

# Sixteenth Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2023

## PARABLE OF THE WEEDS AMONG WHEAT

The kingdom of heaven may be  
likened to a man who sowed  
good seed in his field.

MATTHEW 13:24



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MASS 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

### † ST. JOSEPH

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ELBA, NE 68835  
MASS 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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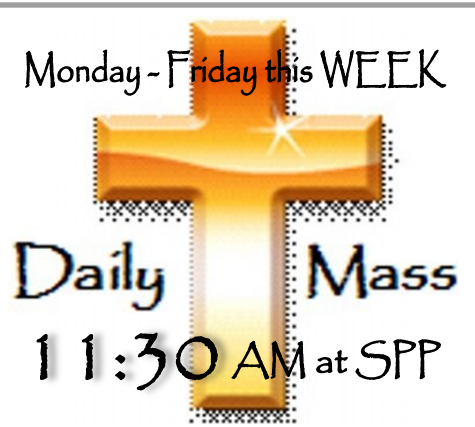
## WELCOME TOTUS TUUS TEAM!

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**9-12th Grade Students (2023/24)**  
Recent Graduates Welcome  
July 23-27 6:00-8:15pm  
Evening meal provided

**1st-8th Grade Students (2023/24)**  
July 24-28 9:00am-3:00pm  
Bring sack lunch

Daytime Volunteers Needed!



## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2023

Jesus uses parables in his ministry. Parables are short stories based on familiar ways of life of people that teach a moral and religious meaning. And our gospel today is loaded with parables. We have the parables of the “good seed, mustard seed, and “yeast”. Whether you like it or not, we are the “good seed, mustard seed, and yeast”! God has breathed onto us the gift of life – a graced life that has been embraced by God’s unconditional love. For this reason, the Divine Energy of life empowers each one of us to become the “LIFE GIVING INVESTMENTS” of God in the world today. Read carefully the following story and reflect how the “good seed” converts the heart: In an isolated far away village, where the priest was able to visit the Catholics once a year, a rich man came one day with his truck loaded with things to give, like: clothes, food, and tobacco. He said to an old man, who was converted Catholic, “Your priest doesn’t look after you. He doesn’t seem to have brought you any gifts, does he?” The old man pointed to his bare chest, “Can you see into my soul?” “No, I can’t,” the rich man answered. “Well, if you could, you would see the beautiful white garment that God gave me when the priest baptized me. And every time he comes, he washes it clean for me in the blood of Jesus Christ. And when he gives me Communion, he puts Jesus into my heart. Your clothes soon wear out, your food consumed, and your tobacco goes up in smoke, but the gifts that the priest brings will stay with me and take me to heaven.” As Jesus announces in our gospel that “WHOEVER HAS EARS OUGHT TO HEAR” let us listen attentively to the above story’s moral lesson: a “good seed” is always a good seed. So, like the man in our story, let us always be the “good seed” producing faith that rises like a yeast, and becoming a full-grown plant as the mustard seed. And as “LIFE GIVING INVESTMENTS” of God in the world today, let us create communities as KINGDOM OF HEAVEN here on earth. Today, please pass on to others the goodness in your heart...

Please help me welcome the Totus Tuus team who is here for the week for catechesis for our kids. May your week be filled with fun and learning!

*Jr. Vincent L. Parsons*

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/24</b>	<b>11:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> Totus Tuus TEAM & Students
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/25</b>	<b>11:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Archie Ambrose By Carl Jerabek, † Colleen Killinger By Mike, Kay, & Boys
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/26</b>	<b>11:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Colleen Brouillette By Monte Brouillette & Family, † Elaine Rozmiarek By Jake & DeAnna Bauer
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7/27</b>	<b>11:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Alice Boysen By Tom & Pat Knutson Ken Boysen By Tom & Pat Knutson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>11:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> Anna Dedic & Family By Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/29</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Jackie Synowski By Grandma CJ & Family, People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/30</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † John McIntyre By Jill & Dave Staab, <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Matthew Parsons By Ron Sack † John & † Rose Koperski By Tom & Sally Mudloff & Family

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 29TH & 30TH

### SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Kathy Hahn

Sun - 8am: Volunteer

Sun - 10am: Monte Brouillette

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda/ Volunteers

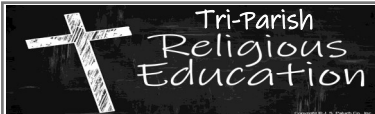
Sun - 10am: Volunteers

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers



Continue learning & growing in faith by attending Mass, reading the Bible, & helping others.

Start each day this week with prayer...

“Gracious God, ...help us to believe that we are, indeed, worthy of your love. Show us how to reflect that love to others, especially those in most need of it. We ask this in the name of your Son, who gave himself for us. Amen.” (NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER)

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## THANK YOU

to our Parish families!

Many thanks to those that brought snacks and help out during break &/ or lunch. Those that bring in lunch for the team, and the very special families that are hosting the TEAM members in their homes. We are very grateful to the CCW, Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, Events Committee, & Religious Ed. Parish programs that are providing evening meals for the TEAM & our high school participants. Special thanks to our TEAM & all of our students! We are so glad you are here!!

