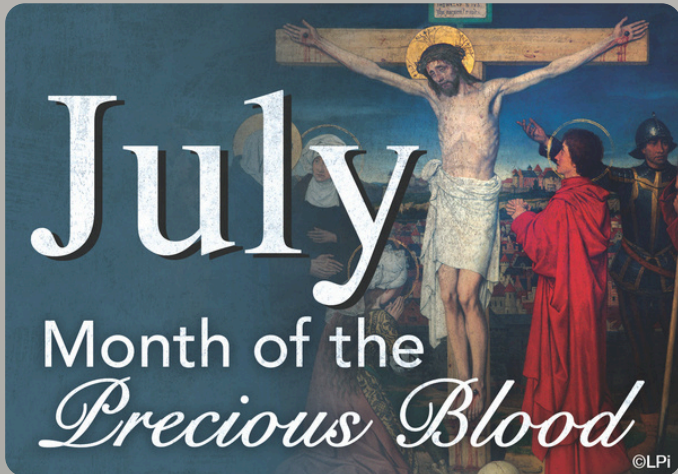


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**FOLLOW US
ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



**Collection through
July 5, 2026**

Envelopes:	\$8,847.24
Plate:	\$2,850.00
Green Envelopes:	\$2,631.49
Total:	\$14,328.73



To date, our parish has
148 donors who have pledged
\$72,105 toward our goal of
204 donors and our goal
 amount of **\$83,921**
 Thank you!

*If you have not yet made your pledge,
 please add your gift, whatever the
 amount, in unity with those
 who have already given.*

*The diocese and Church in southern
 Missouri needs your participation.*

***Please complete and return
 your DDF pledge envelope
 next Sunday, if you were not able
 to do so today.***

Donate Today!

Click on the link below
Diocesan Development Fund
 Or Scan the QR code

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adorers needed for the following times

Tuesdays

Noon-1:00pm
 1:00-2:00pm

Thursdays

9:30-10:30am 2:00-3:00pm
 11:00am-Noon 4:00-5:00pm
 Noon -1:00pm 5:00-6:00pm

*We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.*

**If you are available for any of the specified time slots,
 please reach out to Julie Johnsonbaugh at julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com**



OCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation for those who are curious about the Catholic faith, whether unbaptized adults or baptized Christians from another tradition who are drawn toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

**If you have been talking with someone about our Faith,
 please invite them to attend our**

Next Inquiry Session

Tuesday, July 21st

6:30-7:30pm

**In the Heritage Room
 (lower level of the Church)**

**For more information, please contact
 the Church office. (417) 334-2928**

**Our summer sessions
 are the first part
 of the Inquiry portion
 where those who have
 questions about the
 Catholic Faith are
 encouraged to attend
 with absolutely no
 commitment required.**

**This journey involves
 prayer, catechesis, and
 participation in the life
 of the Church,
 culminating in the
 reception of the
 Sacraments of Initiation:
 Baptism, Confirmation,
 and the Eucharist.**

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
 knock and the door will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7*



Prince Caspian continues the story of the four Pevensie children, who discovered the land of Narnia after walking through a magical wardrobe in the first book of the series, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and now return to the land of Narnia to help the rightful king and heir, Prince Caspian, take the throne!

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**You are invited to attend
Prince Caspian
at Branson Hillside Theater
(formerly the Welk Theater)**

Special rate: \$15

**Please use the code: OLL
when you call (417) 419-9229
or stop by the box office**

**This special rate is only available
for the following dates!**

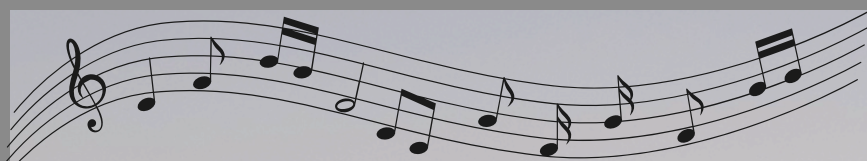
July 14-18 & July 21-25

Showtimes are

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. at 2:00pm

Fri. & Sat. at 2:00pm & 7:30pm

No shows on Sunday & Monday



How Sweet the Sound Retreat

**A lyrical reflection on
"Amazing Grace"**

Wednesday, July 29th

6:30pm to 8:30pm

**Our Lady of the Lake
(In the Church)**

**Explore the text and reflect
on each verse of this piece
by Sarah Hart.**

**Let its message touch our hearts
and draw us closer to God.**

(All materials will be provided)

**Presented by
Dorene Oesterreicher**

ALL ARE WELCOME

**If you have any questions regarding
PSR (Parish School of Religion),
Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.**

**Please call, text, or email
Nickie
Director of Formation**

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

417-251-1819 Cell





Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

AUGUST 15, 2026

Want to attend but don't want to drive?

