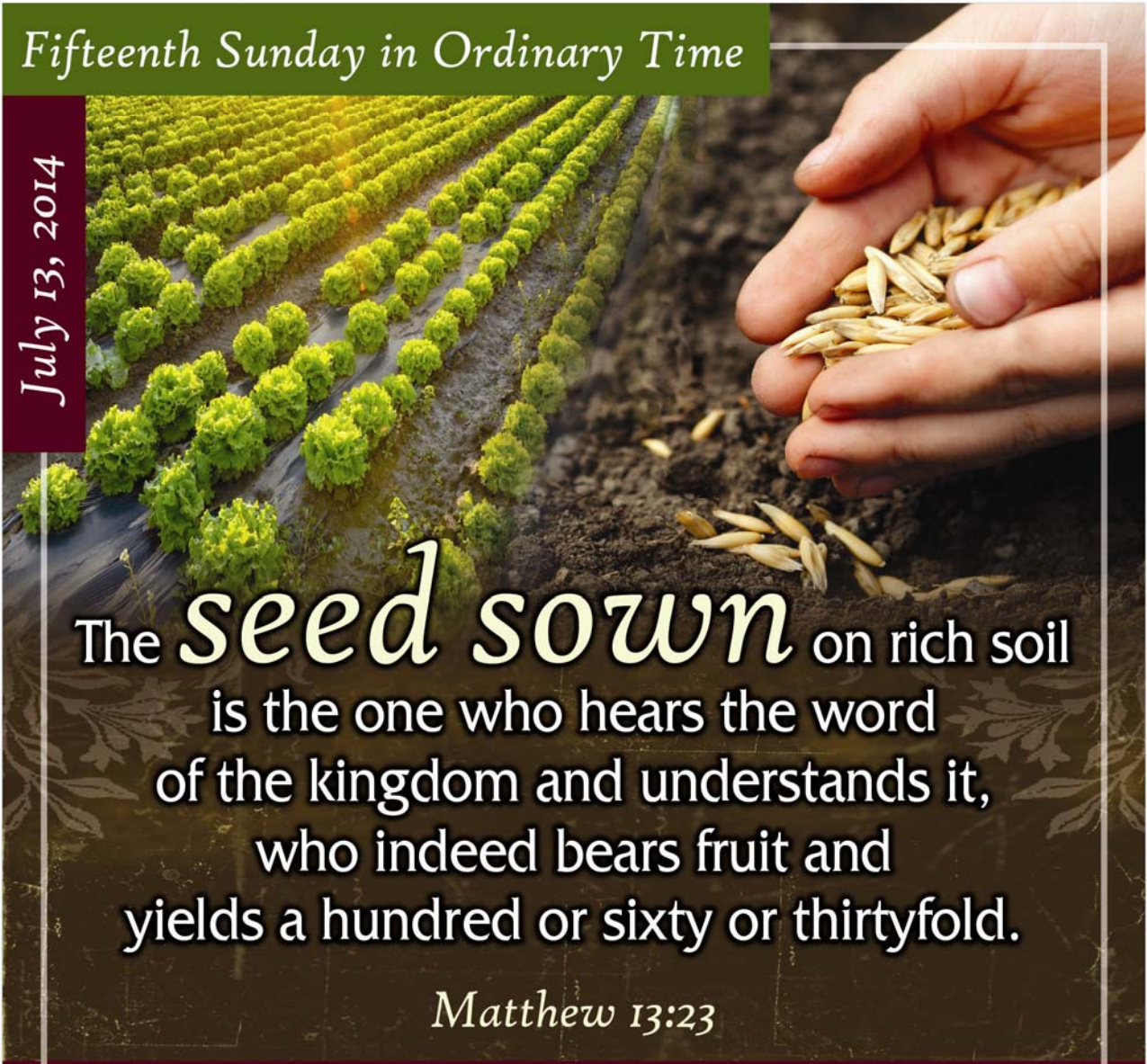


*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 13, 2014*



The *seed sown* on rich soil  
is the one who hears the word  
of the kingdom and understands it,  
who indeed bears fruit and  
yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

