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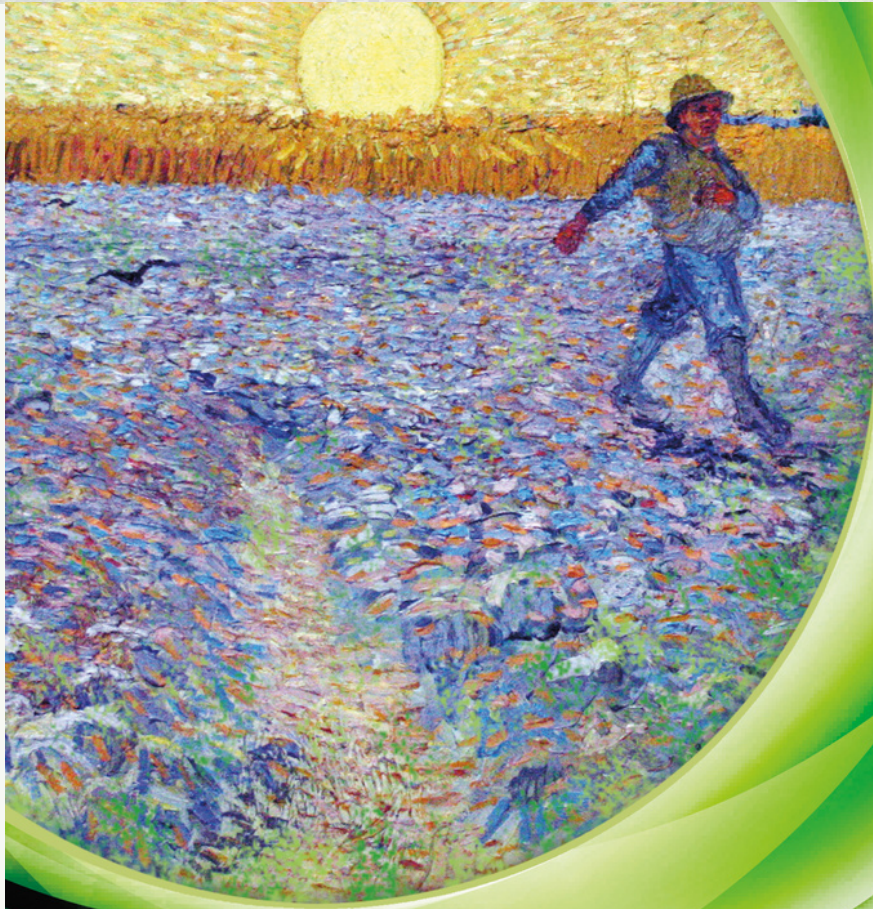
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15th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow."

Matthew 13:3

JULY 16, 2023

JULY 29TH WORKSHOP WITH DEACON KEITH STROHM:

The transformation of Catholic communities into missionary communities that make disciples in the 21st century requires more than a programmatic approach. The current realities of Catholic parish and diocesan life in general emerged out of a systemic slide toward maintenance. Our language, values, structures, processes, schedules, and a host of other important components of our shared life as communities of faith have unintentionally taken on a decidedly inward focus. And while we have *many* reasons to be proud of our belonging to Christ the King, we must also acknowledge that we are not exempt from this phenomenon.

Renewal, therefore, requires not just a change of activity, but a transformation of culture.

One of the major stumbling blocks to cultural change within any faith community is the lack of missionary disciples.

Therefore, I hope to propose some opportunities for formation, as a community, to grow in our identity as missionary disciples. This will then help bring about a transformation in the cultural identity needed for lasting renewal.

To make this happen, I have invited Deacon Keith Strohm to provide for us the tools necessary to navigate this cultural change. Specifically for Christ the King Mission Church and Catholic Campus Ministry, Deacon Keith will utilize a combination of in-person retreats, videos, and live-webinars to offer comprehensive formation that will help grow a stable group of missionary leaders who can assist in the work of cultural change and renewal.

Specifically, Deacon Keith Strohm will facilitate the workshop on Saturday July 29th from 9-3pm.

A well-known international and conference keynote speaker, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ. Deacon Keith has extensive experience in creating and sustaining processes and programs of evangelization and formation at the group, parish and diocesan level that focus on the making, maturation and missioning of disciples of Jesus Christ. He is the Executive Director of M3 Ministries and a long-time teacher and collaborator with the Catherine of Siena Institute. You can read Deacon Keith's blog at www.ablaze-ministries.org.

Please sign up for the Workshop on July 29th if your schedule permits. You can sign up on the back counter of the Church. You do not want to miss it!