**Our Lady of the Lake
will be taking a chartered bus
to West Plains.**



**NO COST
TO RIDE**

**DEPART FROM OLL
SAT. AUG. 15TH AT 6:00AM**

HOWEVER...

You will need to register & pay to attend the Congress.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 31
(unless all seats are filled before then)

Cost to Attend the Congress

There is a registration fee of
\$10 per person or
\$25 maximum per family
(parents with minor-age children).

The registration fee includes:

- all Congress activities
- speakers
- materials
- and a lunch meal

TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CONGRESS

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - DioSCG



Scan QR CODE
(Congress)

TO RESERVE A BUS SEAT(S)

Eucharistic Congress Bus reservation | Flocknote



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to reserve bus seat(s)



Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

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ON JULY 31**

UNLESS ALL SEATS
ARE FILLED
BEFORE THEN



JOIN US IN PRAYING, LEARNING & CELEBRATING

at the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress



**DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD-
CAPE GIRARDEAU**

**70
YEARS
1956-2026**



Visit WWW.DIOSCG.ORG/DIOCESAN-EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESS or scan the QR CODE
for more resources, including suggestions for the Year of Spiritual Preparation, and updates to the Congress!

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30am: Doors to the West Plain Civic Center Open
- 10:00am: Opening Eucharistic Procession and Opening Prayer (inside the Civic Center)
- 10:45am: Keynote Presentation with Dr. Scott Hahn
- 12:00 noon – 2:45pm: Breakout Sessions | Lunch | Exhibit Hall Open
- 2:45pm: Keynote Presentation with Fr. Leo Patalinghug
- 4:00pm: Keynote Presentation with Bishop James Conley
- 5:15pm: Closing Eucharistic Celebration – Sunday Vigil Mass



THE LORD'S TABLE IS SET... & YOU'RE INVITED

This invitation is for everyone.

This guide lays out monthly themes & practical suggestions to help you build lasting habits & to focus on placing God back at the center of your life.



JULY

AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Celebrate with family & friends

ATTEND MASS AS A FAMILY

**Attend Mass every Sunday this month
Say a prayer for our "sister" parish
Sacred Heart in Poplar Bluff**

SCREEN FREE SUNDAY

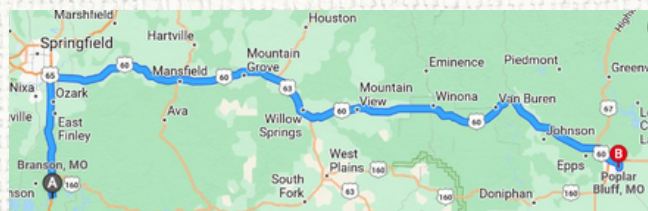
**Take a break from digital screens –
spend the day at the lake or take a walk**

70TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH PARTNER PAIRINGS

As a way of uniting our parishes during the preparation period,
Bishop Rice randomly drew parish names from baskets to select and form parish partner relationships.
Our Lady of the Lake's partner parish is Sacred Heart Parish in Poplar Bluff, MO

Sacred Heart Parish

*Sacred Heart Parish of Poplar Bluff, Missouri has been serving the spiritual needs of its people for more than 125 years.
Currently, their priest is Fr. Allen Kirchner.*



It's about a 3 ½ hour drive from Branson

A LITTLE HISTORY ABOUT SACRED HEART.....Missionary priests came to Poplar Bluff to care for the needs of Catholics as early as 1875. Sent by St. Louis Archbishop Peter Kenrick, the growth of the Catholic community brought approval for a church to be built and dedicated to the Sacred Heart in 1876. From 1876 until 1885, priests from Arcadia and Doniphan ministered in Poplar Bluff. Fr. Theodore Schmitt was appointed pastor in 1885. Fr. Pius Preiser who, in 1891, began the building of a new and larger wooden church, succeeded him in 1887. As was the custom, the school, staffed by Ursuline Sisters, had been built before the church. It was a two-story building. The downstairs floor, an auditorium, was used for church services until the new church was completed.

