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| July 16, 2017 St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood **& the Catholic Cohort of Immaculate Conception, St. Maurice, St. John***Three unique parishes joined in mutual support to live and spread the gospel, provide enhanced worship* *opportunities, further faith formation, welcome and reach out in love to those in need. (Cohort Mission Statement)* |
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| **Sacramental Ministers:** **Father John Geis** and **Father William Turner**. |
| Saturday **Mass**: 4:00 PMSunday **Mass**: 10:00 AMSacrament of  **Reconciliation**Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PMSunday: 9:30-9:45 AM | Sunday **Mass**: 8:00 AMSacrament of **Reconciliation**Sunday: 7:30-7:45 | Saturday **Mass**: 6:00 PMSunday **Mass**: 12:00 noonSacrament of **Reconciliation**Saturday: 5:30-5:45PMSunday: 11:30-11:45 AM |
| **Sacrament of Baptism** is scheduled by appointment.Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. |



July 16, 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11**

**Lord of the fertile land,**

**tend our souls.**

**Render them**

**fruitful.**

**Please send us out**

**to plant your Word**

**within the whole world.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23**

**All**

**creation**

**doth groan,**

**laboring within itself,**

**eagerly looking for the growth**

**you will give it through your Spirit.**

**Oh let us see all the way into the**

**soul of this troubled world,**

**so as to be your help**

**in saving it. (Anne Osdieck)**

**SUNDAY REFLECTIONS**

Good soil is critical to the harvest. In the 1930’s, by deep-plowing, the farmers on the prairies of the high plains had ruined the land. They plowed so deep they displaced the deep-rooted grasses that trapped soil and moisture. Combined with severe droughts, devastation came. The great dust storms did the rest, displacing more than two million people.

 Today’s Gospel presents us with a parable about seeds. After many perils, only the seeds that were sown in good soil were able to grow. They yielded much grain. The parable teaches us to recognize that the seed is God’s invitation to us. We are the farmers who must prepare our soil to receive these seeds. If we are successful, then we will enjoy a bounteous spiritual harvest in our lives.

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**Saturday July 22, 6:00 PM**

 Coordinator Ron Miller

 Lector Andy Miller

 Greeters Ron Miller

 Steve Mathes

 Servers Sierra McCain

 William Tunny

 Eucharistic Dale & Rebecca

 Ministers Young

**Sunday, July 23, 12:00 Noon**

 Coordinator Kevin Tunny

 Lector Jessica Gorman

 Greeters Kevin Tunny

 Servers Mike Schmitt

 Samantha Colyer

 Eucharistic Jessica Gorman

 Ministers Kevin Tunny

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

The Sanctuary Light burns from July 16 to July 22 for Diane Earls

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH** - We extend a warm welcome to **Mark** and **Melissa Hagemann,**

our newest members to the parish! May you find Christ among us as we worship together!

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**Sunday, July 15, 6:00 PM**

+ Gene & Jeff Ogden

**Sunday, July 16, 12:00 Noon**

+ Art Simon

**Saturday, July 22, 6:00 PM**

**+** Meister Sloan Family

**Sunday, July 23, 12:00 Noon**

+ Diane Earls



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Evelyn Nimeskern Todd Castner

Henry Peters Urban Johannigman

Donnie Hoffrogge Joe Kelly

M/M/ Tom Murray Linda Bear

Janet Ward Simon C. Allison

Sue Herbert Kelly Spiller Drew Willa Amy Castner Katie Smith Mary Bruns

David Bedel Dottie Fullenkamp

Bonnie Franklin Gerald Hermesch Natalie Brown Casey Simon

Gary Payne Madeline Ronaldson Molly Ronaldson Katie Warner



**PARISH SUPPORT**

 **Sunday Collection $ 2,149.00 Diocesan Priests Education 20.00**

 **Peter’s Pence 2.00**

 **“Thank You!”**

**STEWARDSHIP**  May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred – or sixty – or thirty-fold!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** A very special "Happy Birthday" to **Eileen Kiefer** who will celebrate her **90th** birthday on July18. May the Lord bless her abundantly!

**PHOTOS FOR 150th CELEBRATION** Our 150th Committee needs your help! If anyone has photos of any parish event or happening during the last 150 years of parish life, and are willing to lend them to us for the final celebration, we would be most grateful. Simply place your pictures in an envelope with your name and phone number. Place them in a box in the back of the church. These pictures will be used to create collages of photos from the past and present. Thank you.

**FAITH FORMATION** Committee members will meet this Thursday, July 20, 4:30 PM. If you are unable to attend please call Jack Ferkinhoff.

**RCIA**  The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those who are interested in possibly joining the Catholic Faith; for those adults who have not been Confirmed but now desire this Sacrament; and those Catholics who are seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

Classes will begin the end of September and continue until Holy Week.

 If you or someone you know would like to register for the classes have them call the parish office.

**OFFICE** Sister Shirley will be out of the office this week spending a vacation with her family. She will return all calls after July 23.

Pope Francis on Twitter:



**God makes His most beautiful flowers grow among the driest stones. (May 18, 2017)**

**The firm commitment for human rights springs from an awareness of the unique and supreme value of each person. (May 20, 2016)**

**A true ecological approach knows how to safeguard the environment and justice, hearing the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (April 22, 2016)**

**Sometimes we cast the elderly aside, but they are a precious treasure: to cast them aside is an injustice and an irreparable loss. (June 17, 2014)**