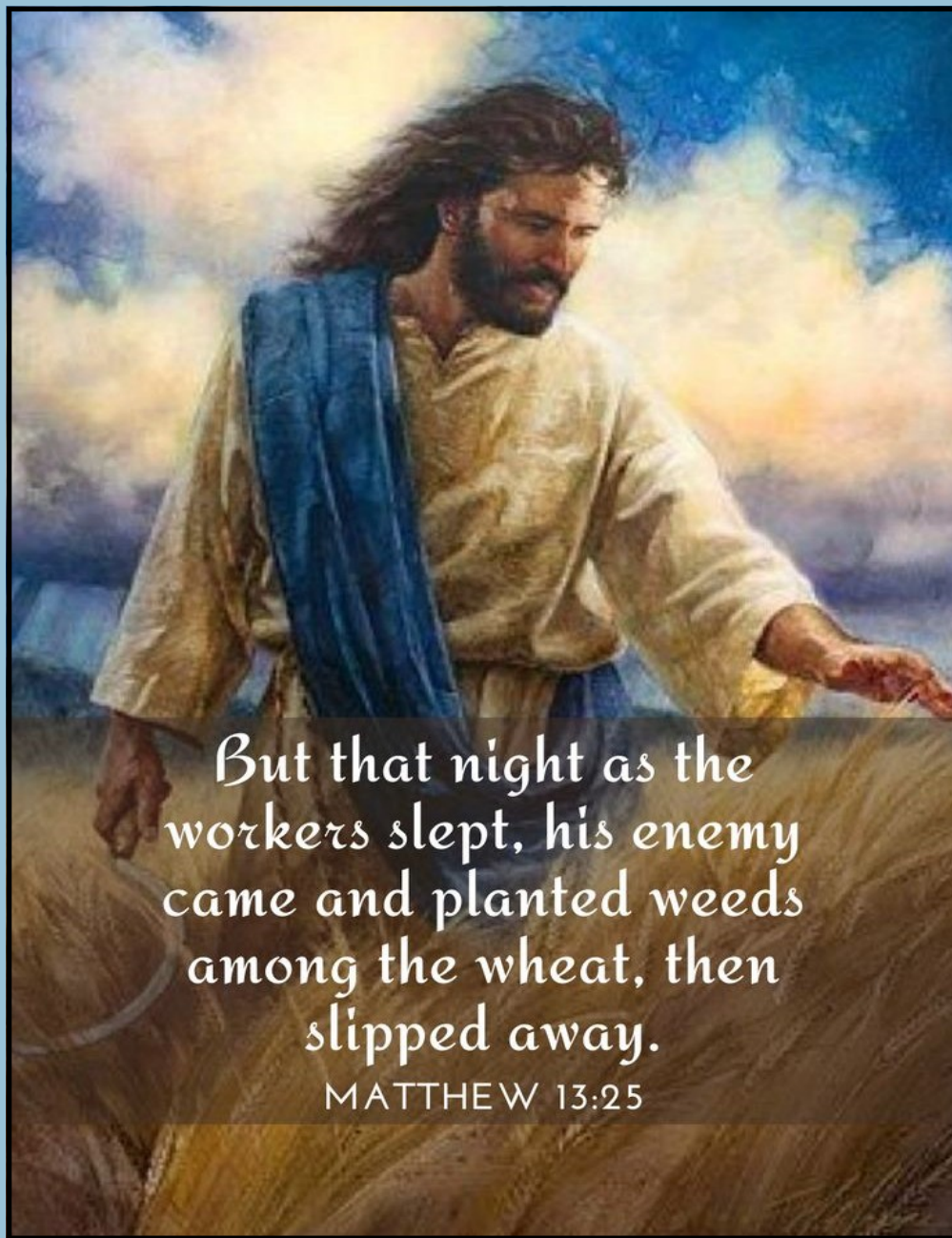


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Sunday, July 23, 2023

Reflection for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A taken from YoungCatholics.com

The parables of the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast, found in Matthew 13:24-43, the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, offer insights into the power of God's Kingdom in our lives. These parables challenge us to reflect on our hearts, choices, and the potential hidden within seemingly small aspects of our existence. They invite us to acknowledge our imperfections, nurture the good within us, and strive for spiritual growth. By embracing self-reflection, trust in God's work, and the influence we have on others, we create space for God's grace to transform us and bring forth abundant fruits of love, mercy, and compassion.