Fr. Daniel J. Daly was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in 1940. By April 1942, the current building was dedicated by Archbishop John Glennon. The church, with its beautiful stained-glass windows, was built at a cost of \$60,000. Fr. Daly also established four mission churches in surrounding towns, some of which now have parish status. A new school was built in 1961. A parish center was completed in 1986. Land has been purchased to enlarge the cemetery and surround it with a beautiful fence. Burials date back to the 1860s, thus making the cemetery older than the parish.

(<https://dioscg.org/about/find-a-church/sacred-heart-parish-poplar-bluff-mo/>)

**We invite you to join us in prayerfully supporting our "sister" parish, Sacred Heart,
as they prepare for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on August 15th.**

OLL Games

Join us July 16th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

Scores for July 2nd - Early July 4th Celebrations

Swoop - The Six + Two
Big Winner Julie W -207
Butch -298 Sharron -322
Tied: Margaret & Jeanie -327
Harry -356 Sharon A -340
Lil' Winner Joyce -444



OLL Train -
The Fire Crackers
BIG Winner Julie J -110
Mary -388
Lil' Winner Anne Marie -439

Mahjong
Fr J -50 Susan C -25
Brenda -0 Judy O -0 Monnie -0



OLL Train -
The Fire Crackers
BIG Winner Eva -279
Judy E -290 Joe -306 Ed -399
Lil' Winner Remy -460

JOIN THE FUN!

Scores for July 9th

JOIN THE FUN!



OLL Train - The Faithful Ones
BIG Winner Julie J -198
Rose Marie -254 Mary -316
Lil' Winner Anne Marie -476

OLL Train - Over-The-Hill Gang
BIG Winner Judy E -244
Joe - 259 Ed -287
Lil' Winner Kevin -333



Bragging Rights!
July 2nd Julie J went out 7 times ...
July 9th Rose Marie went out 4 times!!!



Mahjong
Joyce 75 Susan C -25
Brenda -0 Judy O -0 Monnie -0

Swoop - The Crazy Eight
Big Winner Julie W -147
Butch -169 Sharron -220 Judy H -228
Dan -250 Sharon A -395 Sharon S -454
Lil' Winner Jeanie -603



REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

It's that time of the year again.

Beginning **July 1, 2026** the NEW 2026-2027 Code of Conduct will be made available.

**EVERYONE THAT WORKS OR VOLUNTEERS* AT THE PARISH
NEEDS TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FORM (ANNUALLY)**

**(which include the following ministries)*

Knight of Columbus
Welcome Women
Ushers
Help Desk

Parish Office Volunteers
Sacristans
OCIA
Hospitality
Young Adult

Hispanic
Homebound
Gift Shop Volunteers
Funeral Ministry
PSR

Safety & Security
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Bible Study Leaders
Lectors

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage:

<https://dioscrg.org/child-youth-protection/>

- Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a **RESOURCES SECTION**
- Select the **Prevention and Protection tab**. The documents may be found there.

OR

- **Click here to access the form**

**The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local
Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera**

For NEW volunteers

- To begin the process, an account must first be created in VIRTUS.
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/\(Online account\)](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/(Online account))

For Organization Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)

- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "Protecting God's Children" and "Mandated and Ethical Reporting", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact
Nickie Rivera
Please call, text, or email
417-251-1819 Cell
NickieRivera@ollbranson.com
Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the
Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,
Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscrg.org or
the Director of Child and Youth Protection,
Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscrg.org
or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of creating a safe environment
for all to worship, learn, and grow in their faith.*



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

A Moment of Clarity: The SSPX and What Catholics Need to Know

The past week brought significant developments concerning the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), and it seemed appropriate to provide a clear account of what happened and why it matters to the Church.

Who Are They? The SSPX is a priestly fraternity founded in 1970 by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. It is known for its exclusive use of the Traditional Latin Mass and its rejection of several teachings of the Second Vatican Council, especially on religious freedom and the Church's relationship with other faiths. For decades, the society has lived in tension with Rome, sometimes drawing closer, sometimes pulling away.

A History of Rupture. The major break occurred in 1988 when Archbishop Lefebvre consecrated bishops without papal approval. Under canon law, this act incurred automatic excommunication for him and the bishops he consecrated. Pope Benedict XVI lifted those excommunications in 2009 as a gesture of reconciliation, though the society remained outside full communion. In 2015, Pope Francis extended special faculties to the SSPX to allow its priests to validly hear confessions, and in 2017, he granted it faculties to allow its priests to validly celebrate marriages. Rome extended mercy at every turn.

