

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023



The Parable of the Sower

May You Find Christ Here, May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables (short stories and images taken from everyday life) to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality, hidden yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear."

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do we hunger for God's word?

**Readings for Next Sunday,
July 23, 2023**
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-30

Saint of the Week... St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry as well as his death and resurrection.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

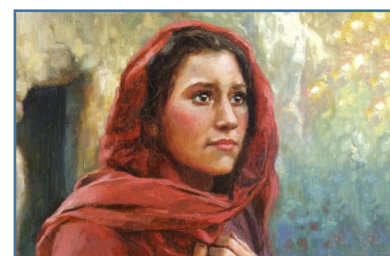
The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of converts, women, penitents and contemplation.

Source: catholic.org



Feast Day: July 22



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Reminder! Our athletic shoe drive fundraiser continues all summer to support activities planned for our Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration. To participate, simply donate any gently worn or new sneakers...any size, any condition!

Take a look in your closets, collect any athletic shoes you or your children no longer wear, and donate them! Invite your friends and neighbors to participate too! Shoes can be dropped in the tote in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Remember, the only shoes that we can accept are athletic shoes.

Parish Office Hours Week of July 17
The Parish Office hours for the week of July 17 will be Monday through Thursday from 9-12. Kathy Finnell will be covering the office while Kelli is on vacation.

Poor Box Beneficiaries

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish poor box! In the second quarter of 2023, your donations provided \$1,500 in much needed support to Food for Thought and Helping Hands.

Poor Box donations made in this quarter will benefit Catholic Charities West Virginia which serves both Mineral and Hampshire counties.

FOR IT IS IN *giving* THAT WE *receive*
- ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Our Jubilee Year will officially kick off on Sunday, September 17 with a picnic at Brookedale Farm!

More details will be shared soon about this event and the many other plans for the year!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, July 15	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Soul of Lorenzo Grubbs	Linda Marsh
Sunday, July 16	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Rosie Landis	Mike & Joanne Stickley
Monday, July 17	No Mass		
Tuesday, July 18	No Mass		
Wednesday, July 19	No Mass		
Thursday, July 20	12 noon	Intentions of Jean Harber	The Demasi Family
		Intentions of Mike Landis	Sue & Jean Harber
Friday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Tom Harman	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Intentions of Rosie Landis	Sue & Jean Harber
Saturday, July 22	4:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber	Margaret McGee
Sunday, July 23	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sue Ann Spotts.....	Mary Frances & Carlos Hickman

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.

Note there will be no Mass on Wednesday, July 19.

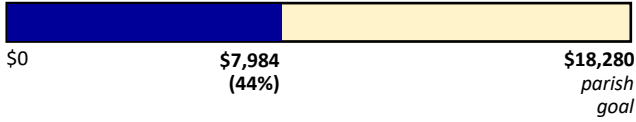


Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Jean Harber, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Anita Martel, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Assumption Parish



Our 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign continues. Remember, all donations after 50% come back to our parish! This year we will use our parish CSA funding to support the many activities planned for our 150th jubilee year which will begin this fall and continue into 2024. To make a donation, complete the pledge card you received in the mail, visit the CSA website below.

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Your Stewardship

July 8-9, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,055
Loose Donations.....	\$638
Votive Candles	\$125
Poor Box	\$382
Total	\$4,200

Attendance

Saturday, 7/8.....	78
Sunday, 7/9.....	90
Total	168

Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is being taken this weekend for the Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. All funds collected will be divided equally between these two appeals.

Thank you!



It's Donut Sunday!

Join us after Mass this Sunday (July 16) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, July 22

Lector: Celia Cole
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EM: Mere Barrick, Norma Clark (c), Eric Hatfield (c)
 Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon
 Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, July 23

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Beverley Iser, Jane Placka & Nick McKenzie
 EM: Dave Minnich, Jane Placka (c), Charlotte Delilo (c)
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Saturday, July 29

Lector: Kenny Brant
 Servers: Sue Harber & Alan Taylor
 EM: Cathy Pardee, Alan Taylor (c), Sue Harber (c)
 Greeters: Nancy Starcher & Frank Fitzwater
 Cantor: Nancy Starcher

Sunday, July 30

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
 EM: Tina Stephen, Nancy Starcher (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
 Cantor: Julie Alt

Stonerise EM

July 20 Mere Barrick
 July 27 Stacey Rhodes

The Weekly Word

Sign Up for Weekly Emails

Parish announcements are sent by email each week. If you are not receiving them, please call or email the Parish Office to be added to the distribution list.

Also, the bulletin is mailed by USPS to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and do not have internet access. If you know someone who would like to receive the bulletin by mail, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

What kind of soil are you?