You can still register, fill out the form on this link- <https://form.jotform.com/230224586350148>

## YOU CAN HELP GOD CHANGE LIVES

Join our Religious Education Team! Prayerfully consider being a Catechist or Helper! Let's discuss the possibilities!

Contact DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418

## BISHOP HANEFELDT STATEMENT

The Nebraska Catholic Conference worked diligently for the passage of LB753, known as the Opportunity Scholarships Act, which was signed into law earlier this Spring. With it, Nebraska became the 49th state to enact some form of school choice plan. Now, opponents of school choice in our state are mounting a petition drive to obtain a ballot referendum seeking to overturn LB753. Unfortunately, their information is, at best, misleading. Bishop Hanefeldt is inviting us to respectfully decline to sign this petition.

Furthermore, if you have already signed this petition and wish to withdraw your signature go to [www.keepkidsfirstnebraska.com](http://www.keepkidsfirstnebraska.com), scroll down to the last of the frequently asked questions where you can print off the "Affidavit for Removal of Name from Petition". School choice is better for everyone. LB753, signed into law by Governor Pillen, is a step in the right direction.



Thank you all for your contributions to the CCW GCA Days Bake Sale!

Just over \$1,000 was raised and will be donated to the Church to go towards the Parish Hall's new ovens.



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PARISH FAIR STAND FUNDRAISER  
**SPECIAL THANKS TO co-chairs SANDI MUDLOFF & AMY CHRISTENSEN**

Thank you to all that helped out by working a shift, baking a pie, cooking taco meat, or whatever it might be. Your help was much appreciated & makes this fundraiser possible.



BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT  
SATURDAY, JULY 22 5:00PM  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**Arjay Ryan Rasmussen**  
Son of Ryan & Micaela Rasmussen

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** LOUP RIVER DISTILLERY  
JULY 26, 7PM  
FR. ALEX BORZYCH  
BEING A CHAPLAIN IN THE MILITARY

**HOWARD GREELEY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**  
**LUNCH BUNCH** Free Lunch Tuesdays & Thursdays  
11:30am-12:30pm at SPP Life Center  
Now until July 27 All children are invited, Contact: Deanna Bauer 308-750-7926



PARISH FESTIVAL ~ CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY  
JULY 29, 2023 11AM-4PM

Live bands, bouncy house, games, contests, raffles, ice cream, polish dogs, hamburgers, authentic Mexican food...  
For more information contact : [www.stmarysgi.com](http://www.stmarysgi.com)

**GI Diocese Council of Catholic Women**  
**FALL INSTITUTE - Teach, Learn, & Experience**  
Monday, August 7, 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ord, NE  
Registration is required by August 3, 2023. Cost \$20/per person -  
To: Sharon Swett 829 West Depot Street, Ericson, NE 68637



NEBRASKA WEEKEND  
AUGUST 11-13  
REGISTER EARLY - LIMITED SPACE



**Matrimony: A calling to forgive!** "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."  
Retrouvaille offers hope, it is not too late, there is hope for a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides, to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend go to [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

**FRIENDS OF PAPLIN** ~ Thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the fundraiser a wonderful and beautiful day. Special thanks to Fr. Richard, Fr. Dave, & Seminarian Kaelob Marx for providing spiritual support. God Bless you all.

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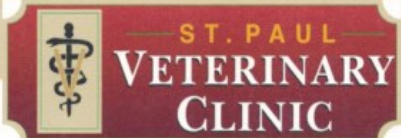


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St. Paul - Ann Rief: 308-380-0619  
Farwell-Michelle Woitalewicz: 308-336-3241  
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349  
Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512


*Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonian 5:17*

### STATE FAIR MASS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Grand Island Diocese is looking for Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, & Music Groups to help with 9am Mass on **Sunday, August 27th & Sunday, September 3rd.**

Contact Cheryl Jones 308-382-6565

LORD'S PORTION
<b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b>
General Fund - \$2,446.10
Parish Life Center - \$430.00
Maintenance - \$50.00
Peter's Pence - \$43.00
<b>St. Anthony</b>
General Fund - \$ 335.00
<b>St. Joseph</b>
General Fund - \$ 402.00

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
July	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26
 <p>Mark your Calendar</p>	Daily Mass 11:30am SPP <i>Busy Time Women's Holy Hour 7pm SPP</i> <b>TOTUS TUUS</b>	Daily Mass 11:30am SPP  <b>TOTUSTUUS</b>	Daily Mass 11:30am SPP Please submit <b>BULLETIN</b> items via e-mail or call the church office by <b>Noon on Wed.</b> <b>TOTUSTUUS</b>
	Thursday 27 Daily Mass 11:30am SPP  <b>TOTUS TUUS</b>	Friday 28 Daily Mass 11:30am SPP  <b>TOTUS TUUS</b>	Saturday 29 Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP Mass 5:00pm SPP