Nurturing the Wheat Within

The parable of the wheat and weeds, found in the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, challenges us to reflect on our hearts and choices. We all have moments of goodness and weakness, love and selfishness. Recognizing our imperfections humbles us and invites self-reflection.

The parable urges us to protect the wheat within us and uproot the weeds. We nurture the good while striving for spiritual growth, repentance, and conversion. By embracing this process, we create space for God's grace to transform us, bearing abundant fruits of love, mercy, and compassion.

Unveiling Hidden Potential

The parable of the mustard seed, also found in the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, reveals the extraordinary potential in seemingly small aspects of our lives. Small acts of faith and love can have a significant impact when nurtured. It challenges our perception of value, reminding us that God's kingdom works humbly.

Simple acts of kindness, compassion, and faithfulness can ripple through lives, contributing to the growth of God's kingdom. Embracing small opportunities for love and service, we trust that God brings greatness through our humble efforts, cultivating a receptive heart for His transformative grace.

Unleashing Influence

The parable of the yeast, presented in the Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, teaches us about the transformative power of God's Kingdom. Just as yeast leavens dough, our smallest actions infused with faith and love can have far-reaching effects. Our choices and interactions matter.

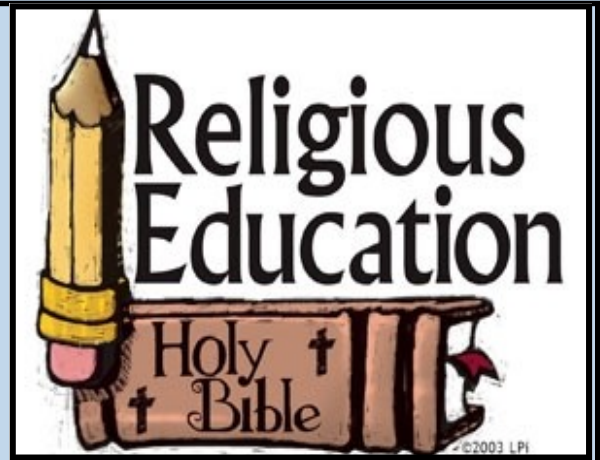
We can influence others through our words, actions, and attitudes, becoming agents of positive change. By embracing our personal witness and allowing faith to permeate our lives, we become vessels for God's grace, spreading love and bringing forth goodness, joy, and hope in our communities and the world.

Reflection Questions for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

- How do you respond when you encounter "weeds" or challenges in your life or community?
- Are there areas in your life where you struggle to distinguish between the "wheat" (goodness) and the "weeds" (sin or negativity)? How can you discern and address them?
- In what ways can you actively protect and nurture the "wheat" in your own heart and in the world around you?
- Reflect on a small act of faith, love, or kindness that had a significant impact in your life or the life of someone else. How did it grow and spread?
- Are there areas in your life where you underestimate the potential of small, everyday actions? How can you embrace and maximize the power of small acts in your relationships, work, and community?
- How can you cultivate an attitude of trust and patience in God's work, knowing that even the smallest efforts can yield remarkable results?
- Consider the influence you have on others through your words, actions, and attitudes. Are you spreading the "yeast" of love, hope, and faith in your interactions?
- How can you be intentional about infusing your everyday life with the transformative power of God's Kingdom?

RE Registration

RE Registration for the 2023-2024 RE school year is now open!!!



Please pick up your registration and schedule on the rectory porch

Deadline to return registrations is August 25, 2023.



Saturday
July

29

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST MARYS PARISH CENTER

LOCATION: Parish Center
300 West St Marys St, Minooka
APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED/WALK INS WELCOME
Please book an appointment online at link below:-
<https://bit.ly/knightsforcolumbus07-29>
OR Scan QR Code
Donate for a chance to win a \$1,000 in e-gift cards
so you can stream your favorite movie or download
the latest game all year long!*



*NO PURCH. NEC. MI, OH, IL, IN, and WI residents
only; 18+. Ends 7/31/23. One drawing; two (2)
winners. Enter by blood donation or online. See
Official Rules and online entry form at
versiti.org/stream. Sponsor: Versiti, Inc., 655 N. 15th
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St. Mary's Golf Outing 2023

Monday, September 11

The Creek 5355 Saratoga Rd.

