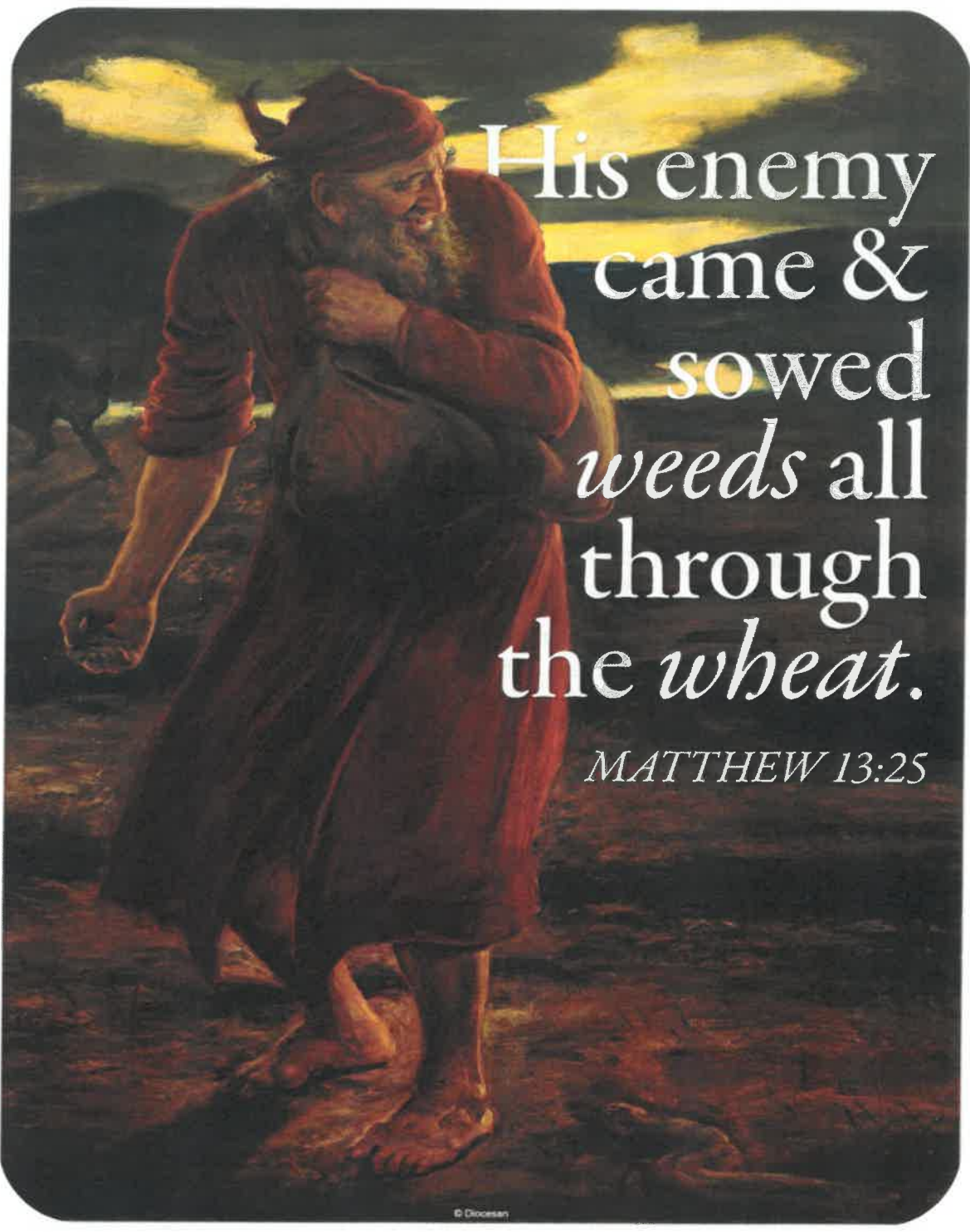




His enemy
came &
sowed
weeds all
through
the *wheat*.

MATTHEW 13:25



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 19 , 2026

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Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

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	5:15pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Steve & +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 29	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan +Judy Stromski req. by The Family
August 1	5:45pm	Special Intention Carmen & Jerry Kinsella— 50th wedding Anniversary +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
July 18	Mark May	P. Engler
July 25	Sue Nugent	C. Smith
August 1	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of July 19, 2026**

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

Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday Feast of Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
7/12/2026**

Sunday - \$1,716.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15

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Thank you for your faith filled support.

