

**DATE: JULY 10, 2005**  
**THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: July 11, 2005

MON,	8:00 AM	Special Intention
TUES,	8:00 AM	Lucy Politte
WED,	8:00 AM	Charles & Mary Gibson Family
THURS,		
FRI,	8:00 AM	Paul Crump
SAT,	5:30 PM	Glen DeClue
SUN,	8:00 AM	Dennis J. Blair
	10:00 AM	The People of the Parish

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:  
 JULY 16TH & 17TH**

**PARISH MINISTERS**

<b>SAT, 5:30</b>	<b>SUN, 8:00</b>	<b>SUN, 10:00</b>
C. Faye Jarvis	Don Thompson	Linda DeClue
L. G. Lalumondiere	Mahlon McNabb	Charlie Schloemer
R. Leroy Jarvis	Jeanne DeGonia	Susan Mathis

**LECTORS**

<b>SAT, 5:30</b>	<b>SUN, 8:00</b>	<b>SUN, 10:00</b>
Paul Villmer	Jamie Thompson	Susan Mathis



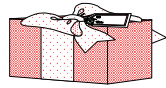
**\*MUSIC\***  
 SAT 5:30-Chala Short  
 SUN 8:00-Rebecca Richards  
 SUN 10:00-Anita Govero



**! SERVERS**  
 SAT 5:30-Lindsey Logsdan & Brittany Hamby  
 SUN 8:00-Ashley Thompson & MaryBeth DeClue  
 SUN 10:00-Jinnger Rogers & Cole Politte



**DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**  
 SATURDAY: Aaron East  
 SUNDAY: Lindell Coleman



**GIFT BEARERS**  
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Neier  
 8:00 Don Pashia & Helen Brewer  
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Pashia



**HEAVENLY DUSTERS**  
 Rose Brewer & Helen Brewer

**ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP OPEN**  
 1st Sunday of Every Month  
 SUZANNE SHORT 438-4787



**ENVELOPES .....\$2,738.00**  
**LOOSE.....\$263.00**  
**CHILDREN .....(2) ... \$3.00**  
**VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$28.00**  
**Cemetery Care ..... \$70.00**  
**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL.\$112-90**

**FOR THE WEEK OF:  
 July 3, 2005**

**NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00**  
**RECEIVED: \$3,001.00**

**P** Please contact Kathy Thompson, PSR Principal if you are interested in helping with our PSR program for the coming school year. We are in need of aids. 438-4138. *Please Volunteer your time.*



**SCORE TOUCHDOWNS WITH ST. JAMES**

Have you gotten your letter yet? Don't forget to mail in your money for your "Team Certificates"! Remember this is just a one time cost of \$25.00. Football season will be here before you know it. If you do not understand how to play, call the rectory, we are here to help.

**ADULT CONVERT INSTRUCTIONS**

Adult Convert Instructions (R.C.I.A.) will be offered here at St. James Church on the last two Tuesday of each month beginning in the Fall and continue thru Easter. Anyone 18 years of age or older who wishes to become a member of the Catholic Religion should contact the Rectory (438-4686) and register. We would like prospective converts to register beforehand as to ease the preparations.

Do we lead our family in accepting responsibility for people who need help? Do we really listen to each other? We are ready to help. Your St. Vincent de Paul

**READINGS:**

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14,22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1  
**Tuesday:** Ex 3:1-15a Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34 Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Ps 103:1-4,6-7 Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27 Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1,10-15,23-24 Mt 12:14-21  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Wis 12:13,16-19 Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

**ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH PARISH PICNIC**  
 Richwoods, Mo.  
**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005**  
**Country Fried Chicken & Beef Dinners**  
**Adults: \$7.50 Children: \$3.50**  
**Serving From 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM**  
**Live Music\* Country Store \* Pillow Booth \* Bingo \* Games \* Silent Auction \* Fancy Booth Train Rides \* Beer Wagon**

**ST. JAMES 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005**

If you are interested in playing golf or sponsoring a hole please contact Dr. Jim Robart 438-7200 or Aona DeClue 438-4105 or call the rectory office. Come on and play and help to support YOUR church fund raiser.

**ANNUAL SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

Sunday, October 9, 2005 2:30 PM Cathedral Basilica, 4431 Lindell Blvd. Couples celebrating their 25th or 50th (or 50 plus) Wedding Anniversaries are invited to a special Mass at the Cathedral Basilica each fall. Couples who register by the deadline (September 16) will have their names and the date of their wedding printed in a beautiful keepsake program and receive a certificate of congratulations signed by the Archbishop. You may register online at [www.stlcatholics.org](http://www.stlcatholics.org) from the Marriage Enrichment section or by calling 3140792-7186.

I have come more and more to realize that being unwanted is the worst disease that any human being can ever experience. Nowadays we have found medicine for leprosy and lepers can be cured....But for being unwanted, except there are willing hands to serve and there's a loving heart to love, I don't think this terrible disease can be cured. Mother Teresa

**GOOD NEWS**  
 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23  
 John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

We may prefer to speak of our God as omnipotent. We may focus on titles such as Creator and Redeemer. But have we ever considered ourselves as the daughters and sons of God the Farmer? Today's readings speak of the divine farmer. This image challenges us to exhibit the qualities of fidelity, involvement, and perseverance. This God is concerned and interested.

Concluding his message of consolation to the despairing exiles, Second Isaiah takes up the theme of God's Word again. To demonstrate the fidelity of God, the author describes God as a farmer, the giver of fertility. God sends the rain and the snow from the heavens. Thereafter they reach back to the heavens in the form of bushes, trees, and crops. This God is faithful even in the face of Israel's infidelity.

Psalm 65 presents three images of the God of Israel. God is the God of Zion, the one who resides in the Jerusalem Temple. God is the Lord of the universe and history. Finally God is the Farmer. The valleys decked with grain eloquently testify to the concern of this farmer for the day-to-day needs of the people.

The parable in today's gospel suggests a period in the ministry of Jesus when he meets with lack of response. The impasse raises the question of loss and gain in the kingdom. Jesus adopts the stance of the farmer: In sowing there will be failure and loss. Jesus offers three stages of loss: immediate (the footpath), the gradual (the rocky ground), and ultimate (the thorns). He offers three stages of growth: a hundred-, sixty-, or thirty-fold. Jesus perseveres in accomplishing his mission.

God is faithful, challenging our fidelity. God does not hesitate to become involved, motivating our willingness to invest. God perseveres even in the face of significant loss. Do we persevere in faith by not dwelling on our mistakes?