

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2020

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Psalm 19:1

Our Holy Mass

Holy Mass will continue to be offered at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

We remind you to follow guidelines for the prevention of COVID-19.

Enter through the door nearest to St. John's Club and sign in.

To protect the health and safety of all, you must wear a mask to cover both your nose and mouth.

Maintain distancing during Communion and as you leave the church. Do not congregate outside of church.

As a reminder, there will be no 8 a.m. Thursday or 5:15 p.m. Saturday Masses until September.

2020 Croatian Festival *Update*

The sights, the sounds, the delicious food - all of us will miss the fun and fellowship of our wonderful Croatian Festival. This event has been a part of St. John's legacy for more than 100 years.

Instead, we are having a *Support St. John the Baptist* fundraiser. Please consider contributing to the church the money you would normally spend at our festival on food and drink, raffles and prize donations.

In appreciation to our *Support St. John the Baptist* donors, we will share the names on social media and in the bulletins - unless someone requests to remain anonymous.

Forms were sent last week to all parishioners and members of St. John's Club. The envelope also contained forms for the annual 50/50 raffles and our traditional money raffle. All forms are available on our website and Facebook page.

We look forward to the time when we can safely celebrate our festival in Croatian style!

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Keep in touch with your friends from the parish. Send a card or note to make them smile and let them know they are in your thoughts!

Ed Grisnik
Rose Brooks
Ann Baska
Helen Podrebarac
Rich Verbeck
Fran (Turk) Granaham

These friends live in the Strawberry Hill Community of:

The Piper Place
2300 N. 113th Terrace
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Our food kitchen served 550 sack lunches and an additional 50 sandwiches on July 13.

This kind gesture is the work of many wonderful parishioners who have donated money and food items; and the volunteers who make the lunches.

Please pray for the many people who depend upon the food kitchen. A prayer card is included with each lunch to offer food for the soul.

Always remember to thank God for the many blessings you have in your life. Be kind to those who cross your path as you may not know the burdens they carry.

Mass Readings for July 19, 2020
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First Reading
(1 WIS 12:13, 16-19)

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned.

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity.

But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you.

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial Psalm
PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Harken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving. You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

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Second Reading
2 ROM 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel
MT 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?'

He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then 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."'

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.' "

He spoke to them another parable.

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into

the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Alternate Gospel

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Weekly Collection
July 5, 2020

Envelopes:	\$	4373
Maintenance:	\$	950
Candles	\$	168
Peter Pence	\$	20