

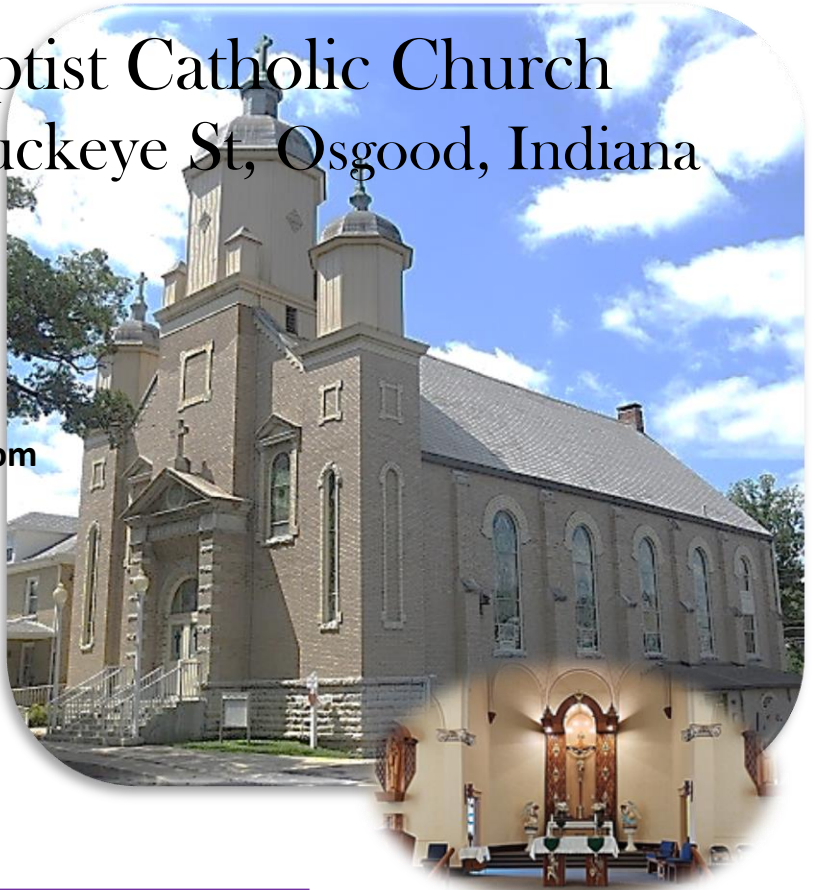
St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Weekday Mass Schedule
Tues-Wed-Fri-Sat
7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Sunday Obligation
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM
Reconciliation
Saturday – 4:45PM
Friday – 3-4PM

**"Welcome one another as
Christ has welcomed you for the
Glory of God"**

states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church. Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.
May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

July 16, 2023 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2023 - Festivity of St Mary Magdalene

Disciple of the Lord

July 23, 2023 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 16, 2023 – The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Have you ever explained something carefully and at length, and yet the “listener” misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today’s Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First, it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what is the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the ones who hear the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think, “Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.”

We are now ready to ask. “What is the real point of the story?” The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us. What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple, or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or does the allure of the world entrap me? That is the point of the story.

Bring Home the Word & Magnificat, July 2023

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11

So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty but shall do what pleases me.

Romans 8:18-23

The sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Jesus said, “Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

Reflection Questions

Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness?

- How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- Is it obvious to others that you are a disciple of Jesus?

A Word from Pope Francis

Concern for the dignity of all....became an essential part of the American spirit. During his visit to the United States in 1987, St John Paul II reminded all Americans that: “The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones.”

*Independence Hall, Philadelphia
September 26, 2015*



Prayer

Creator God, you still speak through your word and through your holy ones. Help us to hear and to heed your voice.

We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN



Stewardship

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the Word and it bears no fruit.”-

Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

That the seeds God sows in our lives may take root and lead to greater prayer, participation and generosity. We Pray to the Lord.

Prayer for the Evening

Blessed is God who sows his word in our hearts: let us give him thanks and praise.

July 23, 2023 - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us praise the Lord with believers of all nations!