What Just Happened? Despite direct warnings from the Vatican, the SSPX proceeded on July 1 with the consecration of four new bishops without a papal mandate. Pope Leo XIV personally appealed to them not to proceed. Vatican officials called the act "schismatic," and on July 2 declared that the six bishops involved had incurred automatic excommunication and that SSPX clergy "are in schism and therefore must be considered schismatics."

What Is This Really About? Many assume the conflict centers on the Latin Mass. It does not. The Church has repeatedly affirmed the beauty and legitimacy of the ancient rite when celebrated in communion with Rome.

The deeper issue is the SSPX's rejection of the authority of the Second Vatican Council. The society argues that because Vatican II issued no new dogmas, its teachings need not be fully accepted. The Church firmly rejects this claim. Vatican II's documents belong to the Church's authentic magisterium, and Catholics owe them religious submission of mind and will. Love for tradition is good, but it cannot override obedience to the successor of Peter. Communion with Rome is essential to being Catholic.

Can Catholics Attend SSPX Masses? The Vatican acknowledges that attending an SSPX Mass does not automatically excommunicate a Catholic, provided there is no "formal adherence" to the schism. This means avoiding both internal agreement with the society's rejection of Rome and external behaviors such as exclusively attending SSPX chapels. However, Catholics seeking the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) are strongly encouraged to find communities celebrating in full communion with Rome. They exist and they offer all the beauty of the ancient rite without spiritual risk. In our diocese, TLM is celebrated on Sundays at 8:00 am at the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center – Missouri State University.

The Door Remains Open. The Church continues to welcome those who wish to return. Any SSPX priest or faithful seeking reconciliation should reach out to a local diocese. The path back exists, and it begins with turning toward Peter.



STATE-WIDE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

YES ON 3

Women's Health - Child Safety

Join the Missouri Bishops in
"Vote Yes to Amendment 3"
to safeguard Women's Health
and Child Safety.



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worldwide

marriage encounter

Renew, Refresh, and Reignite Your Marriage

*If your calendar tells the story of
your life, what does it say about
the importance of your marriage?*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

Plan a weekend getaway with
your beloved spouse to renew
your sacrament, deepen your
communication,
strengthen your relationship,
and rekindle your romance.

Attend a Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Experience
July 31-Aug. 2
Drury Plaza Hotel
and Conference Center,
Cape Girardeau

For information
& to register, visit:
www.wwme.org
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ATTENTION

PLEASE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**DUE TO THE DIOCESAN
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
TAKING PLACE AUGUST 15, 2026**

Our Lady of the Lake
will celebrate
a Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri., Aug. 14th at 6:00PM

**NO SATURDAY MASSES ON
AUGUST 15, 2026**

**A SUNDAY EVENING MASS
WILL BE ADDED ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH
TIME: 6:00PM**

Please join Bishop Rice and area clergy
in celebrating the Mass of

ORDINATION to the SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE



(Front) **Howard Mohn**, Holy Trinity Parish, Marshfield; **James Haston**, St. Lawrence Parish, Monett;
Steven Reddin, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City; (back) **Kevin Haverly**, SS Peter & Paul Parish,
Pulaskifield; and **Mike Wilson**, Sacred Heart Parish, Webb City.

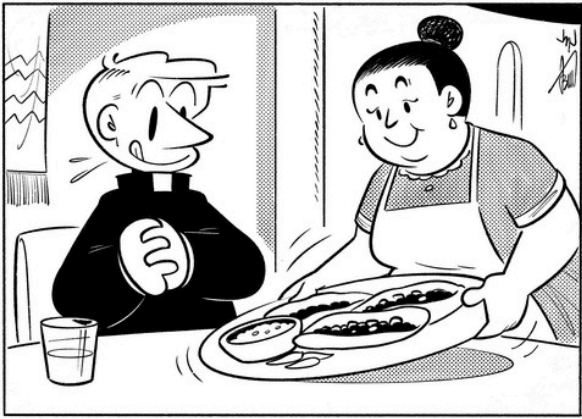
Saturday, JULY 25TH | 10:30 AM



St. Mary Catholic Church, Joplin

Lunch reception to follow. Please RSVP by July 17 to
selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com or call (417) 623-3333,
so that the PCCW may adequately plan for the meal.