*Matthew 13:23*

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# St. Raphael Church

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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Timothy W. Gareau..... *Pastor*  
 Rev. Ryan Cubera .....*Parochial Vicar*  
 Rev. Al Krupp.....*In Residence*  
 Rev. Mr. Larry Gregg..... *Deacon*  
 Dr. Andy Kereky *Director of Spiritual Development*  
 Terri Telepak.....*Pastoral Associate*  
 Ann Miller..... *School Principal*  
 Mark Cunningham..... *Director of Stewardship*  
 William Toler *Director of Liturgy & Adult Education*  
 Maureen Mayer..... *Administrative Director*  
 Amy Lashutka.....*Director of Youth Ministry*  
 Tish Bush..... *Office Manager*  
 Kathy Witmer..... *Administration Secretary*  
 Clare Blake.....*Bookkeeper*  
 Ashley Klug.....*Religious Ed. Secretary*

## Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Friday..... 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday..... 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday .....10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Pre-School Religion - Ages 3-4-5/Kindergarten

Meet on Sundays 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sept-May.

## Parish School of Religion

Grades 1-8 meet on Mondays 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil:

4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday:

7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

### Weekdays:

7:45 a.m. M-T-W-F  
 9:15 a.m. M-T-TH-F  
 8:30 a.m. Saturday

### Holy Day:

Please consult bulletin

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., Raphael Center Chapel.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. Any other time by request.

**Baptism:** Instruction Program required for parents. Held on first Sunday of month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Baptisms on remaining Sundays of month at 2:00 p.m.

**First Communion / First Penance / Confirmation:** Preparation program required for parents and child.

**Marriage:** Preparation of couple according to Diocesan norms required. Call one of the priests at least 6 months prior to marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anytime upon request - call one of the priests. Communal anointing in October on Sunday closest to Feast of St. Luke (October 18).

## Cluster Parishes

**St. Joseph Church** 32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake  
 (440)933-3152  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
 Weekdays Monday 6:30p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30a.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:15-4:00 p.m. Monday 5:30-6:15 p.m.  
 Eucharistic Adoration Every Tuesday 8:00a.m.-8:00p.m. First Fridays 9:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Saturday

## +One family in Christ+

**Holy Spirit Church** 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake  
 (440)933-3777 (440)871-8157 (Cleveland Line)  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Masses 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
 Weekdays 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel of the Holy Family*)  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Eucharistic Adoration Every Monday 12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 13, 2014

*"Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit."*

**MASSSES for the WEEK**

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin** **Monday, July 14**

7:45 AM *Natividad Garcia, Birthday*

9:15 AM *Maria McNamara, Anniversary*

**St. Bonaventure,** **Tuesday, July 15**

**Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:45 AM *Edward Berneike*

9:15 AM *Frank Gusich*

**Weekday** **Wednesday, July 16**

7:45 AM *Denise Osur, Anniversary*

**Weekday** **Thursday, July 17**

9:15 AM *Margaret Holicky*

**Weekday** **Friday, July 18**

7:45 AM *Abdalla Family, Special Intention*

9:15 AM *Cecilia Barnes, Birthday*

3:00 PM *Rutt-Holleran Wedding-St. Joseph, Avon Lake*

**Weekday** **Saturday, July 19**

8:30 AM *Ruth Nolan*

1:30 PM *Cox-Dandurand Wedding-St. Bernadette, Westlake)*

**Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM *Jimmy West, Anniversary*

7:00 PM *Ernesto Reyes*

**Sixteenth Sunday** **Sunday, July 20**

**in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM *Louis & Frank Kapel*

9:30 AM *Yvette Steier*

11:00 AM *Marilyn Maher*

12:30 PM *Joseph & Joan Cachat*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

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

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

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

**Deadline for bulletin is noon on Friday for the following week.** Articles can be dropped off in the Parish Office or e-mailed to: [tbush@saintraphaelparish.com](mailto:tbush@saintraphaelparish.com). If you are interested in placing an advertisement in our bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch Co. 1-800-945-6629. **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS-THEY MAKE THE BULLETIN POSSIBLE!**



