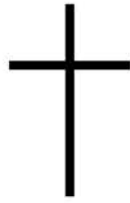


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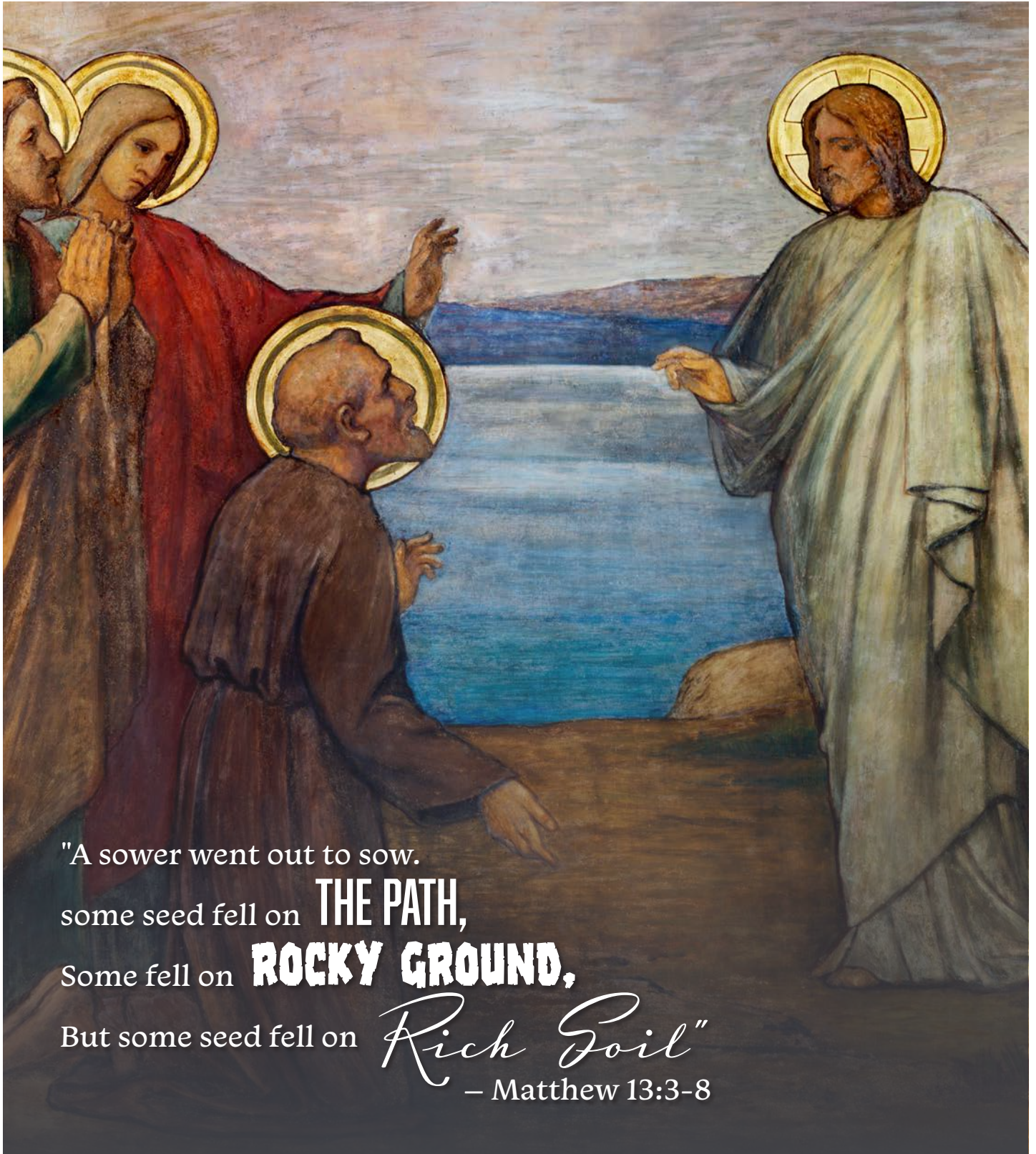
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
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"A sower went out to sow.

some seed fell on **THE PATH,**

Some fell on **ROCKY GROUND,**

But some seed fell on *Rich Soil*"

– Matthew 13:3-8

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Mass Schedule & Intentions:

12 Sunday

OLF Sat, 4:30p + Sally Ditta
+ Maria Hoa
+ Joseph Viet
+ Vincent Tiem
+ Joseph Tiem

JGS Sat, 4:30p + Leo Nelson
+ Jean Zentner
+ Maggie Sewell
+ Joanna Henegar
Francesca Le (S.I.)

