Today we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The story in today’s Gospel about the sower and the seed is very appropriate as we continue through the summer months. I am often driving through farm fields and you can see how the crops vary from field to field. Sometimes it is lack of water or too much water, other times there are just too many weeds. Sometimes the crops are planted on slopes or if you go to Maine, the fields are full of rocks. Jesus uses the image of the farmer to describe how faith is planted and then what either encourages it or destroys it. Take some time this week and reflect on our own faith and the sower and the seed.

It is surprising how once we are past the Fourth of July things once again begin to ramp up in the parishes. Registration is ongoing now for both Religious Education classes and for St. Agnes School. Numbers look good for both and classes are beginning to fill up. I once again encourage you to register now before classes are closed. People oftentimes get upset with us when we tell them a class is full, but we need to consider the class size and the teacher. So, don’t wait until it is too late. This year a number of new young teachers will be joining the staff at St. Agnes. It is nice to add new people and their new ideas to our seasoned staff.

We also continue to put out the invitation to join the RCIA for those who would like to become Catholic or are Catholic but have missed one or more of the sacraments. The RCIA meets once a week on Wednesday evenings beginning in September. The classes run until Holy Week and those who participate receive the sacraments in the spring at the Easter Vigil. If you are interested or need more information you may call the parish offices and they will put you in contact Joe Sopron at St. Kieran or Carol Brothers at St. Agnes. Get the word out to your family and friends.

Different projects are going on at each of the parishes this summer. New energy saving lights have been installed at both the east and west parking lots at St. Kieran. They use less energy and are supposed to last a lot longer. At St. Agnes work should begin this week on the new church roof. The work is scheduled to last four weeks, and when that is completed we will begin to look at inside renovations and repair. Thanks to everyone who continue to support the day to day operation and upkeep of our parishes.

May God Bless Your Day

St. Kieran Catholic Church
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017
You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest. — Psalm 65:12

Notes from Fr. John

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).
Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).
Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).
Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-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, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Ws 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]
June 26, 2017

St. Kieran Church
724 West 195 Street
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

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We’ll stay in touch with you about our ongoing activities and accomplishments through our newsletters and annual report. Join us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter.

Thanks again and warm regards,

Douglas A. Keshol
Executive Director

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“For bells are the voice of the church; they have tones that touch and search the hearts of young and old.”

(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

We are forming a new Choir Chime group that will perform at some weekend liturgies and on special occasions. Practices will be minimal and could be during the day or in the evening, according to the consensus of the members. No musical background at all is needed to join. If you are interested (ages from junior high to senior citizens), please contact Joanne Rossbach or call the Rectory at 708/755-0074. Rectory Office hours Monday through Thursday from 9 to 3 pm.

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus (Chicago Heights Chapter, Council 997) for this great gift!
CONGRATULATIONS & SALUTATIONS ...

to the following St. Kieran parishioners. Pictured left to right are Jamie Amazzalorso who got her Bachelors Degree in Business Marketing from Eastern Illinois University; Jenna Amazzalorso who got her Bachelors Degree in Exercise Science from North Central College; Briana Narcissi who got her Bachelors Degree in Exercise Science from North Central College; and Nicole Narcissi who got her Associates Degree in Dental Hygiene from Prairie State College. Your parish family is proud of you!

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**Rosary Rally**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 997, invites you to their next Rosary Rally

**Sunday, July 30th after 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Please Join Us!

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**RECYCLE RALLY SUNDAY**

**August 6**

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

East Parking Lot

Please be aware that during summer there is not volunteers to help unload your recyclables.

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

**MARRIED IN 1967?**

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS?**

If not, there is still time to register.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 2:45 PM at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

To register, please contact your local parish, or register online at pvm.archchicago.org

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If you have been attending Mass here at St. Kieran, but have not registered . . .

**NOW IS THE TIME!**

Come and join our parish family.

Fill out this form and give it to an usher or call the rectory at 708-755-0074. We will happily send you a registration form.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________
ST. KIERAN PARISH MASS BOOK
NOW OPEN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

The Parish Mass Book is now open for Mass intentions for year 2018. Masses may be celebrated
in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special event. Masses are open for the following days
and times:

- Daily Mass (Tuesday through Friday)  8 AM
- Weekend Masses
  - Saturday (anticipated Mass)   5 PM
  - Sunday                     8 AM, 10 AM
- Holy Days (Day of Feast)        8 AM, 7 PM

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated, please complete the form below and return to the
Rectory Office (weekly collection, mail, or walk-in.) Stipend donation is $10 per Mass; please make
checks payable to “St. Kieran Catholic Church” and enclose with the form (DO NOT SEND CASH
BY MAIL.)