**STEWARDSHIP
JULY 2 & JULY 9**

Offering	\$1750.00	\$1503.00
Mission Coop	\$25.00	
Rainy Day	\$100.00	
St. Nick	\$45.00	\$35.00
Total	\$1920.00	\$1538.00

**MISSION COOPERATIVE COLLECTION
JULY 22ND AND JULY 23RD**

Next weekend, a missionary from Divine World Missionaries will be here to share with us his work, ministry and missionary experiences. Your generous sacrifice in the second collection makes possible the continuation of this ministry in mission lands.

Please pray for the work of this missionary group and please be generous!

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The Benton Council of Churches will be collecting school supplies to be distributed on Saturday, August 26th, at the Benton Community Park at 10:00 a.m.

Supplies needed- Pencils, Pens, Rulers, Lined Paper, Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Notebooks, Safety Scissors and Folders.

Supplies should be turned in to the Parish Office or Anne Eustice by August 20th.

PIEROGI MAKING

Join us on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. through August 4th.

The Bloomsburg Fair is our biggest Fundraiser. Volunteers are needed and welcomed!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15

Carol Ann Edwards by Frances Krajnak

Sunday, July 16

Deborah Haden by Amy & Peter Yastishock

Monday, July 17

Beau G. Ackley (Birthday Blessings) by Michael & Rebecca Micca

Friday, July 21

No Mass

Saturday, July 22

People of the Parish

Sunday, July 23

Deborah Haden by Meg Geffken

Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor of a loved one. The donation for having a Mass said for a personal request is \$10.00. You can drop your request in the collection or contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lector Schedule

July 16 - Barb Treier
July 23 - Meg Geffken

Extraordinary Minister

July 16 - Mark Sullivan
July 23 - Patricia Sullivan

Collection Stewards

July 16 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan
July 23 - Anne Eustice & Gloria Galer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD, CHRIST IS THE SOWER.

The image of the seed that Jesus offers in today's parable can call us to see more clearly and to listen more carefully. This seeing and hearing requires a posture of wonder, a posture of careful attentiveness. Can we slow down and marvel, watching with anticipation to see what God will do?

The first reading speaks of God's word, like rain, doing his will and achieving the end for which it is sent. In the second reading, we hear that creation is groaning, but that we have the firstfruits of the Spirit while we wait for redemption. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed that fell on rich soil.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE THE FOLLOWING:

They can be brought to the church and placed on the table at the entrance of the Church:

Used Greeting Cards - They are sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Boys and used for various projects. You can cut out the section of the card that has been written on.

Stamps for the Wounded - help cheer a hospitalized or out-patient Veteran.

Tabs from cans - Taken to the Ronald McDonald House at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month.
Month of July - Joe & Lee Ann Boiwka

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of July we will be collecting toilet paper due to the Food Bank by July 16th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

**BENTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Happy Campers, Spend S'More time with God!

Dates: August 13 -17, Time: 5:45 - 8 p.m.
at Benton Christian Church

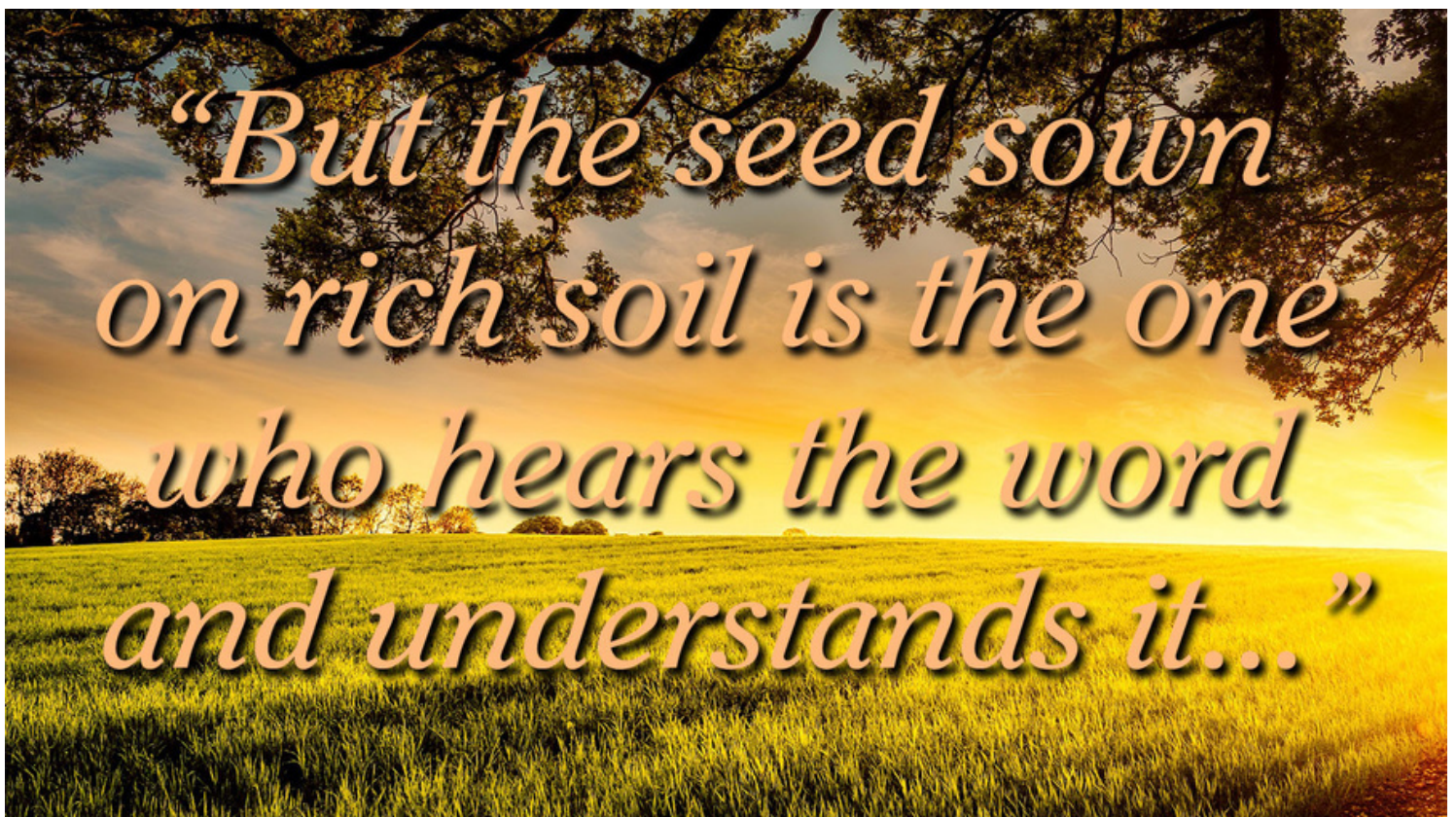
Ages: pre-K (must be toilet trained) - 6th Grade

Looking for Volunteers to help lead "Campers" and activities. If 18 or older will need volunteer clearances. Also looking for junior volunteers ages 14-17 to help.

Any questions or to sign up contact Heather at -
hzimmo2@epix.net or text/call 570-594-0514.

THE 45TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT, sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish, will be held on the weekend of August 4-6 at the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. It is open to all men in the diocese, age 14 and older. Included are 2 night's lodging and 6 good meals. If you're never attended a retreat, or it's been a long time since your last one, why not take a chance and "treat" yourself this year? Monsignor William King will lead us this year. Fathers and Sons are encouraged to attend.

A minimum reservation deposit of \$60 will hold your room. Contact Andrew Matragrano at (570) 275-0972 or ematra@ptd.net



IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
 - FR. MOWERY
 - FR. ST. HILAIRE
 - FR. SOLA
- CARL BARCHIK
- MICHAEL BARDI
- DANNY BAUMAN
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- BUTCH BOGART
- NANCY BOGART
- CRISTINA CAPIROLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
- COBERT FAMILY
- HONOR DELL
- RYAN DELL
- CHRIS ERTWINE
- VIVIAN WHITENIGHT HYNICK
- BOB KALIE
- MARGARET KALIE
- AUSTIN KELSEY
- JOSEPH LABONTE
- MARY ANN LEVAN
- DOROTHY O'HANDLEY
- NANCY OMAN
- RICHARD SCAVONE
- JACKIE SCHERER
- MARK SULLIVAN
- BARB TREIER
- MARISA WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENY



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

July 22

Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other “preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God”. Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is known in Mark’s account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, “I have seen the Lord!”

A promotional graphic for a Mass. It features a photograph of a man in a red and white clerical robe, identified as Bishop Senior, standing in front of a brick church building. The text "Welcome Mass with Bishop Senior" is written in a large, yellow, sans-serif font across the top. At the bottom, the date and time "Tuesday, July 25 | 7p.m." and the location "Saint Joseph, Danville" are displayed in a yellow font. A small crest or logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

Welcome Mass
with Bishop Senior

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