OLF 9:00a For OLF Parishioners

JGS 9:00a For JGS Parishioners

SL 10:45a + Catherine Duplechin Bordelon

JGS 11:00a + Ben Peters

JGS 5:00p + Samuel Lasuzzo

13 Monday

JGS 5:30p Blair Sherman (S.I.)

14 Tuesday

OLF 9:00a + Maria Khen
+ Doyle Nelson

JGS 5:30p + Sister Maria Smith
+ Mary Duhon

15 Wednesday

JGS 5:30p + Stephen Bourgeois

16 Thursday

OLF 8:30a + Dominic Vuong
+ Maria Huyen

JGS 5:30p Anna Le (S.I.)

17 Friday

JGS 8:15a + Billy & Verna Young

OLF 6:00p + Joseph Thoai
+ Maria Thoai

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From His Family

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If you would like to have the sanctuary candle burn in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you want to learn more about our parish or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please email NELAcatholics@gmail.com.

We will be happy to answer your questions!

Welcome

Preparing the Soil for the Seed *Where faith takes root*

Dear Friends:

This Sunday's Gospel contains one of the longest parables Jesus ever told, yet it requires one of the shortest explanations, because Jesus Himself explains it clearly. The seed symbolizes the Gospel, the Good News, the Word of God—which is Christ Himself.

The soil symbolizes the human heart.

Why do some people believe while others do not? Why does the same Gospel transform one life while seeming to leave another unchanged? **Jesus suggests that much of the answer lies in the condition of the soil.** Some hearts are rich and receptive; others are hardened, shallow, or crowded with competing concerns.

Notice how important preparation is. If an individual—or even an entire culture—is honest, open-minded, and sincerely searching for truth, if there is a genuine hunger for goodness and a love for what is noble and beautiful, then the seed of the Gospel will often take root and grow. Sometimes the harvest is modest; sometimes it is abundant. But growth occurs because the soil is ready.

The opposite is also true. The Gospel struggles to take root where hearts have become hardened by cynicism, pride, selfishness, greed, or constant distraction. Jesus speaks of soil beaten down into a path, where the seed never penetrates. He speaks of shallow soil, where faith is reduced to passing emotions rather than deep conviction. He speaks of thorns that choke the seed—those rival concerns that leave little room for silence, prayer, reflection, and the things of God.

This is why our first task is often not sowing but preparing the soil.

Evangelization is a bit like farming, surgery, or painting. In all three, the most important and time-consuming work is often the preparation: preparing the soil, preparing the patient, preparing the surface. The same is true in the spiritual life. Before faith can flourish, hearts must be made ready to receive it.

This principle applies not only to individuals but also to societies and cultures. A people who cherish truth, goodness, and beauty are already moving toward Christ, whether they realize it or not, for He is Truth, Goodness, and Beauty incarnate. Conversely, when a culture loses confidence in objective truth, moral goodness, and authentic beauty, it should not surprise us when faith begins to wither as well.