Morris, Illinois 60450

50/50 Drawing

Raffle Baskets

Live and Silent Auctions

Challenge Holes



Registration begins at 11:00am

Shot Gun Start is at 12:00 Noon

Dinner is at 5:00pm

If interested in donating a Raffle Basket or giving a Donation,
please contact Deb Bols at 815-210-8351

or

the rectory at 815-467-2233. Thank you.

Raffle Mania V Drawing For July

***Thank you to all who have purchased tickets,
you can still purchase a ticket
By Seeing Kathy in the Rectory***



\$100 Winner – Jim Harvey

\$50 Winner - Tom Meade

\$25 Winner – Marcia White

\$25 Winner - Pat Ukockis

Dearly Departed

**Please pray for Gloria Maxwell who
was called to heaven on 7/7/2023.**



Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish Family

**Denise Tonarelli
Kimberly Gaydula
Paul Thien Phu
Ken Fosen
Tim Kilroy**

**Sara Lovell
Wren Wagoner
Jerry Davidson
Baker Family
Bayley Webb**

**Lorenzo Benitez
Marlena Benitez
Judy Stafford
Ruth Kesselring
Olivia Arenella
Lisa Pelton**

**Robert Fonck
Marilyn Wilkens
Gerald Magolan
Paisly Schad**

**Jerry Moreno
Emily
Connie Hamilton
Noreen Benda
Greg Votta
John Sartori**

**If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please email
st.marysminooka@sbcglobal.net or call the parish office at 815-467-2233.**

Mass Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	From
Saturday, July 22	4:00pm- 4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Irene Davidson	Helen Furto Family
Sunday, July 23	7:30am	Don Ruettiger	Cathy Glover
	9:00am	Don & Eleanor Bersano	Family & Friends
	11:00am	Colleen McEvilly Kapsch	The Family
Monday, July 24	8:30am	Martha Elizabeth Hilt	Ken & Jackie Bersano
Tuesday, July 25	8:30am	Al & Marianne Keehl	The Family
Wednesday, July 26	830am	Parishioners	
Thursday, July 27	8:30am	Fr. Mark Fracaro	
Friday, July 28	8:30am	Pat & Mickey McDonald & John Brown	The Family
Saturday, July 29	4:00pm- 4:45pm	Confession	
	5:00pm	Ray DelMastro	The DelMastro Family
		Bob Guedel	Diane & Gene Maubach
Sunday July 30	7:30am	Don Ruettiger	Bernie & Ray Madson
	9:00am	Gloria Maxwell	CCW
	11:00am	Jack & Phyllis Hoyland	The Family


Candles were lit this week for:

Pat & Mickey
McDonald
John Brown

Police &
Firefighters
Gloria Ziebler

If you would like a candle lit outside for a special intention, please call the Parish Office at 815-467-2233.



 Liturgical Ministries	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Saturday, July 29 5:00pm	Brooklyn Lehner	Carolyn Healy	Pat Favero
Sunday, July 30 7:30am	Kasey Looney Kevin Looney	Rose Ruettiger	John Jun Marie Moretti
Sunday, July 30 9:00am	Volunteer	Chris Gregory	Erica Schramm Sydney Yunker
Sunday, July 30 11:00am	Sara Folsom Alex Folsom	Brue Ukockis	Kathy Williamson Jane Spray

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As Catholics. We are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing free, online will writing tools. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations.

Get started at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.



Collection Totals for the Weekend of:

July 8/9, 2023

	Collected	Online	Online	Total
Weekly Offering	\$14,357.00	\$3,379.00	\$2,194.00	\$19,930.00
Foundation for Faith	\$857.00	\$105.00	\$75.00	\$1,037.00
Major Maintenance	\$672.00	\$73.00	\$40.00	\$785.00
Needy in Community	\$567.00	\$153.00	\$95.00	\$815.00
Peters Pence	\$1,596.00	\$85.00	\$110.00	\$1,791.00
Diocesan Priests	\$302.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.00
YTD Weekly Offering Collected	\$25,433.35			
YTD Weekly Offering Needed	\$17,764.70			



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Weekend Masses-

Saturday- 5:00pm

**Sunday- 7:30am, 9am Livestream
and 11am**

Weekday Masses -

daily at 8:30am

Confession-

**Saturday's 4pm-4:45pm
in the Church**

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the office