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JULY 15 & 16, 2023 Year A

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This Sunday's parable of the sower speaks to us how the word of God is sown and what affects its growth. It's liken to a man sowing seeds in the field. The seeds fell in different places. But one fell on good soil and produced a rich harvest. So, when the Word of God is properly nourished this blooms into a rich harvest. This results to a transformed life of an individual. Many factors affect the growth of God's Word in the life of a person. When the ability to welcome and cooperate is void, one's life could not contain it and consequently become out of touch. One's life becomes void of God's Word. But those who cheerfully welcome God's Word continue to bloom and reap a harvest in abundance. Let's welcome cheerfully God's Word!

Fr. Rod

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— July 16, 2023

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. Psalm 65: 10, 11, 12-13, 14

Stewardship

July 8 & 9, 2023

Offertory:	\$3,518
Online:	\$1,932
Operating Expenses	\$146
Loose:	\$80
Children:	\$9
Candles	\$58
Catholic Accent	\$5

Diocesan Collections
Peter's Pence \$2

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Total:	\$5,748
Budget:	\$7,700
Over/(Under):	(\$1,952)



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT.	JULY 15	5:00PM	JOHN, LILLIAN & TOM BRAHOSKY (JIM & JOANNE)
SUN	JULY 16	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
		10:00AM	ROBERT BIZUB (SISTER FRANCES)
MON	JULY 17	8:00AM	FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF SANDRA SMERILLI
TUE	JULY 18	8:00AM	FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MICHAEL LUPOLI
WED	JULY 19	8:00AM	IN REMEMBRANCE—54TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARRIS & SANDRA FERRARI (SANDY FERRARI)
THU	JULY 20	8:00AM	FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF DONNA SANISZ-WETZLER
FRI	JULY 21	-----NO MASS-----	

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT.	JULY 22	5:00PM	ROBERT P HARTZELL (JO & GEORGE HARTZELL)
SUN	JULY 23	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
		10:00AM	KIMBERLY McMICHAEL SNYDER (GRAY FAMILY)

Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to: dioceseofgreenburg.org/stream-mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 22 & 23, 2023

SAT	JULY22	5:00PM	ALTAR SERVERS—HOUGHTALEN	
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HELMAN	LECTOR—HARTZELL
SUN	JULY 23	8:00AM	ALTAR SERVERS— TALARICO	
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—NEMEC	LECTOR—McMANUS
		10:00AM	ALTAR SERVERS—BENDER	
			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—RIZZARDI	LECTOR—MURPHY
			MONEY COUNTERS—HELMAN, WENTZEL, RINIER	

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	Vigil	5:00PM	SUNDAY	8:00AM & 10:00AM
HOLY DAY	Vigil	6:00PM eve. prior day		8:00AM on Holy Day
WEEKDAY		8:00AM Mon. thru Thurs.		No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS		Saturday 4:00PM		
WEDDINGS		Please call Father at least 6 Months Prior		
BAPTISMS		Please call Father to schedule.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK		Please call parish office.		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM Tuesday 2:00—5:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM—Noon



PASTORAL COUNCIL— TBD

FINANCE COUNCIL—TBD

ASSUMPTION—AUGUST 15

LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 4

LABOR DAY REGIONAL MASS AT
ST. BRUNO @9:00AM

PARISH FESTIVAL—SEPTEMBER 16 & 17



Altar Flowers this weekend are in Memory of Olivia's Great-Grandparents

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Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass

Our Lady of Grace Church,
1011 Mount Pleasant Road,
Greensburg, PA
6:00 PM Sunday Evening



Mass Intentions For 2023

*are now being accepted
Call the Parish office to schedule yours.*

Youngwood Food Pantry
100 Lincoln St
Christ United Methodist Church

Youngwood, PA 15697

Distribution Dates/Times

3rd Wednesday 12:30-2PM 724-836-0964



Paper goods may be left at the church entrances every weekend. There isn't always room in the bulletin to promote this project. So please remember these donations are welcome any time. Your ongoing support of the Youngwood Food Pantry is always appreciated.

