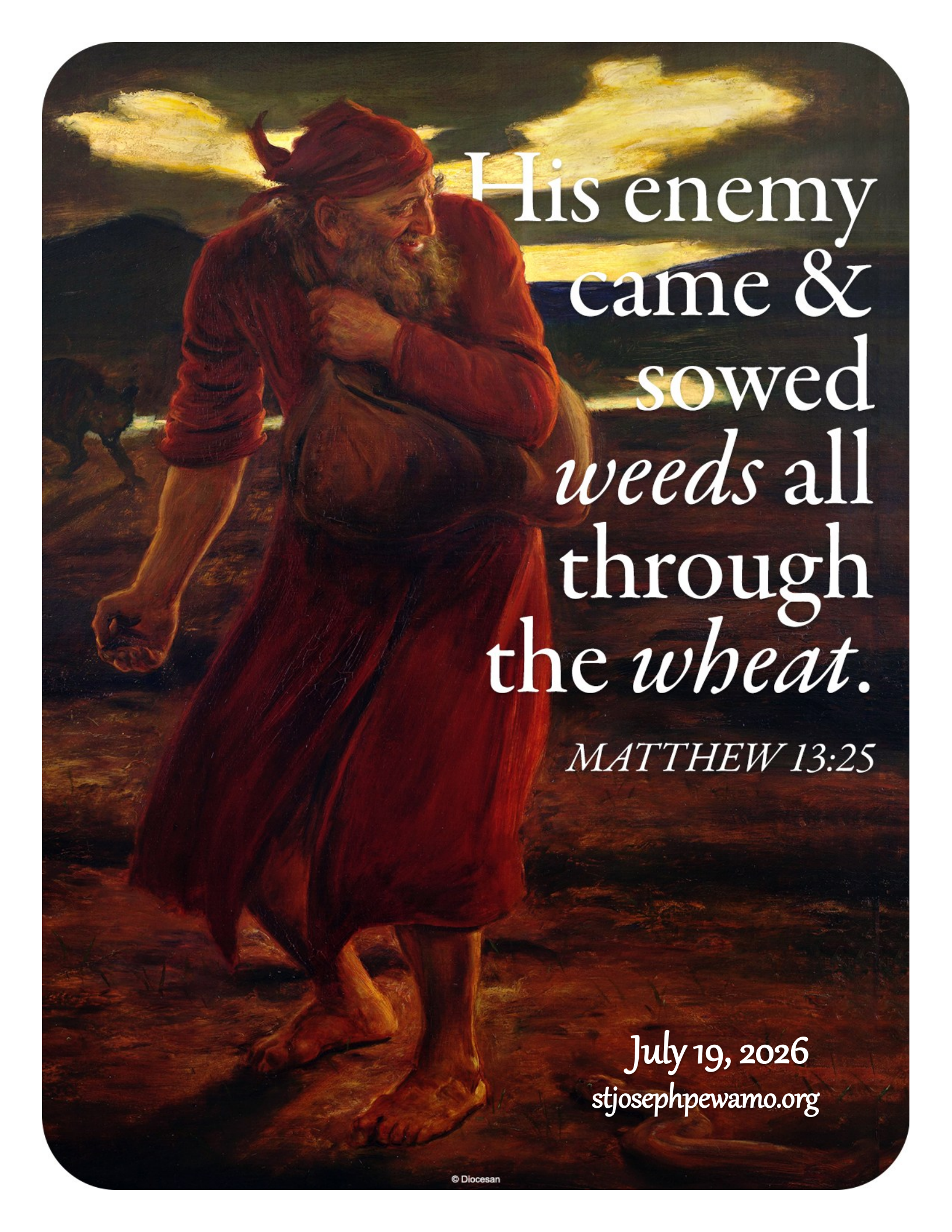




His enemy
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MATTHEW 13:25

July 19, 2026
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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, July 18— Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ord time

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Parish Family

SUNDAY, July 19— Sixteenth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Delores Jaquays
10:00 am: **MASS**— Janice Schafer & Living &
Deceased Family Members

MONDAY, July 20— Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ord. Time

11:30 am: Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Norm & Mary Miller
& great grandchildren

