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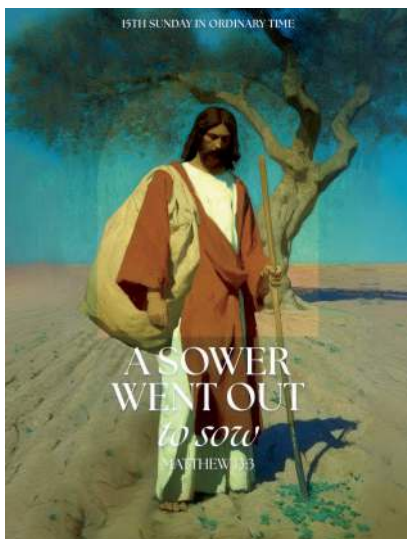
Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm  
Sunday.....7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Monday.....7:00 am  
Tuesday.....6:00 pm  
Followed by Benediction & Novena  
Wednesday.....7:00 am  
Thursday.....7:00 am  
First Friday.....7:00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm  
First Friday.....6:30 am  
Saturday.....3:00-3:30 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Chapel Hours.....4:00 am-11:00 pm



## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

### Parables, Anyone?

Jesus threw out parables like a farmer sowing seeds. Some of them fell on the ears of those who would be disciples. But most fell on the ears of people not ready to understand. The path, the rocky ground, and the thorns are all metaphors for how his teachings were received. So how do we receive his word?

Do we hear it without understanding, letting it go in one ear and out the other? Do we hear it joyfully, but then forget it when troubles or difficulties come along? Do we listen to the word but ignore it in the face of later temptation?

If we want the word to grow strong in us, we can take steps to help ourselves understand it. We can come to church early and spend a few

minutes with the readings before Mass. After Mass we can talk about the readings or the homily with our family over breakfast. We can pick out one practical point to practice that week.

God's word can be likened to a ball game. We can sit back and watch, not really involved or caring who wins. Or we can jump in and participate and make the game ours. Let us ask God how we can take the word and run with it. Tom Schmidt

**St. John Church  
Open House**

**You're Invited:**

**July 11-12 Weekend  
After All Masses  
St. John the Evangelist Church**

*Check out this historic construction project and see the Church in a way you have never seen before.*

*Capital Campaign committee members will be on hand to answer questions and provide tours.*



**Join us for Coffee and Donuts in the St. John Parish Hall following 7:30am and 9am Masses.**

**Masses During Church Restoration**

**Weekend Masses, funerals and weddings continue at St. Clement Church, 58725 St. Clement Avenue and weekday Holy Mass is celebrated in the St. John Parish Hall.**

**Congratulations, Deacon!!**

Congratulations to Deacon Alfred Ricard on his 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Deacon Ricard was ordained on July 13, 2002.

**Baptisms & Baptism Seminars**

**Baptism Seminars — 7pm**  
**Church Office Conference Room**  
Monday, August 3, 2026  
Monday, September 7, 2026

**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass**  
Saturday, July 25, 2026  
Saturday, August 22, 2026  
Saturday, September 26, 2026

Dates are subject to change. Please register during the early stages of pregnancy and submit online at [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org) under FORMATION. Baptisms will take place at St. Clement Church during the restoration of St. John the Evangelist Church. For more information, call or email Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402, [lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com](mailto:lily@stjohnchurchplaq.com).

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Come and Adore. He is waiting for YOU.**



"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to Him, 'Lord, here I am. Tell me what You would have me do.' If He gives me some task, I am content and I thank Him. If He gives me nothing, I still thank Him since I do not deserve to receive anything more than that. And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell Him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply."

— St. Catherine Labouré

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-11pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, please contact Susan Landry at 225.687.2402, [susan@stjohnchurchplaq.com](mailto:susan@stjohnchurchplaq.com).

**Holy Spirit Prayer Group**

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, July 12 from 4-6pm in church. All are welcome! For more information, call the church office at 225.687.2402.

**Missionary Appeal**

**July 18 & 19, 2026**  
**Biography and Mission Appeal**

I'm Father Jeffrey Estacio. I was born and raised in the Philippines. I finished my college seminary in the Philippines. In 2007, I was invited to study as a seminarian for the Diocese of Lexington KY. Then, I was sent to St. Meinrad, Indiana to study theology. I was ordained as a priest for the diocese of Lexington, Kentucky in May 21, 2011.

I have been a pastor of three parishes in the diocese. In 2024, Bishop John Stowe assigned me to be the pastor of the church of the Annunciation in Paris KY and the Shrine of Our Lady Of Guadalupe Carlisle KY.

I am coming July 18 and 19, 2026 at St. John the Evangelist to appeal to your kind hearts. The diocese of Lexington is a mission diocese. We only have 50,000 Catholics in 50 counties. We need your support. We are a small diocese in the Bible belt of United States of America. We are evangelizing people so they may know Christ and His Church, the Catholic Church. We are in eastern Kentucky so people can receive the Seven Holy Sacraments of the Church. This is the reason why I am appealing to your hearts. Help us through your generous donations and prayers.

### In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to parishioner, Mrs Gwendolyn Gum, for donating the new Johannus Digital Organ and its installation to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of her dear husband,

**John Nathaniel Gum, Jr.**  
(August 15, 1937-March 5, 2026).

May Johnny's memory be eternal in the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Thank You for Your Generosity in the Lenten Alms for the Sisters of the Holy Family!