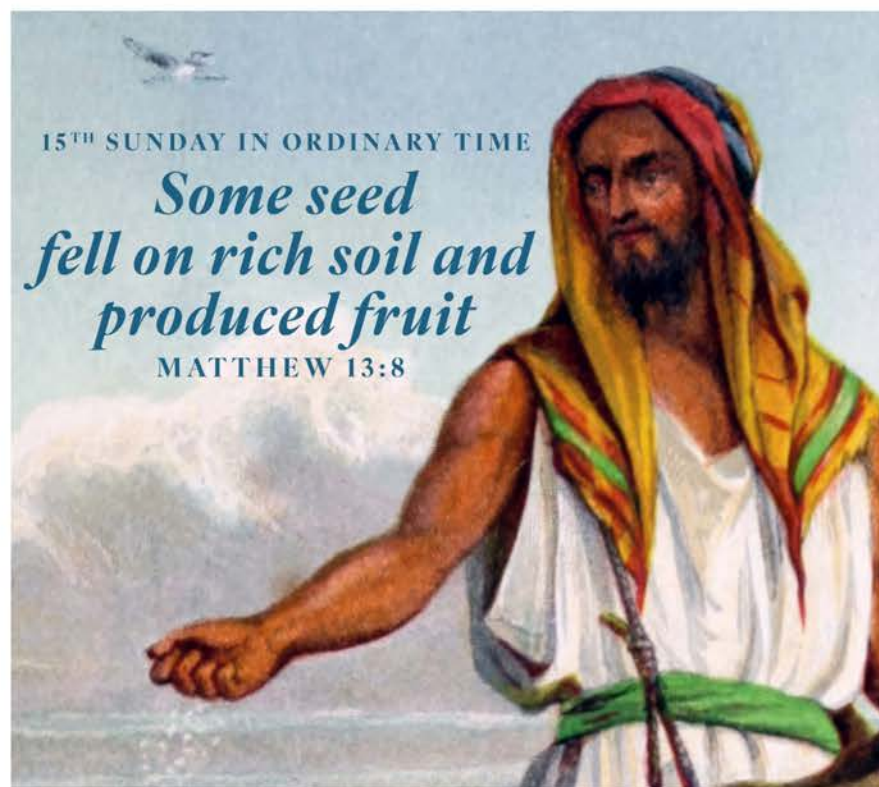
Yet Jesus' parable is ultimately more important for individuals than for cultures, because civilizations rise and fall, but every human person is destined for eternity.

The good news is that the Divine Sower has not stopped sowing. God continues to scatter His grace generously. The question is whether we are creating enough space for it to grow.

Perhaps that is the real challenge of this Gospel: not simply to hear God's Word, but to cultivate the kind of heart where it can flourish. A few minutes of prayer. Time away from screens. Honest conversations. Worship on Sunday. Moments of silence. The seed is still being scattered generously.

What kind of soil will it find in us?

Fr. Pat

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Some seed
fell on rich soil and
produced fruit*

MATTHEW 13:8

FROM THE CATECHISM

CCC 546 — “Jesus’ invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything.”

CCC 1816 — “The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it.”

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORD SEARCH

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SEED
PATH
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SOIL
HEAR
PARABLE

DEVOTIONS &
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Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study — Deacon Tom
JGS 6:30a Moore Hall
Bible Study & Dinner
OLF 6:00p Parish Hall

Wednesdays

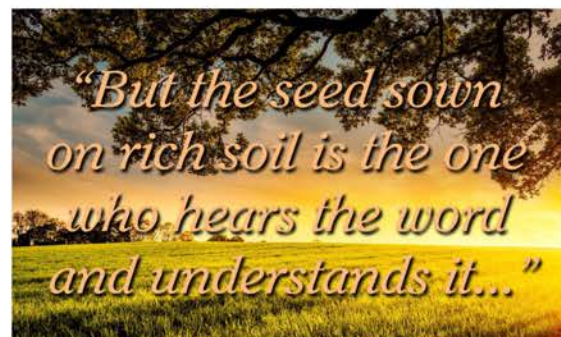
Women's Bible Study — Elaine Elias
JGS 1:00p Parish Hall
JH & HS Girls Bible Study
6:30p 3717 Acadian Tree

Thursdays

Divine Mercy Chaplet
JGS 4:45p Church
Rosary
JGS 5:00p Church
Bible Study — Deacon Chris
JGS 7:00p Zoom

Fridays

Divine Mercy Chaplet (followed by
Seven Sorrows Rosary on 1st Fridays)
JGS 3:30p Tabernacle Area



ADORATION

EXPOSITION

Tuesday

JGS 6am-9pm

2nd Thursday

SL 5:00pm

Thursday

OLF 9:45am-12pm

1st Friday

OLF 6:30-7pm



Church Open for personal prayer

Monday-Friday

JGS 8:30am-3:30pm

LORD, WE PRAY FOR:

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Congratulations to our parents on the upcoming birth of your child. Call the Church Office at least three months before your baby's birth. We look forward to helping you and your godparents prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism seminar is required.