TUESDAY, July 21— Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am—6:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Confessions
6:30 pm: **MASS**— Paul Schafer
7:15 pm: Baptism

WEDNESDAY, July 22— Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 am: **MASS**— Carol Simon
8:45 am: Confessions

THURSDAY, July 23— Thursday of the Sixteenth Week Ord. Time

6:15 am: Poor Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, July 24— Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ord. Time

6:00 am: Confessions
11:30 Rosary
12:00 pm: **MASS**— Thomas Fedewa

SATURDAY, July 25— Feast of St. James, Apostle

3:30 pm: Confessions
4:30 pm: **MASS**— Gary Hendee & Living &
Deceased Family Members

SUNDAY, July 26— Seventeenth Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 am: **MASS**— Louis, Louise and Gary Klein & Living &
Deceased Family Members
10:00 am: **MASS**— Parish Family



Stewardship of Time, Talent, & Treasure



2026-2027 School Raffle
(7/7) Scott & Sue Klein (#110)



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In Memory of Michael Smith

SUMMER LIBRARY

Our summer library program is perfect for kiddos to embrace reading and their faith! Join Miss Kowatch on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm to check out your next adventure.

Summer Library also has special features at 10am. Tuesdays includes story time & Thursdays includes games.

EVENT BOOKLET DEADLINE

Have an event you'd like to share with the parish community? Submit information for events taking place in September, October, November, and December by July 31 to be included in the next event booklet.



CSA UPDATE

Please help us fulfill our assessment this year. Any monies not received through pledges will be paid out of the parish operating budget. Any monies received in excess of our assessment are returned to the parish.

2026 CSA Assessment \$80,975.00
Shortfall \$18,906.00

Paid : \$62,070.00 (77% of our assessment)
July 8, 2026

Parish Support	July 5, 2026	Envelopes Used
General Collection	\$3,567.00	38
Online Giving	\$3,781.75	52
Total	\$7,348.75	90
Needed Weekly	\$ 9,000.00	

SUMMER TIME TO TRAVEL, NOT NEGLECT

Reminder to the families that are out and about this Summer season. When you take the family to Mass while traveling, pick up a bulletin and have the whole family sign it and drop it in the collection basket. One lucky family will be drawn from the Bulletins we receive. If you need help finding a local or an international Mass use Masstimes.org.



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Pewamo Council #8071 Roster 2026-2027

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JULY 25TH SATURDAY **6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

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Hope: Virtue, Feeling, Action

Every now and then, I revisit my notes from my annual retreat to muse on the graces of that time with the Lord. Recently, I opened my journal and began reading entries from my latest retreat. I read in my notes, “Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.” (Eph. 1:18)

Hope. It is the belief that no matter how things look, God is in charge. He has “my back.” His plan is better than I can ever imagine! Hope looks to the fact that my “core hunger is filled to overflowing.” I have absolutely no idea where I copied that quote or whether it’s an original thought given to me through the workings of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, it does make one ponder about hope, doesn’t it?

Continuing my series on hope, I came across a book, *Mercy and Hope*, that describes hope as a virtue, a feeling and an action.¹ These three aspects come from the author, Mike Pacer, but the reflections are mine.

Hope is a virtue – Hope is one of the Theological virtues gifted to us at Baptism in which we long for heaven and expect to receive it if we live a life to which God has called us. How we determine what God has called us to is beyond the scope of this article. With this being said, let’s continue with my original thought.

Hope is the ability for each and every one of us to root ourselves in this world while we look toward heaven. That “looking” is actually the beginning of hungering for heaven. Hope guides us through the darkness and the craziness of this world, knowing that we are made for something bigger. The “something bigger” is actually experiencing the oneness of the Trinity. Not just seeing the Beatific Vision, but being caught up in the dance of the Trinity! We can have glimpses of this reality here and now, but we can’t see its totality because of the darkness of this broken world that surrounds us. That’s why we can proclaim in Psalm 139:12 and direct this sentiment to God: “Darkness is not dark to you!” Hope transforms the darkness into the marvelous light of heaven!

Hope is a feeling – To paraphrase the author of the Book of Hebrews (11:1), hope is the expectation of things not seen. Hope is a feeling when we have studied for an exam, and we *hope* that we will pass. Or, as a child, we would live in *hope* that Santa would come on Christmas Eve, bringing us a toy that we so keenly desired.