THE WORD—YEAR A **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55: 10-11

**....MY WORD SHALL
NOT RETURN TO ME VOID....**



SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 18-23

***FOR CREATION AWAITS WITH
EAGER EXPECTATION....***

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13: 1-23

***BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES,
BECAUSE THEY SEE....***



Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records accordingly.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

Holy Cross Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one or friend are in need of extra prayers, Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be placed on the parish prayer chain. No matter what the need is, large or small, we are here to pray for that need.



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FESTIVAL NEWS

2023

September 16 & 17

The Festival Committee is in need of Chairpersons for the Children's Games and Games of Chance. If you have talents to share and would like to chair either of these aspects of our Festival, please contact Shelly Garris.

We are seeking donations of 12oz. Pepsi products for the drink booth. They can be dropped off in the basement of the Church. Regular Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Diet Caffeine Free Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Lipton Brisk Ice Tea, Mug Root Beer, Sierra Mist, Orange Crush & Dr. Pepper. Also, water & Capri Sun.

As always, we are looking for **VOLUNTEERS**. If you already have your clearance through Holy Cross, Great! If you need to get your clearances, contact Michele Wentzel. Also, in the pews are **SPONSOR ENVELOPES**. Become a sponsor of our Festival! Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze sponsorships are available. Your contributions help to defray many of the miscellaneous costs associated with trying to make our Festival a success. Consider a donation today. For more information contact, Shelly Garris or contact the Parish Office.

Festival Chair—Shelly Garris garrisjsjl@gmail.com

Clearances—Michele Wentzel 724-600-6505 or mwentzel@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parish Office—724-925-7811 or ssistek@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Altar Servers Needed

We have lost a number of altar servers for various reasons for the upcoming year. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, training is available.

Please contact Fr. Rod at
rrodriguez@dioceseofgreensburg.org or
call /email the parish office.



Adult servers are also welcome! Consider serving at mass!

Please pardon our appearance as we create a new warm and colorful bulletin for you, our parishioners. Each week new changes will be made to make the bulletin easier to read and navigate so you may find areas of interest to you as well as bring you important news about happenings in our Parish. Obviously colorful bulletins cost more than black & white. We are limited as to the number of advertisers that have been supporting our bulletin printing.

We are looking to you, our parishioners, for assistance. Consider being a Bulletin Patron Sponsor. We will add a section on our advertising page for those parishioners who don't own businesses but would like to help defray our cost. You can also recognize a Birthday, Anniversary or Memorialize a friend or loved one as well. Simply complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail to the parish office with your payment.

Donation would be \$10.00 per Month or for a single insertion.

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EXAMPLES >>

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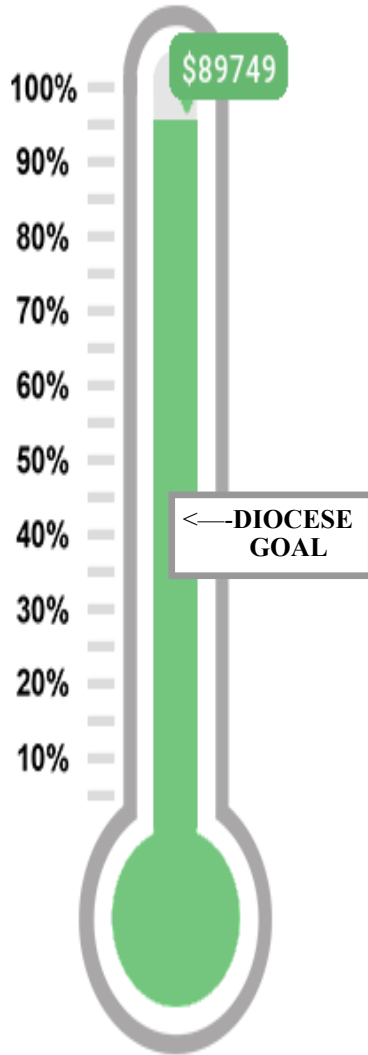
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DLA 2023

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Thus far, we have raised **\$89,749**, and **\$49,307** will be returned to our parish for windows, kitchen & energy upgrades. We need **\$7,251** to reach our parish goal of **\$97,000**. If you have not made a gift, check this week's mail for a reminder. Please prayerfully consider making your gift and joining with those who have as *One Body in Christ*.