**Ex Amor Jesu et Maria**

Thank you, Saint John Parish Family, for your generosity in this year's Parish Lenten Alms. Between the collection on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the Holy Thursday Offertory, we contributed close to \$11,000.00 to the Sisters of the Holy Family and their needs.

The Sisters wrote to the Parish their gratitude.

-Father Martin

### St. John High School 2026 Maypole Court



The 87th Annual St. John High School Maypole Ceremony was held at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center Sunday, May 3, 2026. As tradition dictates, senior maids and their young attendants process in the Maypole. The senior maid with the highest academic standing is named the Maypole Queen. To honor Our Blessed Queen Mother, the true Queen of May, a traditional May Crowning is performed by the newly named Maypole Queen. Standing (l to r) are Kendal Grace Smith, Courtlyn Miley Alexander, Second Runner Up - Cinclare Renee Landry, Charli Cate Neumann, Danae Alyse Martinez, and Meredith Lee Landry.

Seated (l to r) are: Brooklyn Nicole Hebert, Calise Ann Landry, May Pole Queen - Caroline Eve Schlatre, First Runner Up - Kate Avery LeBlanc, and Addyson Claire Bunch.

Congratulations to the 2026 Maypole Court!

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 18-4pm Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Vincent A., Beulah H., & Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim, Nu Nu & Johnny Clebert, Louise, Edmund & Bro Bujol; Deborah & Eddie Buras; M/M John Caffarel, Sr.; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Hahn, LeJeune & Hernandez Families; Stag Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Bryce Gomez, Les Gomez; Janice Brown; Rose, Benny & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta & Quatrevingt Families; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancusa & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella R. Collins & Family, Randolph Richard, Jr.; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Ione & Calvin Robins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Michael Hernandez, Jessica Little, Ruth Breaux; John N. Gum, Jr.; Bill Toups

**Sunday July 19-7:30am Mass**

St. John Parishioners

**Sunday, July 19-9am Mass**

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Gerald "Pops" Boudreaux, Maydell Smothers, Tom Smothers; Dudley & Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr. & Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel, Brenda Blank; James Roucher, Rusty Roucher; Joe & Maggie Gullotto, A. J. & Lola Adams; Fred & Roselyn Sanchez; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Sue Dugas; Ruel Seneca, Sr., Ida Gaudet Family, Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Vickie D. Sutherland

**Sunday, July 19-11am Mass**

Cindy Dickerson; Maude & Percy Blanchard, Norbert & Chase Blanchard; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Isaac J. Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Sandra "Coochie" Landry

**Monday, July 20-7am Mass**

Paul Pruitt

**Tuesday, July 21-6pm Mass**

V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Emily & Paul Bourgeois; Arcement Family; Brenda Lapeze

**Wednesday, July 22- 7am Mass**

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

**Thursday, July 23-7am Mass**

Harold J. Himel



**Sanctuary Candle**

July 12, 2026

St. John the Evangelist

**Ruth "Se Se" Becnel**

St. Clement of Rome

**Walter Mazone, Larry Skidmore, Margaret Bynum**

**OCIA**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you've ever thought about becoming a Catholic you may learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults by calling Donna Carville at 225.687.2402 or email [dbcaville@gmail.com](mailto:dbcaville@gmail.com).

**Called by Name**

**Chosen for Consecrated Life**

"He began to send them out two by two." Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: [ablount@diobr.org](mailto:ablount@diobr.org)



**Kids Corner**

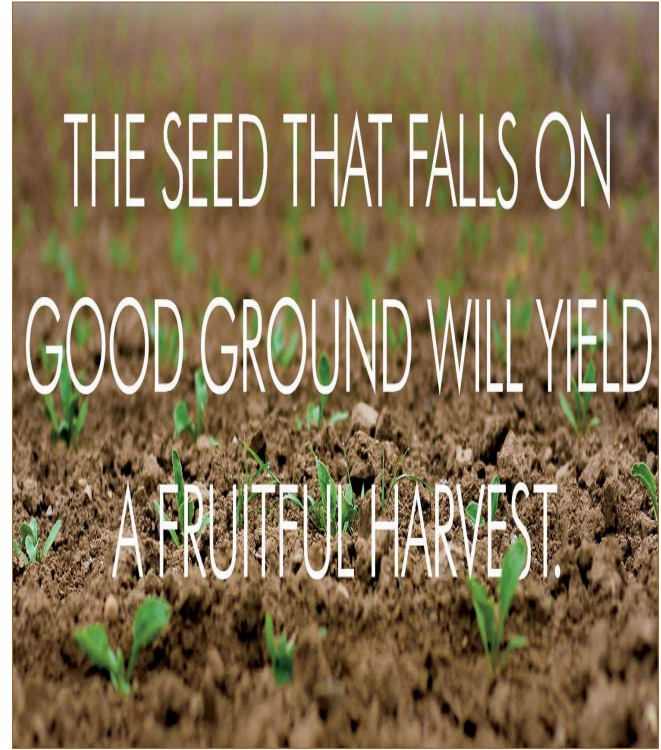
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Sea Gather Boat Seed Path  
 Rocky Thorns Soil Hear Parable



**K. C. Blood Drive**  
 Tuesday, July 14 ~ 3-8pm  
 KC Hall ~ 58715 Price Street



**Scripture Readings**

**Week of July 12, 2026**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;  
 Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
 Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Is 26:7-9; 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21;  
 Mt 11:28-30

Friday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12d, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
 Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

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