

Office hours are Wednesday & Thursday  
7:30 am—5:30 pm.

Emergency Contact Corinne at 715-250-2109 or  
Father David at 920-228-1814. Thank-you.

**Father David Greskowiak—Administrator**  
**Sunday 7/05/2026 = \$1,285.00 Attend. = 65**  
**Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27**

**Mass Intentions—**

**7/12/26—**Bill & Ealine Letter by Troy & Anita  
Wegner

**7/19/26—** 60th Wedding Anniversary for James  
& Elizbeth Hackel

**Mass Servers –**

**7/12/26—** Malachi Gray, Jamesen Boerst

**7/19/26—** Alex & Reagan Krings

**Ministers of the Word –**

**7/12/26—** Jerry Nowak

**7/19/26—** Sam Krings

**Hospitality**

**7/12/26—** Bernie Weier, Amy Guyette

**7/19/26—** Keith Pennings, Charlie Herb

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**

**Wednesday, August 19 4—6 PM**  
**Saturday, August 22 9—11 AM**



**Thank you for all the donations so far this year!! Our**  
**Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is having an All You**  
**Can Eat Taco dinner Fundraiser at Ascension Lutheran**  
**Church on Tues. July 21, 2026 from 4-6:30pm. Cost:**  
Adults \$10, Kids age 5-11 \$6 Under Age 4 can eat free  
with an adult. Please text Lori Mack at 920-428-6240  
if you can provide a pan of bars to go along with the  
Taco dinner. Also, if there are any Confirmation  
students that can help serve and cleanup, it would be  
greatly appreciated!

**Happy Birthday!**

**July 16** Russell Letter, Gary Hartlaben;  
**17** Sophi Mastey, Jerad Beschta, Melany Peters;  
**18** Lori Mackowiak; **20** Branden Strayer; **21** Carter  
Balthazor, Ardella Nelson; **23** Kris Erb; **25** Garrett  
Krings; **30** Jennifer Weier; **31** Bernie Weier

Posters for the picnic will be available next week so if  
you have a destination that you would like to place a  
poster they will be in the church entrances and at the  
office.

**Reflection on 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: “*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year A, Sunday July 12, 2026*” found on the “Young  
Catholics” website—[young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com):

**The Power of God’s Word**

The first reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
compares God’s word to rain that nourishes the earth. Just as rain  
makes plants grow, God’s word brings life and change. It is not empty  
or wasted but always accomplishes what God intends. This reminds  
us that when we listen to His word, it has the power to shape our  
lives.

Sometimes, people hear God’s word but do not allow it to take root.  
Distractions, doubts, or fear can keep it from growing in their hearts.  
But just as rain softens dry ground, God’s word can soften hearts that  
are closed off. If we let it, it can change our thoughts, actions, and the  
way we see the world. God’s word is not just for individuals. It  
spreads like rain over the whole world, bringing life to those who  
accept it. It calls people to love, to seek justice, and to trust in God’s  
plan. This means that every person has a part in making the world  
more like God wants it to be...

**Struggles and Hope in Faith**

The second reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A  
speaks about suffering and hope. St. Paul says that the struggles of  
this life are small compared to the glory that is coming. He compares  
the world’s pain to the pains of childbirth, showing that something  
greater is being prepared.

Faith is not always easy. People face challenges, doubts, and moments  
of weakness. Sometimes, it may feel like God is far away. But just as  
a woman in labor endures pain for the joy of new life, believers must  
endure difficulties with hope. God is working, even when it is hard to  
see. Creation itself is waiting for renewal. Paul reminds us that all  
things will one day be made new. This promise gives strength to those  
who are tired or discouraged. The suffering of the present is  
temporary, but God’s promises last forever...

**Preparing Our Hearts for God’s Word**

The Gospel for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A tells the  
parable of the sower. Jesus describes different kinds of soil, showing  
how people respond to God’s message. Some are open and ready,  
while others are distracted or unprepared. This parable helps us reflect  
on the state of our own hearts. Some people hear God’s word but do  
not understand it. Like seeds on a path, the message is quickly lost.  
Others accept it but give up when difficulties arise. They have no  
strong roots. Some start with good intentions, but worries and desires  
choke their faith, like thorns growing among the plants.