Goal: \$97000



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**The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Thursday, July 20th & Friday July 21st
Reopening Monday, July 24th at 8:00 AM**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
Budikadidi means "self-sufficiency," and we think that's the perfect name for our program that helps farmers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo learn how to diversify their crops and improve their yields. "Before, we grew only one or two crops which did not yield well. But since the arrival of the Budikadidi project, we have learned to diversify our crops which helps us to feed our families better and contributes to the development of our village." ~ Marcelle Mbikayi, Farmer. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

Quo Vadis Days
Attention all Catholic young men entering grades 9-12! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Days* Camp to spend time with other young men your age who are open to God's call in their life. *QVD* will be led by the seminarians of the Dioceses of Greensburg and is supported by the Office for Priestly Vocations. This camp will be held July 23 to 26 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. If you are interested, please visit greensburgpriest.org for more information and registration.

Become a Member of Holy Cross Church

Welcome! It is a blessing to welcome new members to our parish.. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form or go to our website: www.holycrossyoungwood.org
If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information please call the Parish Office or return the changes on the form below.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Register
 Moving
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FAMILY REUNION MUSICAL COMEDY

Thursday July 20 at 7:00 pm will be performed at **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Mack Hall (200 Leger Rd, North Huntingdon)** by Alabaster Performing Arts. This heartwarming story reunites eccentric aunts, uncles and cousins, featuring songs *Hooked On A Feeling, Celebrate Good Times, Humble & Kind, Born To Be Wild, I Speak Jesus* and *Children of the Light*. Family Reunion will also be performed Saturday, July 22 at St. Bruno Church, Greensburg. For tickets, call Alabaster Box Office (724) 516-5189 or purchase online at AlabasterPerformingArts.org.

St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe Festival July 22

St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, will hold its annual festival Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. Vincent Grove. For information, call 724-858-6855 or email dancolcombe@gmail.com.

Festival and Food Truck Rally July 23

St. Edward Parish, Herminie

St. Edward Parish, Herminie, will hold its festival and a Food Truck Rally Sunday, July 23, from noon-6 p.m. For information, call 724-446-5197.

Golden Wedding Anniversaries

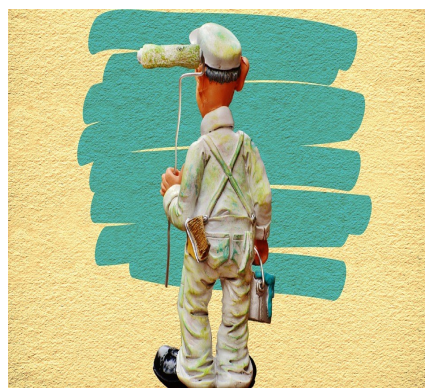
Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2023. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends *should contact their local parish office no later than August 1 to register couples for this recognition.* The Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

St. Pius X Parish, Mt. Pleasant Festival July 23

St. Pius X Parish, Mt. Pleasant, will hold its annual festival Sunday, July 23, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call 724-547-1911.

Painter(s) Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to do some painting outside at the Rectory. If you can volunteer your time, please call the Parish Office for details.



Summertime means vacation season is in full swing but don't take a vacation from your faith! Bishop Kulick's July faithful challenge is to attend Mass while you are on vacation. Our broad church allows different forms of music and culture, so don't hesitate to attend a Mass at parish near your vacation spot. You will recognize what is happening right away because every single Mass is the celebration and memorial of the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection.

Even in this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, we are walking step by step with the Lord and finding him in ordinary circumstances, or extraordinary ones at a beautiful vacation spot!

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