



Catholic Church

JULY 23, 2023

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PULLING UP WEEDS

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Who among us enjoyed pulling weeds as a child? When it was time to pull the weeds, dig up dandelions, or clean the cracks in the sidewalks, we all tried to find something else to busy ourselves with, that did not get us very far. I always remembered Jesus saying when asked by the disciples, "Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?", "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them." This was always my case against pulling weeds, and again, it did not get very far.

I learned the meaning of the weed parable one summer while in Guatemala. One morning after breakfast we were invited to accompany a few people out into the Maiz (corn field) to help weed. We were handed machetes and instructed what to do. I could not tell the difference between the weed and the coleoptile (shoot) so I panicked thinking, "If I cut down all the coleoptile, the people will not have anything to eat." I remember just cutting what I thought were weeds and praying I would be relieved of these duties soon.

Sometimes in life we cannot tell the difference between the wheat (good) and the weeds (bad). Jesus explained to his disciples later, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the

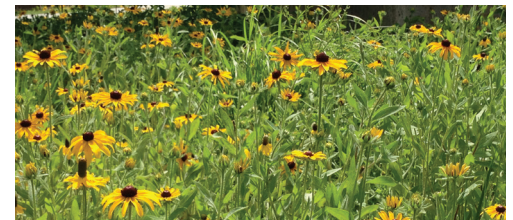
kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." Jesus knows we all walk together in this world, the good and the bad. It is sometimes hard to distinguish between the two and even more difficult to understand. From the Book of Wisdom, we hear, "Those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins." There is hope for everyone, even the bad can repent and God's mercy makes them new. We can learn from nature that what some call weeds are actually medicinal (like dandelions) and have a purpose. We can all be kind and patient and hope for the best as we await the harvest.

The harvest will be approaching and as we hear on the news, the lack of rain and other earlier weather issues are affecting the crops across the United States. Many areas of the world have droughts, others flooding, and even more so, a lack of food distribution. If we apply this to today's gospel, we realize that the lack of nourishment in God's word and the Eucharist has weakened some and when the weeds were tried to be pulled, it perhaps uprooted the wheat that was among us. We are invited to ponder the words from the Book of

Wisdom today as to who God is and how we are to act. Let us pray for one another that we are wheat rather than weeds.

As many of us approach the years of harvesting, the question always resounds, are we ready? Many of us do not want to accept that the harvest may be near and we have not planned for it. I know many people who are retiring these days and all the talk is about financial stability, end of life issues, and whether plans have been made, a will, medical directives, funeral arrangements, etc. I have been thinking it might be good to offer something in the Fall that will help us all prepare for the harvest. If you know someone or have resources that would help us put together a seminar, please let me know.

Jesus says, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." Let's begin our liturgies with open ears rather than wait until after the gospel to ask, "What did he say?" God's peace, blessings, and growth in these summer days!





EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY BOLD ITALICS*

July 23, 2023: Wis 12:13, 16-19, **Ps 86**, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43

July 30, 2023: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, **Ps 119**, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52

PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live.

NEXT WEEKEND! JOIN US FOR THE SAINT OLAF CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 29 as we honor our patron Saint Olaf with an **International Music Potpourri** at 2:00pm, featuring the talents of Saint Olaf's musicians, 4:00pm **Vigil Mass**, and immediately after Mass, join us for our first **International Potluck**. Bring your favorite family heritage dish to share, whether it is an appetizer, a salad, a main course, or dessert. Saint Olaf will also have food and beverages on hand so no one will go hungry. All are welcome to share their heritage and history. If cooking is not in your wheelhouse, worry not – come and celebrate Saint Olaf! Bring your dish to be shared to Forliti Gathering Room before Mass and we will keep it warm (or cool) during Mass. Sunday, July 30 we will have our tasty coffee and donuts after all the Masses as well.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry needs tennis shoes to serve to our guests. We ask that items be new, or clean and in good repair. You may drop them off at the front desk. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - AGE 14 AND OVER

The Archdiocese is offering classes on Saturday, August 5th and Saturday, August 19 at Saint Richard's Church in Richfield for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of Confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on September 17th, 2023. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at **651-291-4488**, Outreach to Persons with Disabilities.

SEWING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Sewing assistance needed for the Liturgical Environment Ministry Team to assist in sewing and/or repairing cloth banners, embellishments, and altar cloths. Ideal volunteer has a sewing machine at home, but Saint Olaf can also arrange for on-site sewing if needed. Fabric and materials would be provided by Saint Olaf. For more information or to sign up contact Don Gibson at dgibsondesign@gmail.com.

WELCOME!

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
 - Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday
 - Chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm
- + LIVE STREAMED

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- 12:00 PM MASS**
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL
4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 6:00 AM MASS**
8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS+
12:00 PM MASS
4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, JULY 24

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS+
 12:00 PM AA MEETING - EDU RM
 4:30 PM SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS, PRE-GAME HOT DOG MEAL. JOIN US EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T PURCHASE TICKETS, ALL ARE WELCOME!
 6:40 PM SAINT OLAF MUSICIANS SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE TWINS

TUESDAY, JULY 25

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS+
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS



WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL**
 7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDU RM
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS MEETING - EDU RM
12:00 PM MASS+
 6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FORLITI GATHERING RM

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL**
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS+
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- PARISH OFFICES CLOSED*
7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP FORLITI GATHERING RM
 11:00 AM ADORATION
12:00 PM MASS+

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- SAINT OLAF CELEBRATION*
12:00 PM MASS
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL
 2:00 PM INTERNATIONAL MUSIC POTPOURRI - MAIN CHURCH
4:00 PM VIGIL MASS
 5:00 PM INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK - COME ONE, COME ALL

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- SAINT OLAF CELEBRATION*
6:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS+
12:00 PM MASS
4:00 PM MASS

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #2

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July 3 - 9	\$22,955	\$23,550	-\$595
YTD through Week #2	\$34,336	\$35,651	-\$1,315

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!