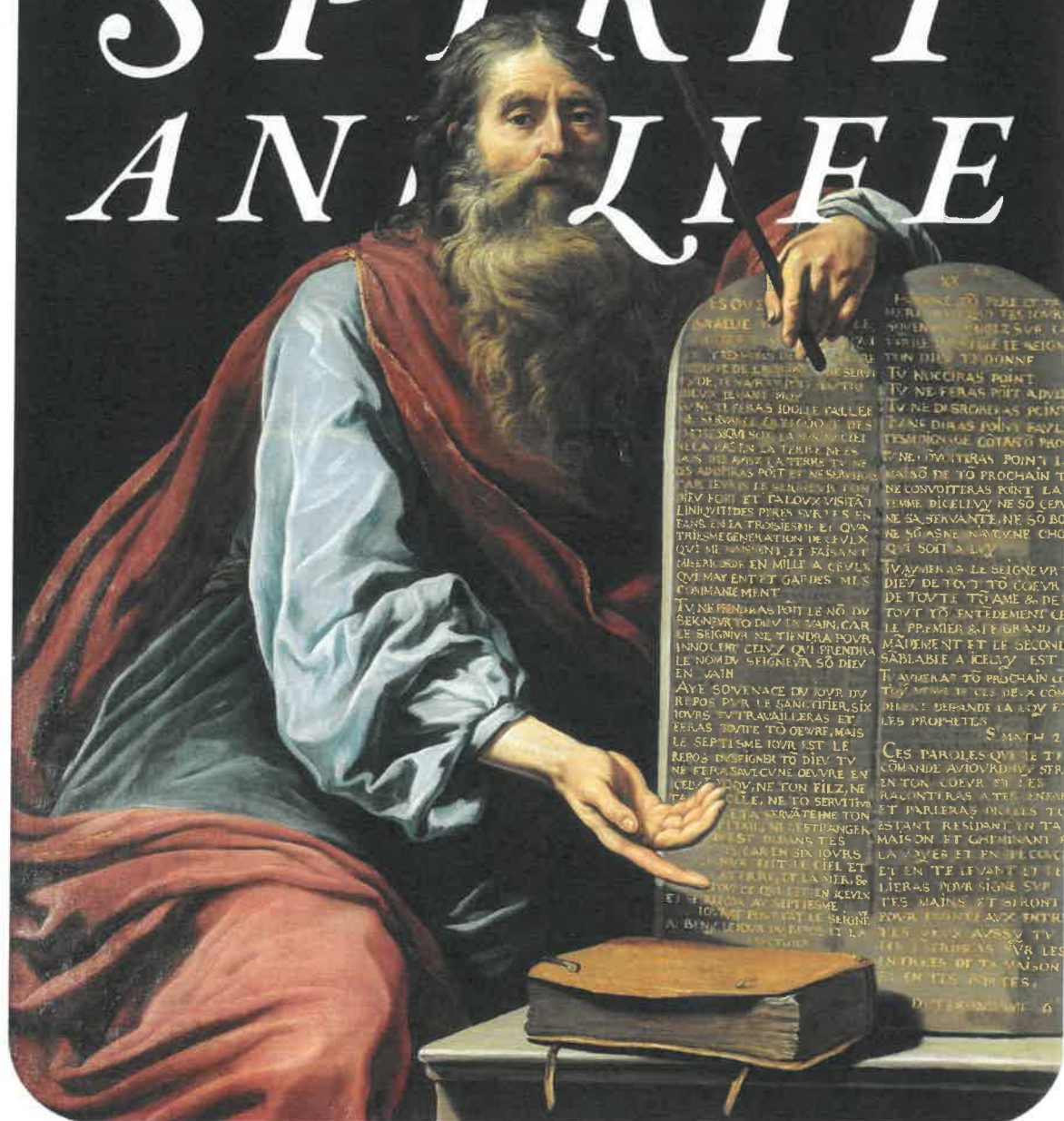


YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE
SPIRIT
AND LIFE





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
 14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 July 12, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

July 11	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn +Frances & Marget Quigley req. by Pat Poll Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 15	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Steve Niemiec req. by The Cakora Family +Hailey Donzella req. by Tina Plunk Quigley
July 18	5:45m	+Dan Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 22	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Steve Niemiec req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella
July 25	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Steve & +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
July 11	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
July 18	Mark May	P. Engler
July 25	Sue Nugent	C. Smith

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 12, 2026**

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

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

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 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, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

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

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
BEST WISHES TO
AMY YOUNKER &
JASON HOUSER
WHO WERE UNITED IN
MARRIAGE SATURDAY
AFTERNOON**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
7/04/2026**

Sunday - \$1,229.00

Maintenance - \$540.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15
Thank you for your faith filled support.

