

# Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## July 12, 2020—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



As for what was sown on good soil, this is  
**THE ONE WHO HEARS THE WORD  
AND UNDERSTANDS IT.**

*He indeed bears fruit*

and yields, in one case a hundredfold,  
in another sixty, and in another thirty

Matthew 13:23

### Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor

Reverend Patrick Naughton

Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

**Office Hours:** Monday 12pm—4:00pm,

Tuesday—Friday 8:30am—4:00pm

**Confession:** Saturdays from 4-5pm

### † Mass Schedule †

#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

10:00, Noon & 5:00pm

#### **Daily Masses:**

Monday-Saturday: 8:45am



**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**Saturday, July 11**

8:45am **Int.** Judy LaBate and **Int./✠** The Millie's  
 5:00pm **Int./✠** John H. Winningham Family and  
 ✠ Marie & Syd Impal

**Sunday, July 12**

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and  
 ✠ Roland & Barbara Faria, Ray Sais,  
 Constance & Vito Tursi, Jim Rose,  
 Vera & John Kreidich  
 12:00pm ✠ Jeanne Sozzi and Janette Furness  
 5:00pm ✠ Steve Larvenz and Sandra Figueroa

**Monday, July 13**

8:45am ✠ Carlos Heny and **Int./✠** The Millie's

**Tuesday, July 14**

8:45am ✠ Nick A. Landolina and **Int./✠** The Millie's

**Wednesday, July 15**

8:45am ✠ Bill Banister and James Rauch

**Thursday, July 16**

8:45am **Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families and  
 ✠ Bill Banister

**Friday, July 17**

8:45am **Int.** Bill & Betsy Banister (Anniversary) and  
 ✠ Millie Mom

**Saturday, July 18**

8:45am ✠ Maria & Jose Pereira and  
 Mildred Valderrama Sr.  
 5:00pm **Int./✠** Counihan/Purcell Families and  
 ✠ John Winningham

**Sunday, July 19**

10:00am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and  
 Larry Shack, ✠ Jim Rose, Joe Allen,  
 William & Michelina Williams and  
 Sharon Mackenzie  
 12:00pm ✠ Luisa Avvocato Certain and  
 Curtis Brown  
 5:00pm ✠ Jerry Purcell and  
**Int.** Elaine Weber (Birthday)

July 18 & 19	Celebrant
Saturday 5:00pm	Fr. Naughton
Sunday 10:00am	Fr. Kelly
Sunday 12 Noon	Fr. Wiesmann
Sunday 5pm	Fr. Callan

*Weekly Offering*

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**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are  
 in the Blessed Sacrament.  
 I love you above all things,  
 and I long for you in my soul.  
 Since I cannot now receive you  
 sacramentally, come at least  
 spiritually into my heart.  
 As though you have already come,  
 I embrace you and  
 unite myself entirely to you;  
 never permit me  
 to be separated from you.  
 Amen.

***“Abundant Harvest!”***

A number of years ago the midwest experienced a severe drought. The spring rains came and people planted gardens. However, there was almost no rain in June or July. People kept their plants alive by watering, but they did not grow very much. Then in August the rains came. The plants grew rapidly and produced wonderful crops. The people were amazed. They had expected very small harvests.

Perhaps that is our role in our work on behalf of the reign of God. We need to do what we can to keep hope alive. We need to do the strenuous work of watering, of encouraging, of challenging, of reflecting, of praying, of listening to God's word, and of waiting for God to make our efforts fruitful. God needs us to do the watering, but it is God who makes those efforts fruitful.

St. Paul reminds us that it is not easy work, but the difficulty of the work cannot even be compared to the amazing results. Indeed, as we look about our world, everything reminds us of our need for God. The task of establishing a world where all have equal access to needed resources, where resources are cared for and used according to need, and where all have a voice in decisions concerning our resources seems beyond our accomplishment. And without the power of God's word, it is impossible. But who would have dreamed a few years ago that the Berlin Wall would come down almost overnight, that the Soviet Union would attempt the difficult task of respecting the freedom of all peoples. Is it because God's word was at work in the hearts of the people?

When God's word takes root, what an abundant harvest God sends! Jesus tells us that when God's word falls on good soil, the harvest is a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold. The results are beyond our imagining.

Our part seems to be to take care of the soil, to cultivate it, to remove stones and weeds, to place no obstacles to the seed of God's work taking root in our hearts. Our efforts may appear infinitely small but with God's help they can bring results beyond our imagining. May each of us put forth the effort to spread the "Kingdom" and trust that God will bring it to fruition.

Blessings,  
Father Vincent T. Kelly

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. John the Baptist Parish is to nurture a community of faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. By means of worship, study, service, and community, each individual is invited to participate in the life of the parish family. Every person has a benefit to receive and gifts to share for the overall good of souls in this location of the Kingdom of God.