



14TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

— Luke 10:2



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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14th Sunday

In Ordinary Time

July 6, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

July 5	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Alan & Roberta Stauffenberg Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 12	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer & +Grace Niemiec Req. by St. Patrick CCW Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 19	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Cakora Family Parish Family of S. Patrick
July 26	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 6/29/2025

\$2,257.00

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

LECTORS

July 12 Sue Nugent

July 19 Sherrie Ashley

Our Blessed Mother Candle

Is Burning for

**THE PARISH FAMILY OF
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Our St. Joseph Candle

Is Burning for

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 6, 2025

Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday Gn 28: 10-22a; Ps 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab;
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15; Mt 9: 32-38

Wednesday Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:
2-3, 10-11, 18-19, Mt 10:1-7

Thursday Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-
17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40; Mt 10: 16-23

Saturday Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring glad
tidings to the poor. He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of
sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go
free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to
the Lord. Luke 4: 18-19

Please Remember our sick; especially: Jim Kreske,
Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Marshall &
Duncan Lorenzen, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe
& Carol Price, Beth Oniel, Bernice & Dominick Ma-
rino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken
Smith, Laura Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long,
Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life. - James Field

The Call to Discipleship

Imagine being one of these seventy-two disciples. The twelve Apostles had been sent out on a similar mission (Luke 9:1-6.) Their lives had already changed dramatically. Each had given up everything to follow Jesus. They saw in Christ the fulfillment of the promise made to their people, and they longed to be with Him. Then, things changed when the Twelve were called to go out into the world and show the power and authority that Christ had given to them. The students became teachers, and word of the Messiah spread.

In today's Gospel, things are changing again. The call of the Twelve is becoming the call of the seventy-two because "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Though these disciples are not given the full authority that the Twelve received in their mission, Jesus appoints dozens of those who have come to believe in Him to go and get other places ready to receive Him. His instructions echo those he had given His Apostles. He essentially instructed them, "Go into towns with nothing, stay with whoever welcomes you, eat whatever they feed you. Tell them about Me, so they are ready to receive Me."

What must they have felt? Unsure, incapable, unworthy? But like the Twelve, they went. Humbly, they trusted in Jesus, and they went on their mission. And they were successful. While he was still with them, Jesus, the perfect teacher, had given the Twelve, and then the Seventy-Two, a taste of what they would be called to do with the Holy Spirit when He was gone.

When the disciples returned rejoicing, He taught them again. They were understandably amazed and delighted by what they had been able to do in Jesus' name, but we hear Christ's call again to humility: "Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Our Pope and our Bishops follow a direct line of succession from those first twelve Apostles. Peter was eventually handed the keys of the Kingdom, and that call to teach and spread the truth of the Gospel has been carried forth ever since by our leadership. From the start, though, they were not expected to do it alone. Those who were given the gift of faith were also called to help spread the word.

If you are reading this today, then somewhere along the way, you heard the Gospel, and you have come to know the Messiah. Your heart has been touched, and your life has been changed. Now, humbly trusting in the One who called you, you are asked to go out into the world and make the way for Jesus to reach new hearts. How? Speak up, invite, and love completely, remembering that any heart touched is done *through* you, not *by* you. What a privilege it is to be that instrument. Doing so, you won't have to imagine being one of the seventy-two anymore; you will be among them.

By Pamela Kavanaugh