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
JULY**

For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection
of human life in all its stages, recognizing
it as a gift from God.

Please Remember our sick: especially:

Ralph Kuntz, Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori, Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson,, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



God can't be outdone

Years ago, Chris and Nena Lavoie began welcoming seminarians into their home for a meal and a blessing. Over time, 10 or 12 young men gathered around their table. They couldn't have known that this simple hospitality was planting a seed in their own son, Joshua, now a priest for the Diocese of Joliet, ordained just a few weeks ago. The diocese walked with Fr. Josh through eight years of formation. For the Lavoies, giving to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is one way to walk with the next young man, and the next.



The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$5,585.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$5,130.00

DONORS - 23



Father Sebastian has relocated to his new Parish in Carol Stream.

He will still help us as much as he can

Let's get together after Mass on July 25 and thank him for his continuing help.

Check your schedule and sign up to attend. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
COME AND PRAY
FOR OUR PARISH**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parables, Anyone?

When Jesus answers the apostles' question about why he speaks in parables, it may seem as if he is using them to confuse people. We know he is trying to spread the good news of God's kingdom. So he talks to the crowds in parables, easily understood stories that usually have a moral or that end with a question for the hearers. He uses these stories to teach the crowd.

Jesus threw out parables like a farmer sowing seeds. Some of them fell on the ears of those who would be disciples. But most fell on the ears of people not ready to understand. So how do we receive his word? Do we hear it without understanding, letting it go in one ear and out the other? Do we hear it joyfully, but then forget it when troubles or difficulties come along? Do we listen to the word but ignore it in the face of some later temptation?

If we want the word to grow strong in us, we can take steps to help ourselves understand it. We can come to church early and spend a few minutes with the readings before Mass. After Mass we can talk about the readings or the homily with our family over breakfast. We can pick out one practical point to practice that week.

Keeping the word in difficult times is not easy. The cross teaches us to expect troubles, but we have to endure them to really learn that we can go through suffering to a new life.

To be strong enough to resist temptations, we have to decide each day that we want to follow Jesus' word. We can pray for that strength and ask God to help us remember that word when temptations come. And we can decide to stay away from the places, people, or situations that so tempt us.

God's word can be likened to a ball game. We can sit back and watch, not really involved or caring who wins. Or we can jump in and participate and make the game ours. Let us ask God how we can take the word and run with it. - Tom Schmidt

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

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Taking the Time to Rest

I'd like you to take a moment and trace the past week of your life. Other than sleeping, did you take *any* intentional rest? We just finished the Independence Day holiday here in the United States. If you live in the US, did you squeeze in every last bit of work in the office before closing your computer for the holiday? Did you actually sign off from work for the holiday? Or did you try to multitask, only to find yourself zipping and zagging between sporting events, and reading work emails on your phone during backyard barbecues, without ever actually resting?

If you've ever felt more tired after a holiday than before, chances are that today, you feel like a burnt-out sparkler. I have a consolation for you: today's Gospel reading is especially for you because in it Jesus tells us to rest.

If we rest in Scripture today, we are privileged to hear a sacred conversation. We hear Jesus resting in prayer with the Father. "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth," Jesus says. The prayer in verses 25-27 is one of only three places in which Matthew records Jesus' prayers with God the Father. The second instance is in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt 26:39, 42), and the third is Jesus's last words on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

After concluding his prayer today, Jesus shares the intimacy of the relationship between Son and Father, with those around him. "[N]o one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the son *and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him*" (Mt 11:27).

After this statement comes an invitation to rest. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Commentators note that the rest that Jesus gives is the peace which surpasses all understanding (Phil 4:7). It is also the invitation to discipleship, for we know that following Jesus brings "rest for your souls" (11:29). Through resting in Jesus, Jesus reveals the Father to us for Jesus opens up the possibility of eternal union with God in heaven.

The first step toward unity with God today is simple: just rest. Spend time with this Gospel passage. Resist the urge to check your phone and just rest. Accomplish in prayer what Jesus asks of you today: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden" . . . "Take my yoke upon you" . . . "learn from me." (11:28-29)