

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 7/12/2026 = \$874.00 Attend. = 61
Amount needed per week - \$ 1,583.27

Mass Intentions—

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

7/26/26— Living & Deceased family members of
Tom & Carol Weyenberg

Mass Servers –

7/19/26— Alex & Reagan Krings

7/26/26— Malachi Gray, Jared Peters

Ministers of the Word –

7/19/26— Sam Krings

7/26/26— Troy Wegner

Hospitality

7/19/26— Keith Pennings, Charlie Herb

7/26/26— Karen VanLanen, Barb Erb

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!!*



Social Concerns Meeting—Thurs. July 23 @
6:30 PM

Happy Birthday!

July 21 Carter Balthazor, Ardella Nelson; **23** Kris
Erb; **25** Garrett Krings; **30** Jennifer Weier; **31** Bernie
Weier **August 3** Emily Hodkiewicz, Mary
Loney; **4** Tony Letter; **6** Jaden Bohm; **7** Linda Bes-
chta; **10** Taylor Maroszek; **11** Pam Nowak; **12** Mar-
cus Gray, Allan McCoy; **13** Madalyn Balthazor; **16**
Karen Patza; **17** Arthur Naparella; **18** Tucker Herb;
19 Nasiya Peters; **20** Ann Bierhals, Derek Wegner;
21 Kathy Hartlaben; **22** Randy Short; **25** Malory
Short; **27** Shelly Kent; **28** Keith Zuleger, Judy Nel-
son; **31** Billy Reif, Quinn & Eli VandenHeuvel,
Kristin Evenson

Reflection on 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is an excerpt from an article titled: *“16th Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A, Sunday July 19, 2026”* found on the
“Young Catholics” website—*young-catholics.com*:

Nurturing the Wheat Within

The Gospel...tells the story of a farmer whose field has both wheat and
weeds. Instead of pulling out the weeds right away, the farmer lets
them grow together until the harvest. This parable teaches patience and
reminds us that good and bad exist side by side in the world and in our
own hearts.

We all have moments of kindness and moments of selfishness. At
times, we choose love and mercy, but other times, we fall into anger,
impatience, or sin. This parable encourages us to focus on growing the
wheat within us—the goodness that God has planted in our hearts.
Instead of worrying too much about the weeds, we should focus on
strengthening what is good...

God’s Quiet Kingdom

The Gospel...compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed.
Though it starts as the smallest of seeds, it grows into a large plant.
This parable teaches that God’s kingdom does not come with sudden
power but grows slowly and quietly over time. Often, people expect
God to act in big and obvious ways. They want clear signs or instant
changes...

This parable encourages patience and trust. Even when we do not see
results right away, God is still working. A simple act of kindness, a
small moment of prayer, or a quiet decision to follow Him can lead to
something much greater over time...His kingdom is growing, even
when we do not notice. We are invited to be part of that growth by
living our faith in small but meaningful ways.

Unveiling Hidden Potential

The parable of the mustard seed...shows how something small can
grow into something great. This reminds us that small beginnings
should not be ignored. God often uses what seems little or
unimportant to bring about His plan. Sometimes, people feel like their
efforts do not matter. A simple prayer, a kind word, or a small act of
love might seem too small to make a difference.

But just like the mustard seed, these small things have the potential to
grow into something much greater. God does not measure things the
way people do...What seems small today may have a big impact
later...When we are faithful in small ways, He can bring great things
from them.

Unleashing Influence

The Gospel...also speaks about yeast mixed into flour. Though the
yeast is small, it spreads through the entire dough, changing it
completely. This parable teaches that faith and love, even in small
amounts, can have a big effect. Every person has the ability to
influence others...We may not always see the results of our actions
right away. But this parable encourages us to keep living our faith,
even when it feels small. Over time, those little moments of goodness
add up and make a difference...God works through simple, everyday
moments, and each of us has the chance to be part of that.

Please stay tuned for information on the **Raising Vocations Collection**
which will commence in August.

More Thoughts on America’s 250th 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*.
(Part 1 was in last week’s bulletin.)

Part 2

An Imperfect Nation

Reflecting on the complex history of the United States as a Catholic requires us to understand both the consolations and
desolations of who we’ve been and what we’ve done in our 250 years.

Asserting that our country is perfect and that we live in a flawless land is to disregard the real moral injustices people
have experienced throughout our nation's history. In our young 250 years, we have countless stains on our country's
conscience. We’ve been prideful, selfish and greedy. We’ve been angry, violent and destructive. We’ve failed to care for
our brothers and sisters, especially the unborn, immigrant, minority, vulnerable and marginalized. Time and time again,
we’ve fallen short of the ideals set before us, disregarding our neighbors in times when they needed love the most.

Light in the Darkness

In the same vein, there is plenty to celebrate in America’s young history. If we don’t acknowledge the country’s genuine
goods, we fail to grow in the virtue of patriotism.

There are countless stories of those who gave their lives for these ideals. **Venerable Emil Kapuan** aided fellow soldiers in
a North Korean prisoner-of-war camp. **Father Mychal Judge**, a Franciscan friar, gave his life during 9/11 to anoint a
fellow first responder. **Blessed Michael McGivney** founded the Knights of Columbus, an organization to support widows,
orphans, and those in need. **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** founded the Catholic school system and advocated for the
advancement of Catholic education at a time when Catholics were discriminated against. All of these individuals
exemplified what is so great about our country: the desire to love one another, in a self-sacrificial way, by growing in
personal holiness.

Our country has given its citizens many opportunities to grow in grace, guided by the ideals of the founding fathers. The
ability to worship how we choose. Being able to show up to Mass on Sundays and live in a mostly peaceful society gives
citizens the most obvious God-given right, the freedom to worship. Having the ability to use our voices to exercise our
right to vote and to protest. Something that the pro-life movement has used at its core. Loving those around us and our
country in a well-ordered way is how we grow further in patriotism, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Next 250 Years

Looking over our history in the United States, there are many things to celebrate, and many things we need to learn from.
The beauty of this nation does not come from specific events that prompt us to take notes in a history classroom. It’s
from the people who make our country beautiful. We’re not perfect, not even close. But God is at work in all of us.

Frequently, my students ask me in class what we can do to make this country better. My honest answer? Pray and be
involved. Pray for growth in personal holiness in yourself and amongst one another. Prayer is a simple act that guides
our decision-making.

With gratitude for the great things our country has done and with humility to recognize the ways in which we’ve fallen,
let's be involved in our country, always seeking to build the Kingdom of God among us. Be outspoken about the issues
that impact the most vulnerable. Be peaceful and a voice of sincerity and holiness. Be involved at the most local level;
don’t just focus on the national stage. Some of the most profound decisions that impact us take place in our local
communities, yet most aren’t involved there.

Living patriotism in our communities will have a ripple effect, transforming our state and our nation. When well-ordered,
the virtue of patriotism isn’t separate from our relationship with God; they go hand in hand. We are one nation under
God. Always remember that God is with us, especially in uncertain times.

EVENTS

August 1—2 St Mary’s Sauerkraut Festival, Bear Creek

Tuesday July 21—Our Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is having an All You Can Eat Taco dinner Fundraiser at Ascension

Lutheran Church 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!