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**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Kingdom
Field
Asleep
Enemy
Weeds
Wheat
Harvest
Barn
Spoke
Fulfill



SUNDAYKIDZ

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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



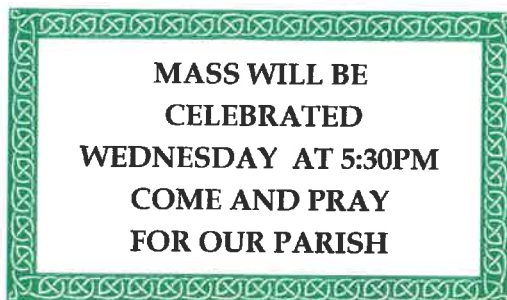
Father Sebastian has relocate to his new Parish in Carol Stream.

He will still help us as much as he can

Lets get together after Mass on July 25 and thank him for his continuing help.

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

**NOTE: NEXT SATURDAY ONLY
MASS WILL BEGIN AT
5:15 PM**



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

The Vineyard of Faith

Today's Gospel message is one that I struggle with quite often. I find myself saying, "I got here first" or "I've been waiting longer". Sometimes I ask myself, "I've worked harder and longer. Why am I not reaping the same benefits or rewards and someone else who has not worked as hard or as long as I have?" Then I hear this parable and am immensely humbled. How many people serve God in a greater capacity than I do? A ton! Great saints like John Paul II, Gemma Galgani, Jose Luis Sánchez, and Martin of Porres dedicated their lives to Christ and His Church. Comparatively, I do very little. But rather than resigning myself to the fact that I may never "measure up" to their faith, I look to the saints as inspiration for my own life and I ask for their intercession. And what about those who have not yet come to the faith? Would we reject them just because they are coming to the faith later than we are? Absolutely not! We welcome them with open arms because we are grateful that they have come to know the same love of God that we know.

Today's Gospel serves as a humbling reminder that God is generous and merciful. He desires us to be united with Him in His Heavenly Kingdom whether we come to His vineyard at 5 years old or 95. It is not an effort of ours or merit we can earn that grants us God's love. Rather, He loves without condition and makes His love equally available to all.

When we come to God's vineyard, He envelops us in His love, which we hear about in today's Responsorial Psalm. Every time I hear Psalm 23, I think of myself in preschool. I don't have many memories of preschool; in fact, I don't even remember my teacher's name or the names of any of my classmates. What I do remember, however, is being taught Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." For a long time, I wondered why that Psalm and why at such a young age? Looking back now, I think I understand. Our teacher wanted us all to be confident of God's everlasting love for us. If we know that love at a young age we can grow up knowing Him and loving Him, and even bring more laborers to His beautiful vineyard.

May we always remember the love of God and may we continue working as laborers in his vineyard.

Patient Waiting

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a wheat field, like a mustard seed, like yeast. What do all these have in common? Time. Each requires patience in order for their work to be complete.

A sower plants a wheat field and an enemy sows weeds shortly after. The sower doesn't know about this unhappy circumstance until the seeds begin to grow and show themselves for what they are. Rather than showing displeasure, the sower chooses patience. He tells his servants to wait for the crop to be full grown before handling the problem of the weeds. His patience doesn't change the situation, but it does create the space for the seeds to do their work.

The same patience is needed for mustard seeds. Seeds need time to germinate, often at least a week. For that week it looks like the sower has nothing to show for the work he has done. The soil just sits there, all the work is happening below the surface away from curious eyes. If the sower doesn't wait and digs up the seeds to see if they are growing, they will die.

Yeast works in a similar way. It's so small we cannot see it at work. But step away from the flour, water, and salt for a few hours and the evidence will be plain that a great change has taken place.

The Kingdom of Heaven is just like the wheat field, the seed, the yeast. It is a present reality and at the same time is developing, anticipating, growing. We live in the midst of the Kingdom of God and we still have work to do to bring about the Kingdom of God.

We usually talk about the end times and the fulfillment of the Kingdom during the close of the liturgical year and into Advent. But I think it's so good that the Church brings it to our attention today, right in the middle of Ordinary Time. The Kingdom of Heaven is here, even if here is on vacation. The Kingdom of Heaven is here even when our usual routines and schedules are upside down. No matter what sort of Ordinary Time we are experiencing, the Kingdom of Heaven is in the midst of it.

We can learn so much about God from the sower. He doesn't get anxious or overreact when he finds out about the weeds in his carefully planted field. He doesn't say to scrap the whole project or abandon it to the birds. He continues to care and tend for the field as he intended to, giving the wheat the chance to be stronger than the weeds. As baptized children of God, we receive this same care and love. We are accompanied and cherished by God, even when the weeds try to grow tall all around us.

By Kate Taliaferro