First Sacraments & Confirmation: We joyfully support families as children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Preparation includes both catechesis and opportunities for spiritual growth, helping children encounter Christ more deeply through each sacrament.

Matrimony: We congratulate all of our newly engaged couples. Contact our office soon (at least six months prior to your desired wedding date). We look forward to helping you as you prepare to enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Vocations: If you feel that you may be called to the priesthood or sisterhood, please call our office to schedule an appointment with Father Peter.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:

If you or your loved one is in a hospital, about to undergo surgery, or in a nursing home or homebound and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments, please call or email the church office to schedule.

Funerals: When death is imminent, or upon the death of a loved one, please make the church one of your first calls. We are here to support you.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday	
SL	11:45am
Tuesday	
JGS	4:00pm
Friday	
OLF	5:00pm-5:50pm
Saturday	
JGS	3:00pm

Or by appointment. Call the church office to schedule.

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS OF OLF, SL, CCM, & JGS

Baptism Seminar

- August 4

Engaged Couples Weekend

- JGS Parish Hall
Fri 6-8:45pm, Sat 9am-4pm
• October 2 & 3

Email pa@jgschurch.org to register.



NEWS & EVENTS

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Deacon Tom's Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Parlor Room – 6:30am

Engaged Couples Weekend

October 2 & 3

Elaine's Bible Study

Wednesdays, Parish Hall – 1:00pm

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

Tuesday, August 11 – 6:30pm

FLOCKNOTE



*Bingo Every Third Thursday
Will Resume September 17*

CHRIST THE KING, ULM

Arts & Crafts Show

August 1, 9:00am-3:00pm

*Our Catholic Campus Ministry Masses
and events are closed for the summer.*

*We look forward to gathering again in
August 2026!*

JOIN CCM
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Altar Society

3rd Mondays – 5:30pm

Bible Study & Dinner

Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

Catholic Daughters of America

1st Mondays – 5:30pm (Hall)

Rosary

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – 1pm (Church)

Vacation Bible School

July 29-31, 8:00am-12:00pm

FLOCKNOTE



ST. LAWRENCE

Adoration & Mass

2nd Wednesdays – 6pm & 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

Singles Group Lunch

Sundays – 12pm

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What is Faith? | OCIA

Tuesday, August 25 ————— 6:30 pm at JGS

Father, Son, and The Holy Spirit - Trinity | OCIA

Tuesday, September 1 ————— 6:30 pm at JGS

The Bible and the Catechism in Practice | OCIA

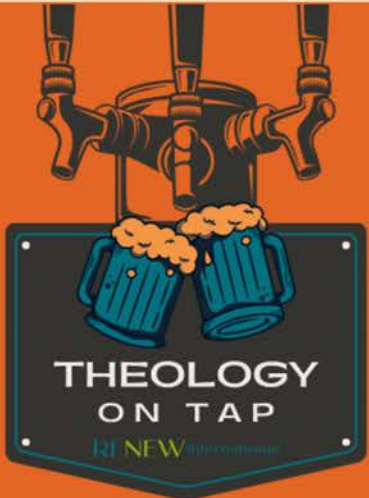
Tuesday, September 8 ————— 6:30 pm at JGS

The Word Handed Down: Sacred Scripture, Sacred
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**BEGINNING
AUGUST 11, 2026**

- Optional Mass at 5:30 PM
- Dinner and fellowship following Mass
- Discussion and exploration of the Catholic faith at 6:30 PM

Bring your questions.
Bring a friend. Come and see.

For more information, visit our website to register (<https://jgschurch.org/ocia>) or contact the parish office (318-325-7549)

jgschurch.org/ocia/

REGULAR COLLECTIONS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
June 27 & 28	3,408	\$3,846	(\$438)
YTD	\$193,574	\$200,000	(\$6,426)

ST. LAWRENCE

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
June 28	\$791	\$1,567	(\$776)
YTD	\$95,034	\$78,350	\$16,684

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

	Actual	Budget	Overage (Shortage)
June 27 & 28	\$15,384	\$22,115	(\$6,731)
YTD	\$1,131,027	\$1,150,000	(\$18,973)

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