If we focus merely on feeling, we eclipse the virtue aspect of hope that looks toward heaven. This is the reason why we were made to experience the heavenly life with the Trinity for eternity with the conviction that it’s going to happen as sure as I sit here typing these reflections.

Hope is an action – If we merely accept the fact that hope is a virtue and a feeling without living it, we miss a very important aspect of our faith. Let me explain. The study of our faith brings us knowledge. Knowledge, when personally accepted, sinks into our hearts and we begin to love our faith. But it should not stop there. Our love should affect how we act, speak and live. Lived hope provides us with joy.

In *Mercy and Hope*, Pacer defines hope in action having two components: a response and a decision. He writes, “God acts, and we respond. God leads the way and then we decide whether to follow. God has already completed the work of salvation through his Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. All graces necessary for our personal salvation flow from this act of God. Yet we must respond to God’s salvific action. We must cooperate with his plan.... The first and foremost act of hope is to accept hope. It is the decision to say ‘Yes’ to God; it is the decision to trust God. In hope, we decide to accept God’s love, despite any feelings of love that we have or lack thereof. We decide to trust in his plan for us, even when we feel lost. In hope, we trust that all of the pain and heartaches that we experience throughout life are not without merit or reason and will infinitely be compensated for them by the joys of Heaven. In hope, we decide on a destiny and trust that we will arrive.”²

In a sense, hope is a tiny flame of a candle that we carry as we protect it from the storms of life. This tiny flame can be shared with others without being diminished. The Light of the World can truly fill whatever is lacking within me. I long for the moment to be transformed into this marvelous Light!

This is hope lived now!

¹ Pacer, Mike. *Mercy and Hope*. Lighthouse Catholic Publishing, 2015. Pg. 127.

² Ibid, pg. 132.

By Sister Geralyn Schmidt, SCC, *Special to The Witness*

<https://www.catholicwitness.org/hope-virtue-feeling-action/>

Stewardship of Time (Prayer)

PARISHIONER PRAYER REQUESTS

Rob Davarn Roger Freund Cade Hamilton Linda Klein Kendall Kramer Fr. Charlon Mason Pat MacLachan Nicole Schafer	Roman Schafer Louis Simon Pete Smith Jason Thelen Philip Thelen Tom Thelen Greg Tojong Charles Trierweiler	Mary Louise Westbrook Tony Wirth (son of Mike & Donna) Douglas Werner
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*If you would like to be included or know of someone who would like to be on the list, please contact the Prayer Network. **Please join the Group on the MyParishApp.** More information can be found at the parish website or by calling the Parish Office.*

How to submit a prayer request: (1) Call the Parish Office or (2) enter a prayer request on the My Parish App.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Aidan Clute
 Ethan George
 Brandon Joseph
 Kimberly Miller
 Matthew Martin
 Deegan Mason
 Benjamin Robbins
 Ryan Schafer

To add your family member to this list, please contact the Parish Office.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Matthew's Ministry Wednesday, July 22 Julie Heckman Barb Wesley Kim Thelen 		
Monday, July 20, 12:00 am	Diane Thelen			
Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 pm	Claire Jandernoa			
Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 am	NEED			
Thursday, July 23, 6:15 am	Thomas Thelen			
Friday, July 24, 12:00 pm	NEED	EMHC	Altar Server	Usher/Greeters
Saturday, July 25, 4:30 pm	Jeremy Piggott	Marilyn Schneider	Isla Piggott Rowan Piggott	Roger Fox Judy Fox Andrew Kowatch NEED
Sunday, July 26, 8:00 am	Alyssa Witgen	Jim Schmitz Bev Schmitz Todd Henning	Kendall Kramer Milly Kramer Berkeley Henning	Ben Kramer Susan Craft Thomas Fedewa Doug Fox
Sunday, July 26, 10:00 am	Francis Thelen	Jerry Waldron Kathy Waldron Sarah Jandernoa	Corbin Arnes Eli Smith Lou George	Sam Thelen Darrin Heckman Bill Kramer Kaine Simon

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