**For weekend of:**

**July 19-20**

4:30 PM Allen-Graham-Hutchinson-Manak

7:00 PM Travis/Gardner

7:30 AM Price-Price-Pierce-Pierce

9:30 AM Whitaker-Lindholm-Walsh-Lindholm

11:00 AM Hegeman-Hegeman-Castele-Mark

12:30 PM Gerace-McNamara-Waldron-Atkinson

*Rest in Peace*

*PAUL MCGUIRE, son of Marge; ROBERT WELSH, father of Ann Stanton (John), grandfather of Robert and Matthew, and LEONA MURPHY GOELZ, mother of Lori Hanson (Tom) and Chrissy Goelz, grandmother of Emily, Brenna and Melanie, died this past week. May they rest in peace.*

**WEDDING BANNERS**

III Caitlyn Holleran and Ronald Rutt

III Jenna Dandurand and Bryan Cox

II Carrie Monteleone and Chris Hickey

II Megan Paterkiewicz and Scott Luke

**The next two scheduled BAPTISM CLASSES**

will be held on Sunday, August 3 and September 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the school library.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Can you give one hour a week that is just for Jesus, an hour when you draw close to Him and He fills you with His love and peace? Come to Eucharistic Adoration! The best way to make sure you get there is to have a regular, weekly scheduled time. We need someone to come regularly on **Fridays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** and someone on **Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Call Melissa (871-1476) if you want to experience the blessings that God wants to give you through a Holy Hour with Jesus.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
RAPHAEL CENTER CHAPEL**



*"Jesus is not an idea, a feeling, a memory! Jesus is a person always alive and present with us! Love Jesus present in the Eucharist."*

--Pope John Paul II

Adoration takes place in the chapel in the Raphael Center every week from 10:00 AM on Friday, through the night until 4:00PM on Saturday.

Introduce your children to this beautiful devotion by bringing them on Friday at 3:30 p.m. for 20 minutes of guided prayers and songs.

Jesus is waiting for you every week. Come and be with Him. (Park by the Parish Office or Post Office.)

**A REPORT ON OUR  
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekly Envelopes-June 29, 2014	\$21,629.17
Online Giving	6,156.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>27,785.17</b>
51 Sundays x \$33,500 budgeted	1,708,500.00
Contributions 7/7/13-6/29/14	<u>1,624,008.78</u>
Offertory under budget	\$-84,491.22
Weekly Envelopes-July 6, 2014	\$22,791.63
Online Giving	6,421.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>29,212.63</b>
1 Sundays x \$33,500 budgeted	33,500.00
Contributions 7/6/14	<u>29,212.63</u>
Offertory under budget	\$-4,287.37

*Thank you for your continuing gift to our parish.  
Fr. Tim*

**ST. RAPHAEL'S LITTLEST ANGELS  
BABYSITTING**

is available during 9:30 and 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays in the Zwilling Room. Stop in with your little one (toddler age 2 through 5) to see the age-appropriate alternative to Sunday Liturgy.

**SACRISTANS**

We are looking for volunteers to serve the parish. We are currently in need of a few Sacristans, especially for all weekend Masses. A rewarding way of serving your parish, sacristans are men and women (couples welcome) of the parish who prepare the sacred vessels, wine, hosts and other liturgical items before and after each Mass. A minimal time commitment, sacristans are an important part of Mass preparation, supporting both our priests and parishioners. Ample training will be available until you are comfortable in going solo. If you are interested in joining and have further questions or know of anyone who is interested, please contact Judy Dunchack (440)331-4476 or email at [judydunchack@oh.rr.com](mailto:judydunchack@oh.rr.com)

**ST. RAPHAEL PRAYER MINISTRY**

prays daily for specific requests. We pray in our own homes, on our own time and in our own ways. Requests are distributed by phone-chain or e-mail. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, or to join this ministry, please call Joanne Hout (835-0169) or email Karen Mackin at: [kmom41@wowway.com](mailto:kmom41@wowway.com).

