

ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Knoxville

Mass intentions
for July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Evalyn Brower
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Sam Barker
By: Barker family

Wednesday, noon —
† Naomi Bartus
By: George & Thea Bratton

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Anna Marchioni
By: Michael & Nina Marchioni

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In-person Offertory

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| June 25, 2023 | Regular, \$3,309.65 |
| July 2, 2023 | Regular, \$2,888 Development, \$212 |
| July 9, 2023 | Regular, \$2,692 Peter's Pence, \$217 Frankie Carr Scholarship, \$172 |



DYING TO OURSELVES

In today's gospel, Jesus points out in the parable of the sower how many things distract us from living out the word of God. The distractions parallel many stages in our lives. Seeds eaten on the path are like faith lost before it begins. (Start of our lives?) Seed that quickly grows in joy might not have lasting roots. (Maybe our teenage or young adult years?) The seed that falls among thorns is choked by anxieties, riches and pleasures. (The prime of life?) And the seed landing on good soil perseveres and bears good fruit. (Old age?) But St. Paul notes, "What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies." The fruit must die to itself, in order to bear more fruit through its seeds. Only when we die to ourselves are we able to manifest Christ's love to other people.

Commentary from Laura Kazlas, program coordinator for Catholic ministry at a maximum security men's prison in Oregon.

Weekly readings

15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday
Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday
Exodus 2:1-15a
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday
Exodus 3:1-6,9-12
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday
Exodus 3:13-20
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday
Exodus 11:10—12:14
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday
St. Mary Magdalene
Song of Solomon 3:1-4a
John 20:1-2, 11-18

16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10,
15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Whoever
has ears
ought to hear

Lay ministers for July 22/23

Altar servers
Sat. —
Sun. — Carl Johnson, Joshua Gouge
Commentators
Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — John Tolejko
Readers
Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Richard Barker, Vikki Sitter
Ushers
Sat. — George Bratton, Mike Hupko
Sun. — Tom Manning, Tim Eilers
Gift Bearers
Sat. — Ushers
Sun. — Boyer family

Saintly Wisdom

"The Lord's words you receive
through your ears.
For the Word of the Lord
is the nourishment of the mind.
When his word is heard
but not stored away in the memory,
it is like food which has been eaten
and then rejected by an upset stomach."
— St. Gregory the Great —

Parish News

E-Team to Meet — The evangelization team (E-Team) is scheduled to meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. All are invited!

Food and Fellowship Aug. 5/6 — The evangelization team (E-team) will provide fellowship time after both Masses on the weekend of Aug. 5/6. Plan to stay a few minutes and enjoy time together.

Bereavement — Mary Ellen Behnke, aunt of parishioners Donna and Jimmy Townsend, has died. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Thank You — Juanita Olson thanks parishioners for the prayers and support expressed during her recent surgery.

Friday Prayer Time — Prayer time in the church is from 6 to 7 p.m. on Fridays, with the rosary prayed at 6:15.

New Parishioners — Are you a new parishioner? If you are, we welcome you and ask that you fill out a registration form, which can be found in the vestibule. Forms can be returned in the weekend collection. Thank you!

To Breathe Easier — For the respiratory health of those parishioners who suffer from asthma and nasal allergies, please refrain from using strong-smelling perfumes, hand sanitizers, etc. before or during Mass. Thank you.

Education and Formation

PSR Classes to Begin Aug. 20 — Classes for the Parish School of Religion will begin Aug. 20 for students of the parish in kindergarten through high school. Classes will meet on Sundays after Mass for about an hour. If you did not participate in the program last year, please contact the parish secretary at coleenschneider@gmail.com or 202-6387 to register your child.

RCIA — Any adult who would like to learn more about Catholicism may participate in St. Elizabeth's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. Classes will begin meeting after Labor Day. For more information, contact the parish secretary at 202-6387 or coleenschneider@gmail.com.



Prayer needs

Prayers Requested — Please pray for the sick: Thea Bratton, Joel Dean, Debra Fitzgerald, Carter Gurdak, Blake Hopson, Steve Kallay, Cathy Racanelli, Ki-Ki Ray, Zoe Rose, Loretta Sitter, Susan Sutton, Jimmy Townsend, Ross Wagner, Alan Walters, Loretta Winters, and Ed and Linda Yarwood. Contact Cathy Champon at 315-796-2418 to add a name to the list.