"What's a priest's favorite type of taco?"



"Tacos Al Pastor."



This taco term means "shepherd style" in Spanish and was inspired by Lebanese immigrants who made lamb in Mexico. Mexicans adopted the style and made their own (yummy) version. "Pastor" means "shepherd," something he does for his congregation.

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enjoy
SUMMER

Trust your JOURNEY

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What salary do Popes receive from the Vatican for their service?

Answer: None! Popes don't even have a bank account!



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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FREDBIRD ASKS YOU TO HELP PATIENTS IN NEED!



Join us at the 23rd Annual
St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drives

Blood Drive **Our Lady Of The Lake** **Catholic Church**

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, July 24, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or

CLICK THE LINK BELOW OR VISIT

www.redcrossblood.org

Use code OURLADYBRANSON to schedule appointment



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an appointment.

**Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward
by email to see a movie on us! rcblood.org/July**

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**American
Red Cross**



All presenting donors will receive a free
commemorative St. Louis Cardinals
Blood Drive T-shirt, while supplies last!*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Gardener and the Soil

I began writing this piece by googling “how do you make soil fertile?” which should tell you everything you need to know about my own abilities as a gardener.

I remember seeing a packet of seeds in the store one summer as a child and convincing my mother to buy them. They were delphiniums, which bloom into a beautiful cone shape if you know what you’re doing. Alas, I didn’t. I chose for my garden a particularly dry spot of earth right next to my backyard playset, scattered the seeds, congratulated myself, and went on my merry way. I returned occasionally to water the area, but only when I remembered to.

Nothing grew, not even a little sprout. I was more than heartbroken — my faith was shaken. I had planted these seeds! I had watered them! (A little.) There was sunlight! All my childhood books and rhymes said this was all you needed. Was it all a lie?

Of course it wasn’t a lie. Seeds need soil, sunlight, water, and oxygen — good soil, adequate sunlight for whatever the plant is, and consistent water.

So what seeds need more than anything is a gardener. (At least, delphiniums do.)

When I hear the parable of the rich soil and the rocky ground in the Gospel of Matthew, I often miss the point. I think Jesus is trying to give me a message about how I should be. “Be better.” That’s what I think he’s telling me.

I forget that I am only the soil. I cannot enrich myself; all my efforts to do so will come to nothing. What he is telling me is to ask the gardener: “Make me what I need to be.”

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I’m afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don’t be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because He has faith in you!

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

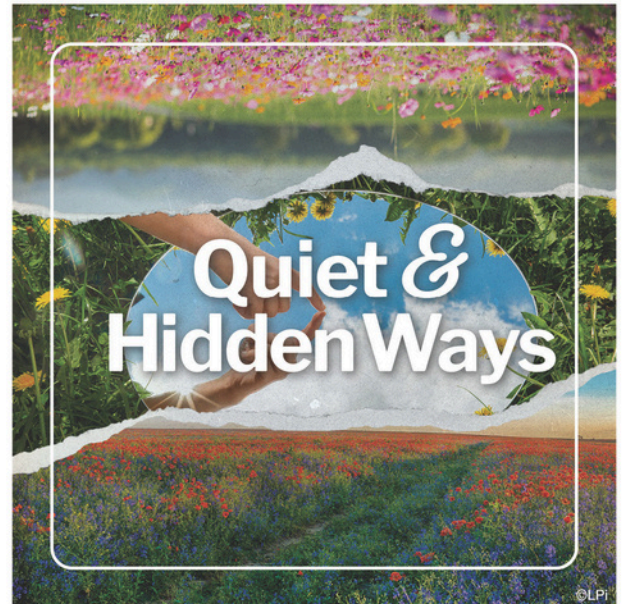
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

My word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful
harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
(Rom 8:18)

Gospel:

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people
longed to see what you see but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Mt 13:17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word
of God, but we must be careful gardeners.
Be conscious of what damages and depletes
the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what
nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word
can bloom forth into the world.

Observances for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Henry
Tuesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Forgiveness is love in action. It is
mercy extended for no other reason
than a desire to be like God, who
forgives us out of sheer goodness.
The Catechism says that forgiveness
proves that "love is stronger than
sin."

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,
Bless our efforts in Your Name.
Help us to understand Your will.
Allow us to follow the invitation You
have provided.
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

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Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation
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1st Wednesday of the month (Will RESUME in the Fall)

Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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