

DATE: JULY 17, 2005
THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: July 18, 2005

MON, 8:00 AM NO MASS
 TUES, 8:00 AM Lee Short
 WED, 8:00 AM Betty Portell
 THURS,
 FRI, 8:00 AM Mamie Gilliam
 SAT, 5:30 PM Ruth Coleman
 SUN, 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Betty & Patty Mercille

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES FOR WEEK OF:
 JULY 23RD & 24TH**



SAT, 5:30	SUN, 8:00	SUN, 10:00
C. Scott Smith	Marvin Wright	Robert Mills
L. Mary J. Leonard	Geraldine Skiles	Charlie Schloemer
R. Jeannie DeGonia	Sharon Forrester	Maureen Mills

LECTORS

SAT, 5:30	SUN, 8:00	SUN, 10:00
Jeannie DeGonia	Sharon Forrester	Charlie Schloemer



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



SAT 5:30-Madison Smith & Tim Battreal
 SUN 8:00-Garrick Zinecker & Jimnger Rogers
 SUN 10:00-Dillon Cordia & Todd Thebeau



DRIVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
 SATURDAY:
 SUNDAY: John Politte



GIFT BEARERS
 5:30 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Morgan
 8:00 Mr. & Mrs. John Minks
 10:00 Mr. & Mrs. William Pashia

HEAVENLY DUSTERS
Zena & Sarah Partney

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



ENVELOPES\$2214.25
 LOOSE.....\$190.00
 VOTIVE LIGHTS.....\$21.00
 Peter's Pence.....\$5.00
 Cemetery.....\$130.00
 ST. VINCENT DEPAUL..\$59.10

**FOR THE WEEK OF:
 July 10, 2005**

**NEEDED for Expenses \$2300.00
 RECEIVED: \$2404.25**

PSR TEACHERS:
 If you have not done so, please check in with Kathy Thompson, PSR Principal, by August 1st, as to your return for the coming year. We are still in need of a teacher's aid.



**ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC
 JUNE 12, 2005**

We are happy to report that our Picnic, June 12, 2005 made a profit of \$9,542.80. This is down by \$1,741.89 from last year. Again, we want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's picnic the success that it was and especially the businesses who donated to us. Remember to mark your calendars for next year's picnic June 11, 2006.

**ST. ANN'S LADIES SODALITY
 ST. JOACHIM, OLD MINES**

The St. Ann Ladies Sodality of St. Joachim in Old Mines, would like to invite all family members of St. James to their celebration of the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Ann on July 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.. There will be a Communion Service and then following with a reception in the hall. They hope to see many members there and especially the Members of St. James Ladies Sodality.

READINGS:

Monday: Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-10,12,17 Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5,9-15 Ps 78:18-19,23-38 Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15 Mt 13:24-30
NEXT SUNDAY: 1Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119:57,72,76-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

**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**

**MISSIONARY PLAN OF CO-OPERATION
 Rev. Larry Farrell**

Every year we are reminded of our missionary effort around the world. We usually have a missionary from a religious order to come speak with us and take up a collection to help their order and work. Again, this year our friend, Rev. Larry Farrell of the Dominicans will present for our Missionary Plan of Co-operation. Father Larry will be here the next 2 weeks.

ADULT CONVERT INSTRUCTIONS

Adult Convert Instructions (R.C.I.A.) will be offered here at St. James Church on the last two Tuesdays 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.

**ST. JAMES
 3RD ANNUAL
 GOLF TOURNAMENT
 3-PERSON SCRAMBLE
 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 438-4686.. Come on and play and help to support YOUR church fund raiser.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY COUNSELING
 1-800-652-8055**

GOOD NEWS
 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26-27;
 Matthew 13:24-43
 John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
 Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and gospel consider the theme of leniency. The image is of a God who chooses to demonstrate control by means of kindness and patience. This is a God who governs not by power or force but by compassion.

Writing for Alexandrian Jews in the first century B.C., the author of the Book of Wisdom emphasizes God's special care of Israel during the Exodus. He also takes up the problem of the just and the unjust. God's power does not result in blind rage but in clemency. In this way God manages a balance between justice and mercy. We are to imitate this balance by showing strength through the exercise of leniency.

Psalm 86 presents a person who has suffered from persecution. The persecutors are intent upon taking the life of the psalmist. This bleak situation of the victim demands God's immediate action. "Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame" (vs. 17). The psalm does not speak of revenge on the persecutors but rather God's power in leniency.

The parable defines the kingdom as one that embraces both wheat and weeds, both good and evil. The owner confronts two problems: (1) how to save the wheat and (2) how to outwit the enemy. He resolves the first by permitting the wheat and weeds to grow together until harvest. He resolves the second by using the weeds as fuel. The owner realizes that violence (killing the weeds) will only endanger the common good. In the kingdom, the common good demands patience and forgiveness.

Swift action plus compassion make the owner a symbol of the kingdom: strength through leniency. Power is given to help others. Power, if destructive rather than constructive, must be carefully examined.