The best soil is rich and ready. It allows the seed to take root and  
grow. This represents those who listen to God’s word, take it  
seriously, and live by it. Their faith grows, and they produce good  
fruits of love, kindness, and truth...Are we allowing faith to grow?  
When we make space for God, His word will take root and bear fruit  
in our lives.

Parish Council Meeting Thursday July 16 at 6 PM following

**More Thoughts on America’s 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: “*One Nation Under God? Catholic Perspectives on America at 250,*” written  
by Austin Mernagh, dated 25 June 2026, and found on the “Denver Catholic” website—[www.denvercatholic.org](http://www.denvercatholic.org).  
(Please note—this is a 2-part article that will be shared over two weeks.)

**Part 1**

Growing up in the Midwestern United States, I have fond memories as a kid on the 4th of July. Fireworks going off on  
every street, family and friends gathering around and enjoying homemade dishes and barbecue.

The one thing that stood out the most was the presence everyone gave each other. We all understood the significance  
and history of the holiday, but we made more of an effort to be there for one another, to ask how life is going and to  
enjoy one another’s company. Going down to the park pool, playing wiffleball in the front yard, and ending the night  
with fireworks, all surrounded by the people who cared for and loved me the most, nothing could top it.

This love of neighbor, as I saw it exemplified among my friends and family in a simple way, is what I think Catholics  
in America need most today and into the United States’ next 250 years.

**The Start**

When the founding fathers began the American experiment two and a half centuries ago, they did so with the vision  
that all human beings possess inherent dignity, an uncoercible conscience, and the power to come together to form a  
government for the people and by the people, as Abraham Lincoln would later put it.

At the core of the United States’ founding are deeply Catholic ideals: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all  
men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life,  
liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

These founding principles gave Americans a standard for being virtuous, and continue to light the way for Americans  
today. These values, our call to love our neighbor, and our successes and failures to follow through on both have  
shaped the United States’ first 250 years, and have much to teach us looking toward our next 250.

**Love Your Country, Authentically**

The Christian call to love our neighbor extends far beyond the occasional encounter every year on the cul-de-sac with  
a lawn chair and a burger. It extends to our local communities, parishes, schools, and, on a larger scale, our country.

Patriotism, the rightly-ordered love for our country, is more than a feeling. It’s a virtue that one can, and should, grow  
in. It is grounded in the love of neighbor and is shaped by our desire for personal holiness. Nationalism, on the other  
hand, is a dangerous obsession with our country that uses it against the common good of others. Understanding what  
true patriotism is can help us grow in the virtue of authentically loving our country.

In his 1995 address to the United Nations, Pope St. John Paul II highlighted the dangers of falling into nationalism,  
mistaking it for patriotism. “True patriotism never seeks to advance the well-being of one’s own nation at the expense  
of others. For in the end, this would harm one’s own nation as well: doing wrong damages both aggressor and victim,”  
he taught. “Nationalism, particularly in its most radical forms, is thus the antithesis of true patriotism, and today we  
must ensure that extreme nationalism does not continue to give rise to new forms of the aberrations of  
totalitarianism.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church also clarifies this distinction in paragraph 2239: “It is the *duty of citizens* to  
contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The  
love and service of *one’s country* follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to  
legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political  
community.” **Part 2—Next Week**

Perry Pierre is here today selling tickets for the Parish Picnic. Please feel free to catch up with him after mass. If you are  
**NOT** able to buy your ticket(s) this week please contact Corinne in the office.

**Picnic Planning** We are looking for donations: **12—packs of soda Sundrop, Pepsi, Coke, Sprite, & Root Beer (Regular  
and Diet).** We will be sponsoring a car show over by the Ball Diamond and we would like to see if anyone has a golf cart to  
shuffle people over therefor the day. You can hand in your tickets sales anytime, if you are interested in donating your time  
or any item that we will need, please contact the office. Let’s make this a memorable event.