

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 07/19 (XVI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 07/26 (XVII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For DIANE and ED MAKLES.*

- Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is August 23, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: JOSEPH BEDNARZ (07/22). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column“, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For NANCY and PATRICIA - new members of St. John's Parish. Welcome to our church family!

INTROIT

C: Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

R: Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Wisdom.

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.

WIS 12:13, 16-19

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, you are good and forgiving.”

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READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

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.

ROM 8:26-27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 13:24-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There is something deeply comforting in the master’s response to his eager slaves. They want to act immediately, to pull up every weed the moment it’s spotted. But the master says, "Let them grow together until harvest." How often do we want to root out imperfection - in ourselves, in others, in the Church - right now, on our own timeline? Jesus reminds us that judgment belongs to God alone, and that His patience is not carelessness but wisdom. What looks like weeds to our eyes might be wheat still finding its roots. What looks like wheat might yet reveal itself as something else. We simply don’t see as clearly as we think we do, and the temptation to play harvester before the harvest often does more damage than good.

This parable also speaks honestly about the world we live in: good and evil grow side by side, sometimes so entangled that we cannot easily separate them, even within our own hearts. Rather than despair at this mixture, we are invited to trust the patient love of the sower, who continues to tend the field even when the enemy’s work is visible. Our task is not to give up on the wheat because weeds have appeared, nor to pretend the weeds aren’t there - but to keep growing toward the light, trusting that the same God who planted good seed in us will bring the harvest to completion. In a world quick to divide people into categories of good and bad, this Gospel calls us to a humility that leaves final judgment to God, and to a hope that trusts His timing over our own.