



July 11, 2021

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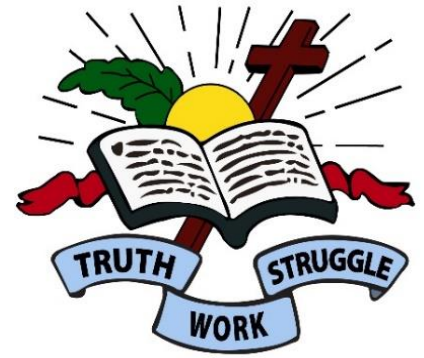
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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sabbath Thought

It is exhilarating to be a follower of Christ. The Lord's love is a blessing for which we praise God. But with the boon there comes a burden: we must be messengers whose lives clearly announce the coming of the kingdom.

About Today's Bible Readings

AMOS 7:12-15

Amos finds that prophesying is no way to win friends. But he can do no other because the Lord himself chose him.

Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

The letter to the Ephesians opens with this lengthy hymns of praise to God for all he has done for us in Jesus Christ.

MARK 6:7-13

Jesus sends the Twelve out on a mission. The only baggage they carry is the message they will preach: *repent*.

ENTRANCE RITE: Amos 3:7-8; Chronicles 20:20b

V. Indeed, the Lord God does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants, the prophets. The lion roars, who will not be afraid! The Lord God speaks, who will not prophesy!

R. Trust in the Lord, your God, and you will be found firm. Trust in His prophets, and you will succeed.

V. 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.

ALLELUIA: Jeremiah 1:7b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – July 11th
15th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Baptism of
Stella Josephine Kelly

SUNDAY – July 18th
16th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Please consider volunteering to help. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule in the very near future.

SUMMER

As we continue to enjoy this beautiful summer season with which the Lord has gifted us, please try to take a moment out of your busy days to remember those of our brothers and sisters who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able, reach out financially, spiritually, socially or bodily and act on the Lord's behalf. Go, as the Lord sent His disciples, and spread His love to all of those who feel neglected or forgotten. Show them that they are not alone and that God loves them and so do we.

Celebrate Your Faith Night

We are considering getting a group together to attend a Reading Fightin' Phils baseball game. If you are interested in joining us, please sign the sheet in the vestibule or downstairs in the hall. This will be on Sunday, August 15th at 5:15 PM against the Akron Rubberducks. Ticket pricing will depend on the estimated number of attendees. I think that this will be an excellent way to get out and enjoy ourselves while rooting for the home team.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Jean Loose and Geri Piotrowski. For the repose of the soul of John Wawrzonek. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, July 11th; The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the ANS, will meet in the upper classroom after the 9:30 Mass. All member of the ANS are urged to join and all of the ladies of the parish who are not members are urged to attend and to join this important organization.

Today, July 11th; During the **9:30** Mass, the sacrament of Baptism will be conferred upon Stella Josephine Kelly, daughter of Melissa and Andrew Kelly, great - granddaughter of Stella Mackiewicz. It is my hope that everyone turns out to welcome Stella Josephine into the parish family and into the Church of Christ.

Tuesday, July 13th; The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need

Monday, July 19th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Your input will be very helpful.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

MARY'S SHELTER

Our Parish is going to begin to support Mary's Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. We will be sponsoring a "Christmas in July" to benefit them. All of the donations made to the "Little White Church" during June and July will be donated to Mary's Shelter. In addition, there a tree similar to our Christmas Season Angel Tree from which you can take a card or two or three, the requested gifts are small, that will specify a gift needed by those staying at the shelter. If you chose to participate in this, please bring your gifts to Church and leave them in the Library. **Do not wrap the gifts.** Thank you in advance for your generous support.

PNU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The PNU Education and Youth Commission has again this year decided not to sponsor the traditional raffle to raise monies for the Youth Scholarship fund this year due to the various issues that have challenged us all. They are asking that each of us make a prayerful donation instead to support this most important cause. Please be as generous as you are able to be. The address to send your donations is:

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Thank you and God bless.