# JULY 12, 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.



Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

#### PARISH CALENDAR

## Monday, July 13

8:30 a.m. - Wladyslawa Szymski †

#### Tuesday, July 14

**8:30 a.m.** - Betty Isabey † Eleanor Rouse †

#### Wednesday, July 15

8:30 a.m. - John Matuch †
Luke Doppelhofer †

Thursday, July 16 No Mass

#### Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. - Special Intention for David Masse

Saturday, July 18
5:00 p.m. - Marie Murphy

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Sunday, July 19 9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Vittoria & Ermelinda Passero †

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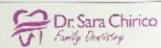
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