**CALLED TO SERVE**

The Lord is calling each of us to serve. Our question back is always, "Where are you calling me, Lord?" Serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Sacristan is a wonderful way to serve God and others at Mass. And, you'll experience the Sacrament of the Eucharist in a profound way that will be very meaningful. Prayerfully consider either (or both!) of these important ministries. And, we could really, really use your help! If interested or have questions, please contact Andy Kereky on the parish staff at 871-1100.

**REMEMBER**

Next Sunday, July 20 after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses, there will be teams of people to pray with you for comfort, strength, healing, thanksgiving and any need you may have. If you are interested in being part of the **GUARDIAN ANGELS**, please call Sussy Hidalgo (835-4087). Remember, the Guardian Angels pray with you every third Sunday of the month.



**CHALLENGE TO CHANGE**

At this time of the year it is easy to see today's Gospel in practice. Farmers and gardeners sowed, weeded, fertilized, and watered, and now begin to see the fruits of their labor. They sowed more seed than they actually needed, as nature is generous but also wasteful: no one who grows plants can tell you how many will survive and produce seed of their own. The parable of the sower, like all Jesus' parables, stands conventional wisdom on its head and offers layers of new meaning. In Jesus' day, the way of righteousness was spelled out in the Jewish scriptures. The person who lived as a pious Jew, following the Law of Moses, could be assured of many blessings. Yet, as Jesus often demonstrated, following the rules and living the life are not the same thing. Why does the seed of the word not bear fruit in everyone who hears it? Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, who describes people as dull of hearing with their eyes shut. Jesus explains this as a form of self-protection. If people *really* hear and *really* see, they might have to change. We may hear this Gospel with a hint of complacency. It is possible to hear this parable and enjoy it as a simple tale. After all, we understand it, and we are not like the rest. But is this true? Do we really hear the word? Are we really seeking its meaning *for us*? Do we allow it to take root in the good soil in our lives, or do we push it to the edges or let it get choked out by other priorities? Disciples are the ones who water and nurture it, and ask Jesus to help them produce abundant fruit.

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The St. Raphael School Office is closed until August 6th. Please leave your message on the school phone (871-6760). We will return calls during the closing.

**ST RAPHAEL PARISH EVENING  
WITH THE  
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS  
Avon, Ohio**

**Wednesday July 30, 2014 at 7:05 PM**



Come join your friends for an evening of fun and excitement with the 2009 Frontier League Champions, the Lake Erie Crushers at All Pro Stadium in Avon, off I-90 at Rte 611.

Get close to the action and be sure to bring a baseball glove as you will be right next to the field.

**Tickets \$9.00 each** Gates open at 5:30 PM  
*If paying by check, please make check out to  
St. Raphael Parish.*

**ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE TURNED  
INTO THE OFFICE AND PAID BY July 21, 2014.**

**To purchase tickets or for more information please  
contact Carl Feldkircher at: cafs4@gmail.com  
or call 440-892-7812.**

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN OF ST. RAPHAEL PARISH WITH CANCER**

We are always ready to welcome you. Whether you are just starting treatment or are a several decade survivor, please join our support group. We get together to ask questions, to share information, to pray, to talk and to listen. Some women come once in a while, some come every month. You are always welcome to join us! Our informal gatherings are the first Monday of each month. **Our next meeting will be on July 14th** (second Monday this month). Should you have any questions, please contact Kris (440)930-5479, Annette (440)250-9028, or Colleen (440)438-3388.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS:**

**Littlest Angels Babysitting:** We are in need of teen volunteers to assist with babysitting in the **Littlest Angels Room** (Zwilling Room) on Sunday mornings. Students may help during the 9:30 or 11:00 Masses and do not need to sign up ahead of time – just show up 15 minutes before the Mass begins.

*I cannot remake who I am,  
but I can strive to be the best  
that God has made me.*

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CORNER**

**VOLUNTEER TEACHERS and TEACHER AIDES  
needed for PRESCHOOL RELIGION AND PSR**

As we begin to plan for the new school year, our Parish School of Religion has openings for teachers and teacher aides. If you have thought about sharing your Catholic faith with children, God might be calling you to this important ministry. Training is provided. We also have a few children who need an adult aide to sit with them in the classroom to help keep them focused on the lesson.