We will send a confirmation to you of your Mass dates; please allow two weeks for processing.
Thanks to all of our parishioners for supporting the continuing efforts of St. Kieran Church.

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MASS REQUEST FORM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

PERSON REQUESTING MASSES: _____________________________________________________

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: ____________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER: ____________________________________________________________

(1) MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

FIRST CHOICE DATE & TIME    SECOND CHOICE DATE & TIME

(2) MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

FIRST CHOICE DATE & TIME    SECOND CHOICE DATE & TIME

(3) MASS INTENTION

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HOLY FAMILY SHRINE MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Flowers are delivered every Thursday to decorate the Holy Family Shrine in the back of our church. Flower arrangements are ordered and delivered by Hofmann Florist in Chicago Heights.

If you would like to have flowers dedicated to the memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, or just to decorate the Shrine, you may order them from the Rectory Office by completing the form below. Cost per flower arrangement is $25, which is our cost; checks should be made payable to “St. Kieran Catholic Church.”

Orders and remittance may be placed in the weekly collection basket, mailed to the Rectory Office or dropped off at the Rectory Office. You will receive a confirmation of your order. We would like to extend our thanks to all of our parishioners for helping to decorate the Shrine on a weekly basis.

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT FOR THE HOLY FAMILY SHRINE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

(1)

NAME OF PERSON OR EVENT

FIRST DATE CHOICE

SECOND DATE CHOICE

(2)

NAME OF PERSON OR EVENT

FIRST DATE CHOICE
### Holy Family Shrine

This week, the flowers decorating The Holy Family Shrine in the back of church were donated in memory of...

**Roe Jaworski**

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### Ministry Schedule for July 22 & 23, 2017

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 17 – Weekday
8:00 a.m. • Communion Service

Tuesday, July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis
8:00 a.m. • Sr. Marie Therese Weaver, req. by St. Kieran Church

Wednesday, July 19 – Weekday
8:00 a.m. • For the unemployed

Thursday, July 20 – St. Apollinaris
8:00 a.m. • Marco V. Maggie, req. by the Maggio Family

Friday, July 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi
8:00 a.m. • Richard & Thomas Plucienik, req. by Harold Plucienik

Saturday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene
9:00 a.m. • Communion Service
5:00 p.m. • Audrey Ann Bauer, req. by her sister, Jackie Maciareillo
• Joseph L. Baron, req. by Emil & Sandy Vasek
• Betty Staniszewski, req. by her family
• Paul Eppel, req. by Brenda & Ed Wesley

Sunday, July 23 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. • Betty Staniszewski, req. by Sue Stojak
• Deceased of the Narcisi/Falcioni Family, req. by Louise Narcisi

10:00 a.m. • The parishioners of St. Kieran Church

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Just go to www.stkieranchurch.org

On Our website you can look up:
♦ Our bulletins current and past
♦ NEW! Employment Opportunities where you can view want ads or submit info about a job opening in your company.
♦ Events around the parish.
♦ Links to other Catholic websites

Choose to follow us and you’ll receive an email whenever a new post is published.
Have ideas of what you would like to see added to our site or to comment on its content?
Email us to stk-webmaster@comcast.net
Parish Mission Statement:
St. Kieran Parish is a Catholic community within the Archdiocese of Chicago. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, nourished by Scripture and Sacrament, we are called by Christ to become disciples and stewards. Through worship, fellowship, catechesis, and service to all God’s children, we embrace our Lord’s challenge to live as family and be his witnesses, beginning here in Chicago Heights.

Parish Staff:
Rev. John Siemianowski, Pastor           Deacon Eugene Labelle, Senior Deacon
Rev. Thomas Kaspputis, Associate Pastor   Deacon David Dutko
Rev. William O’Mara, Resident Associate  Deacon Emil Vasek

Weekend Masses are celebrated Saturdays at 5 PM; Sundays at 8 AM and 10 AM
Weekday Masses are celebrated Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Communion Services are celebrated on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

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Teri Klopp, Coordinator, stk-reoffice@comcast.net

Director of Music:
Mrs. Joanne Rossbach, 708/755-0074

Parish Ministries:
Knights of Columbus: David Nozar, 708/267-8253 Visit our website: www.knights997.org

SACRAMENTAL/IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact the Rectory Office to make arrangements. Regular Baptismal Sundays are the first and third Sundays of the month at 11:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Contact the Rectory Office at least six month prior to date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the Rectory Office to set-up visits.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: For adults who wish to know more about the Roman Catholic faith, please contact the Rectory Office and the Director of Religious Education will contact you.

NEW PARISHIONERS: To become a member, please contact the Rectory Office for a registration form.

BULLETIN/PARISH CALENDAR: Bulletin information should be submitted by email to the Bulletin Editor. Contact the Office Manager for arrangements to use parish facilities.