Christ's parables today make this conjoined point: God in his providence will use even the apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose; out of our littleness, our emptiness, our nothingness, God's greatness will flower in an astonishing way. The parables show that our God is the God who has "the care of all"—of every situation, every circumstance, every moment. God shows his might precisely when "the perfection of his power is disbelieved." "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." We can cave into our weakness out of despair...or we can pray with faith: "Power, whenever you will, attends you."



So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field, society, even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands.

Sr Dianne Bergant, CSA
Magnificat and Bringing Home the Word, July 2023

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

As you are righteous, you govern all things righteously.

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit...comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Jesus said, "At harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Reflection Questions

The kingdom is open to all kinds of people, even the ones who seem like bad seeds.

- How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?
- Do you find it hard to let God be the judge?

A Word from Pope Francis

All too often, those most in need of our help, everywhere, are unable to be heard. You are their voice, and many of you...have faithfully made their cry heard. In this witness, which frequently encounters powerful resistance, you remind American democracy of the ideals for which it was founded, and that society is



weakened whenever and wherever injustice prevails.

Independence Hall, Philadelphia
September 26, 2015

PRAYER Merciful God, we are often quick to judge others and sometimes to lenient with ourselves. Please help us to see as you see and to do what Jesus would do.

We pray always in His name. AMEN

The Redeptorists



Stewardship

A way of living

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"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."-

Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	July 15	8:00 AM	☩ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	July 15	5:00 PM	☩ Keith Oeffinger
Sun	July 16	7:30 AM	☩ R J Mullally
Tues	July 18	8:00 AM	☩ Ruth Hamilton
Wed	July 19	8:00 AM	☩ Ruth Boughton
Fri	July 21	8:00 AM	☩ All Suicide Victims
Sat	July 22	8:00 AM	☩ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	July 22	5:00 PM	☩ Jim McCain
Sun	July 23	7:30 AM	☩ John & Lou Miller
Tues	July 25	8:00 AM	☩ Cletus & Rosella Holzer
Wed	July 27	8:00 AM	☩ Betty Castner
Fri	July 28	8:00 AM	☩ People on Prayer List
Sat	July 29	8:00 AM	☩ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	July 29	5:00 PM	☩ Emily Mathes
Sun	July 30	7:30 AM	☩ Charlie Billman

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>July 22</u>	<u>July 23</u>
Coordinator	Achleigh Simon	Sharon Voegeli
Greeter	Jeremy Simon	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	Jessica Gorman
Eucharistic M	Ron Miller	Jessica Gorman
	<u>July 29</u>	<u>July 30</u>
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Sharon Voegeli
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Gary Payne	John Holzer
Eucharistic M	Bob Green	John Holzer

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	Week of Aug 6
Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter	Week of Aug 13
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	Week of Aug 20
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	Week of July 23

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

July Needs: Soup and Canned Vegetables Thank you.




June 25	\$ 2,162.00
July 2	2,806.00
July 9	3,251.00
Capital Improvements	20.00
Peter's Pence	720.00

PARISHIONERS CAN NOW HAVE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE PARISH ON WHAT'S GOING ON.

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Amy Castner
Tim Castner
Todd Castner
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Elliott Elkins
Amy Graham
Lily Handt
Todd Holzer
Seth Hull
Keith Jarvis
Larry Kendall
David Lewis 
Linda McCain
Mark Meister
Teresita Noah
Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden
Pavi Pathak Family
Randy Simon
Dolores Simon
Pam Thomas
Darin Toops
Sharon Voegeli
Ben Zigan 

 Denotes Active Service Deployment

The Feast of Mary Magdalene



Pope Francis elevated the memory of Mary Magdalene to the status of **Festivity on July 22nd, 2016** in order to stress the importance of this faithful disciple of Christ.

Apostle of the Apostles

"Apostle of the Apostles" is the title given Mary Magdalene by St Thomas Aquinas. Her name comes from her hometown of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias. St Luke the Evangelist tells us, in Chapter 8 of his Gospel, how Jesus went from town to town announcing the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and how the Twelve Apostles were with Him together with some women who had been healed of evil spirits or infirmities and were serving them. Among these was a certain "Mary, called the Magdalene, from whom seven demons came out."