Preschool Religion classes are offered on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Parish School of Religion classes are offered on Mondays (afternoons & evenings) throughout the school year. At present, the following openings are available:

**4:15 p.m. Session: Grade 2**

**6:30 p.m. Session: Grade 3 (part-time), Grade 4**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Terri Telepak in the Parish Office at 440-871-1100, ext. 108 or [ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com](mailto:ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com)

**PSR Registration for the 2014-15 School Year**

If your child attended PSR this past year, you should have received a registration form in the mail, along with their second semester report card. If your child will be a new PSR student in the Fall, registration forms are available in the Parish Office. If you have specific needs or questions contact Terri Telepak at 440-871-1100 or [ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com](mailto:ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com)

**PRESCHOOL RELIGION**

Registration forms for the 2014-15 school year have been mailed home to current Preschool Religion families. **Registration for new students** is now open. Forms are available at the Parish Office. Preschool Religion classes will be offered for three, four and five year-old children beginning on September 14th. To enroll in a specific class, your child must reach the age of 3, 4 or 5 **by August 1, 2014.** *Note: This admission date is based on area school districts. Attendance at Preschool Religion throughout the year is taken into consideration for children applying to Saint Raphael Kindergarten.*

**July 13, 2014**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's gospel is about choices. We have the choice to sow or not to sow the seeds of religious values in our homes. Our children have the choice of accepting or rejecting these values. The gospel is clear: parents must actively sow the seeds of faith in their children knowing that the only way to reap a bountiful harvest is to sow the seeds of faith and nurture it. Aren't our children worth it?

## CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

will meet this Saturday (July 19) in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Raphael Center at 6:45 a.m., for the Liturgy of the Hours and our bimonthly (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month) fellowship meeting. We will be discussing this Sunday's Scripture readings. Come and join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship. **PLEASE NOTE: You have another opportunity for Fellowship! Catholic Men's Fellowship also meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Zwilling Room, in addition to the 1st and 3rd Saturday.**

## SUMMER LEGION OF MARY

Do you have a passion for the Rosary and a love for Our Blessed Mother? If so, the summer **Legion of Mary** may be right for you! This summer, our Legion meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Prayer Garden to pray the Rosary. Once school is back in session, we resume our regular meetings and service after the rosary. Hope to see you (and your children) there. Questions? Call Father Ryan at the parish office at 440-871-1100.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

Families and friends and other groups are needed to help **SERVE A MEAL at ST. AUGUSTINE'S**. Next two dates are August 17 and September 14. Please call Fred Bangeman (440)933-6686 for more information.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY "FILL A TRUNK"

Due to the Church construction, the Social Concerns Ministry Program, "Christmas in July" collection will only take place **during the masses** this weekend, **July 12-13 and July 19-20**. Please place your donations in the marked cars in the parking lot.

Lists of needed non-perishable items for the Hunger Centers will be available in the Gathering Space and outside the Library from June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to donate one or as many items as you would like. Thank you for your generosity and support. Your gifts are very much appreciated!



Bins are not available for food and clothing donation drop offs during construction.



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Are you looking for ways to experience God? When you see others in need, do you have a desire to help them? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing Christ in the poor. A Catholic lay organization, the Society provides opportunities for women and men to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in our local community. Consider learning more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by looking for our Invitation to Serve membership drive in September. For more information: (216)696-6525 ext. 3150 or via e-mail at [info@svdpcle.org](mailto:info@svdpcle.org).

## SACRED STEPS TO PEACE/Catholic Divorce Recovery

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry is featuring a Catholic Divorce Recovery Program entitled Sacred Steps to Peace. The Sacred Steps General Meeting is held on the third Friday of each month, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and church teachings. A "working on the steps" group meets every Thursday evening and is guided by a team in a support group format, using prayer, exercises, and skills from a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery.

