

# Dear Padre,

## Recently my husband's union was involved in a messy strike that nearly turned violent. Does the Catholic Church support strikes like this?

I grew up in Detroit. Most of my family and extended family worked in the automobile plants there. I clearly remember long strikes when my father was out of work and our family would struggle along, sometimes wondering where we would get money for the necessities of life.

In the past hundred years, many of the writings of the popes and the bishops' conferences have centered on the issues of work, including the issue of receiving a just wage. The Church spoke in support of child-labor laws, eight-hour workdays, organized unions, collective bargaining, and a just wage. Because of this, at times the Church has been labeled unpatriotic, socialistic, and even communist. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which outlines the six moral principles drawn from Scripture that form the basis of the Church's social teaching. In this letter, the Church fully supports the rights of workers to form unions to secure their rights to fair wages and working conditions. Unions may also legitimately resort to strikes when this is the

only available means to the justice owed the workers (EJA 104–105). The Church draws the line at violence. The strike becomes morally unacceptable when accompanied by violence (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2435).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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### Calendar

**Monday**  
JULY 13  
Weekday  
Is 1:10–17  
Mt 10:34–11:1

**Tuesday**  
JULY 14  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,  
Virgin  
Is 7:1–9  
Mt 11:20–24

**Wednesday**  
JULY 15  
St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16  
Mt 11:25–27

**Thursday**  
JULY 16  
Weekday  
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19  
Mt 11:28–30

**Friday**  
JULY 17  
Weekday  
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8  
Mt 12:1–8

**Saturday**  
JULY 18  
Weekday  
Mi 2:1–5  
Mt 12:14–21

**Sunday**  
JULY 19  
Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 12:13, 16–19  
Rom 8:26–27  
Mt 13:24–43  
or 13:24–30

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:10–11

Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

## So, What's Your Point?

Have you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "This is why I speak to them in parables, because 'they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.'"

MATTHEW 13:13



### FOR Reflection

- How has the word of the kingdom taken root in your family?
- What yield of goodness do you bring forth in your workplace?



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Every worker...should have the right to decent remuneration, to social security, and to a pension. Among you here are...workers in grassroots jobs who are excluded from labor rights, who are denied the possibility of unionizing, whose income is neither adequate nor stable. Today I...join my voice to yours and support you in your struggle.

—WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER 28, 2014





**St. Anthony's Church**  
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**July 12, 2020**

<u>Monday, July 13, 8:00 a.m</u>	+Wayne Miller
<u>Tuesday, July 14, 8:00 a.m</u>	Jeff & Mika Cahoj & Family
<u>Thursday, July 16, 8:00 a.m.</u>	Special Intention
<u>Friday, July 17, 8:00 a.m.</u>	Fr. Peter
<u>Saturday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.</u>	Pastor's Intention
<u>Sunday, July 19, 9:00 a.m.</u>	Side Rice & Family

Confessions will be heard Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. and Again Sunday, 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Mass in Deerfield, 6:00 p.m. Sat. Mass in Syracuse Sunday, 10:30 a.m. MT

**READERS**

Tom Bachman	July 11, 4:00 p.m.
Steve Sullivan	July 12, 9:00 a.m.
Gwen Waechter	July 18, 4:00 p.m.
K of C Members	July 19, 9:00 a.m.
Karen Burden	July 25, 4:00 p.m.
Cindy Achen	July 26, 9:00 a.m.

**We will need one 1 volunteer to be a E. Minister at each weekend Mass.**

**WE WILL NOT HAVE SERVERS, OR MUSICIANS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**-HEARTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY WILL BE HOSTING WEBINARS**  
**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. 7:00 to**  
**8:30 p.m CT.**

Must register to receive Link Via-e-mail <https://heartlandspirituality.org/webinars/>  
Can a Christian Believe in Evolution – Aug. 13, What does it mean to be Pro-Life – Spt. 10.

**CATHOLIC VOTE:** A key tenet of Catholic life is faithful citizenship. We all have a responsibility to exercise that citizenship by voting. The Kansas Catholic Conference is helping by initiating a statewide nonpartisan voter registration drive. Please go to [www.KansasCatholic.org](http://www.KansasCatholic.org) and click the link for VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION. The deadline to register in the important summer primary is July 14. Please register TODAY and vote your Catholic values.

**PROMOTING JUSTICE THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY – Kansas** Catholic Conference. Click here to register to vote in Ks.! Click here for the Legislative Voting Report Attention KS Catholics. What's happening in Topeka, and what you can do about it! <https://vimeo.com/329439787> Kansas Catholics. We need you to help make a difference! However, now is the time to tune in and step up your game. Read updates...Promoting Justice Through Public Policy.

**Collection for July 5, 2020,** Envelopes \$320.00; Loose collection \$99.25; On line giving \$1,424.37 ; Total \$1,843.62 ; Average Weekly expense \$1,989.55; Income over/under (-145.93).

**Parish and Finance Council members needed:** If you are interested in serving on either the Parish or Finance Council you are to call Fr. Peter or any member of the Parish or Finance Council. (a list of those members is listed on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church).

We will be having a **rummage sale** again this summer, (no date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime, but we will **NOT BE ACCEPTING CLOTHES THIS YEAR.** You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall. Jane Sullivan 355-7341; Tressa Powers, 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; or Gwen Waechter 272-1030.