**Date & Time:** third Friday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.-Sacred steps general Meeting

Every Thursday of the month - 7:00-8:30 p.m. - Working the Steps Support Group (optional)

**Location:** St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136

**Cost and registration:** \$25 for 12 sessions including workbook

New attendees are welcome but should register by calling Jane (216)334-2978 or there is a registration form available at <http://ccdacle.org/program/sacred-steps-peace-catholic-divorce-recovery>

## CLEVELAND'S IRISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL

will be held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea on July 18, 19 and 20. This is our 32nd anniversary. The proceeds from the festival benefit Make-A-Wish foundation, Holy Family Cancer Home and West Side Catholic Center.



For information on the High School Youth Ministry Program or the Confirmation Program contact

Amy Lashutka at  
440-871-1100, ext. 109 or  
[alashutka@saintraphaelparish.com](mailto:alashutka@saintraphaelparish.com)

**HSYM SUMMER MONDAY NIGHT HANG-OUTS!** All teens who will be entering grades 9-12 (and HSYM Alums!) are invited to come to the next **MONDAY NIGHT HANGOUT** of the Summer on **Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00pm. **Meet at the PLAYGROUND (in the Upper Room if it is raining).** There will be free food, games, new friends, and even some surprises! Our plan is to meet almost every Monday night during the summer just to “hangout” together, to welcome new people to HSYM, and to have some FUN (whipped cream, water balloons, bouncy balls, fire, fly swatters, and many other things may make appearances throughout the summer!) These are the tentative dates for HSYM Hangouts: 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18. If you would like to receive text reminders about these Hangouts, please email Amy to let her know! Invite your friends! Hope to see you at the Hangout!



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## THE FEST

The BEST is yet to come!



We are about half way through summer and the ‘best part’ is yet to come. Join us for the highlight of the summer season - **The FEST on Sunday, August 3 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe (30 seconds off the highway).**

The FEST is about faith-family-and fun-**all for FREE.** Last year, over 37,000 people from across the region came to our annual Catholic Family FESTAival. **It’s the place to be and the thing to do this summer.** To learn more or to get all the details and schedule for The FEST go to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us). Faith-Family-Fun-FREE -**it’s the FESTA.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**Touch a life... Become a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer.** Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. We care for our patients wherever they call home. As a vital part of our team volunteers come from all walks of life, and have a variety of skills, talents and abilities. Opportunities to serve are diverse: visit patients and families to provide companionship, socialization, and comfort, help with legacy work, transportation, light housework, meal preparation, run errands, make phone calls, help with clerical work, attend health fairs, make a presentation. Volunteers with specialized professional qualifications and training are also needed: attorneys, licensed hair dressers, massotherapists, pet therapy dogs and their handlers.

The next west side series of volunteer classes will be held at Hospice of the Western Reserve, St. John Medical Center, 29101 Health Campus Drive, Building 2, Suite 400, Westlake OH 44145 on Sundays, July 20, 27, Aug. 3, & 10 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Teen and volunteers not having patient contact only attend the first class on in a series while most other volunteers attend all four classes. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 800.707.8922 ext. 6881.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you help make one of life’s most challenging moments easier for people in your own community? You’re invited to explore the possibility of becoming a Volunteer with the Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice! A wide range of volunteer skills are needed, from office/clerical assistance to spiritual companionship, errand-running and many other possibilities. Volunteer training can be completed online.

If interested, Contact: Dora L Harper 216-694-6266 or [dharper3@vnaohio.org](mailto:dharper3@vnaohio.org)

## THE WESTSHORE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP

will hold a meeting on July 20th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at St Brendan’s Kenny Center located at 4242 Brendan Lane, North Olmsted. Brendan Lane runs south off Lorain Rd and is one street west of Clague Rd. We will be having a Game Night. Bring your favorite board or table game or play one that is already there. Plan to join us for a fun and social evening. For more information please call Jane at 216 509-4570. Look forward to seeing you there.



*THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES*

**Monday, July 14**

6:00am Cursillo Men's Group (MICH)  
 6:00-8:00pm HSYM Hangout (Playground, PAC-K, PO Upper Room)  
 7:00pm Women's Cancer Support Group (RC Chapel)

**Tuesday, July 15**

10:00am Legion of Mary (Prayer Garden)  
 5:30pm Liturgy of the Hours (PAC)

**Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer is offered every Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome.**

**Wednesday, July 16**

**Thursday, July 17**

**Friday, July 18**

9:30am MOMS Group (ARCH)  
 10:00am Fri- Eucharistic Adoration (RC Chapel)  
 4:00pm Saturday

**Saturday, July 19**

6:45am **CHRISTMAS IN JULY FILL A TRUNK (Parking Lot)**  
 Eucharistic Adoration continues until 4:99pm (RC Chapel)  
 Catholic Men's Fellowship (MPR)

**Sunday, July 20**

9:30pm **CHRISTMAS IN JULY FILL A TRUNK (Parking Lot)**  
 2:00pm Babysitting (ZR)  
 7:30pm Baptisms (PAC)  
 Men's Basketball (LRm)

<b>C-Church</b>	<b>PO-Parish Office</b>
<b>S-School</b>	<b>PO Upper Room</b>
<b>ARCH-Archangel Room (formerly RC L.R.)</b>	<b>PO Conference Room</b>
<b>LIB- Library (located in school)</b>	<b>RC-Raphael Center</b>
<b>LRm- Lunchroom (formerly G-Gym, CAF-Cafeteria)</b>	<b>*CHER- Cherubim Room</b>
<b>LRm-K-Kitchen (off Lunch Room)</b>	<b>*GAB-Gabriel Room</b>
<b>Multi-Purpose Room (formerly RC D.R.)</b>	<b>*HM-Humility of Mary Room</b>
<b>PAC-Parish Activity Center</b>	<b>*MICH-St. Michael Room</b>
<b>PAC-K-Parish Activity Center-Kitchen</b>	<b>*SER-Seraphim Room</b>
	<b>*TOB-Tobit Room</b>
	<b>* Rooms located upstairs in Raphael Center)</b>



**2014-15 PARISH CALENDAR  
 IS NOW ON THE WEBSITE**



## *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10–11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12–13, 14

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18–23

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–23 [1–9]

### **Seeds of a Fruitful Harvest**

*In a garden shop I looked through packets of seeds. I came across some morning glories. “Morning glories!” I wondered. I didn’t know people actually planted them! I thought they just wildly wrapped around my flowers, trees, shrubs, corn stalks, tomato plants, and delicate herbs. Their roots are easy enough to pull from the ground, but you can get dizzy trying to unwrap them from hundreds of stems. They threaten to suffocate and choke out everything that grows.*

### **‡ Comment**

There is an analogy made between the earth and us. Just as God waters the earth to make things grow, we are “watered” by God’s Word and grow in living out the Word’s meaning. God has a purpose for the words that are sent to us. According to God’s plan, we will achieve the purpose of that word. The fruit of God’s harvest is divine in human beings—God’s everlasting love.

Paul compares the work of the harvest to a mother’s labor during childbirth. The work is hard and often painful, but the end result is the joy of holding her new baby. Similarly it takes hard work to make a crop healthy for harvest, but the conclusion is a great yield.

In the parable, Jesus describes the soil onto which the seed may fall. If it falls on the hardened path, birds may come and eat it because it is not embedded in the soil. Or it may land on rock, which has very little soil and roots cannot go deep enough. Thorns and weeds (I’m sure they were morning glories!) may come and choke out the seed’s growth. Only if the seed falls on good soil can it take hold and mature into a fruitful harvest.

### **‡ Reflection**

We are the soil in which God plants the seeds. Are we fertile soil or does our sinfulness or righteousness make us thorny? Are we filled with weeds of distraction and busy-ness? Paul points us in the direction of hope. His letters to the early Church tell us that our great hope and salvation rests in Christ who died for us. It is Christ who removed the thorns of sin for us.

We need to be attentive to the care of our soil. Sometimes we can do our own gardening. Other times we need the help of a gardener. And still other times, we offer nutrients to others trying to maintain a fertile soil. We are a community of believers. We all need one another’s help to ensure good soil.

Like the rain mentioned in Isaiah, which will not return to God until it has watered the earth, God’s word will not return to God void. This means it falls on fertile soil. We already know about the thorns of sin and the weeds of distraction. How will we prepare the soil today for God’s word? What action have we put off that we now must do in order for God’s word to land gently on us and move us to action?