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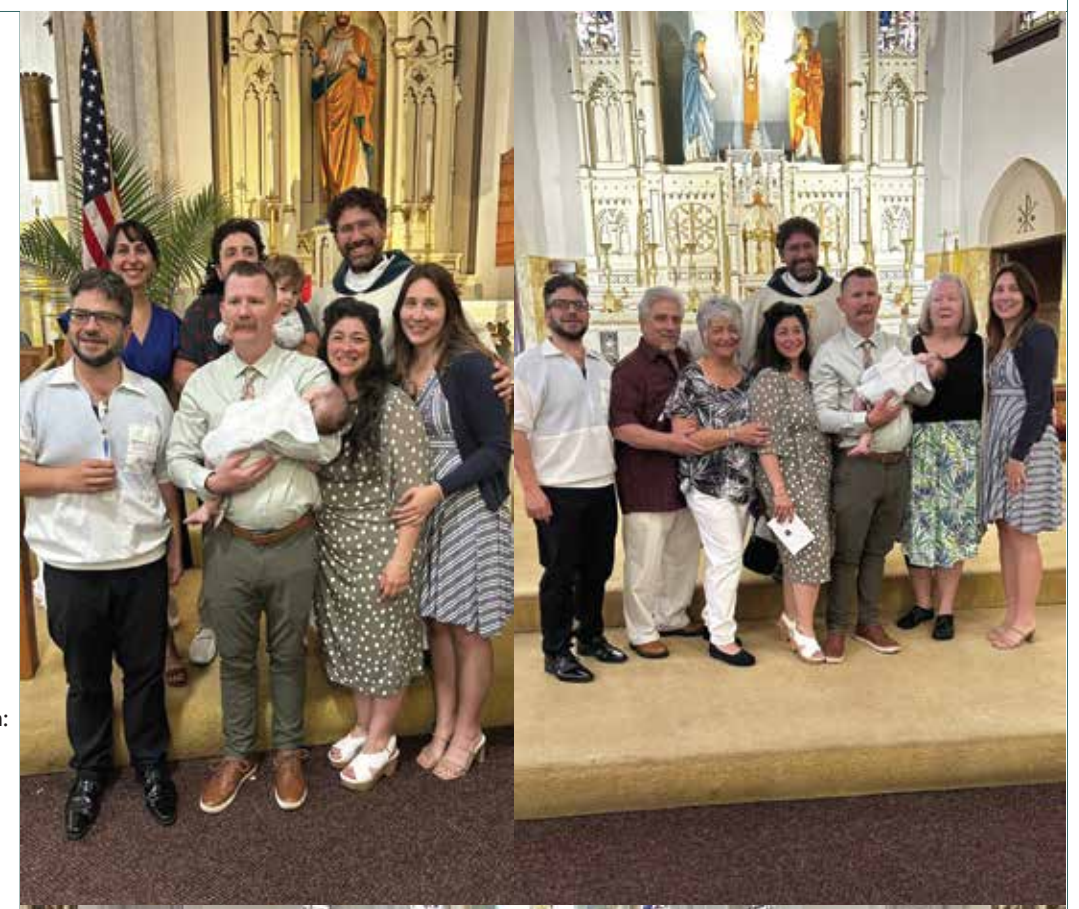
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PICNIC RAIN OR SHINE!!!!

August 23, 2026, 12:00 to 5:00

Leone's Den 810 Lions Club Lane, Farrell
(by Farrell Golden Dawn)

Join us for Chicken on the Spit, Hot dogs,
Sausage, Peppers, & onions!!

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FROM PASTORS DESK

"My word will not return to me void...but will achieve the end for which I sent it."

Growing time is going on all around us and the single Old Testament verse we hear today captures an agricultural image that would make sense to the people Isaiah was teaching. I once heard from someone who grew up in Iowa, that on a quiet summer night you could hear the corn growing. The recent days of extreme heat have yielded to more moderate weather for us and the various "bodacious" vegetables that will arrive on our tables, achieving the end for which God sent them.

For Israel, that prophecy meant that God would give them back their land and their identity as God's "choicest vine." They have been purified from their idolatry – their keeping company with pagan gods – and will once again be God's faithful people.

Matthew's gospel selection has three parts that, in parable form, relate how we fit into the story and bring growth to the "seed" that is sown in our hearts and souls. The background for this story is the tension that Jesus has been bringing to his debates with the Pharisees. Itinerant preachers (traveling rabbis) like Jesus, have been taught the core of the OT scriptures and have mastered them, and they (like Jesus) bring a certain flavor or interpretation which is foreign to the staid and static message of the Pharisees.

Jesus invites the Pharisees to join him in developing a fresh outlook on the Old Covenant. He challenges them to see his interpretations as a maturation of the scriptures and not a threat, but his very existence annoys them, and they set out to plan his death.

Jesus takes the opportunity to explain the parable to the disciples. The "you" are the disciples; the "them" are the Pharisees. What has been granted is an interior knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom. The Pharisees were granted the opportunity to see and hear, but they did not see and hear mystery – they wanted the security that comes with controlling knowledge. So even what they have will be taken away.

But make no mistake, we can be Pharisees as well by participating in the human desire to control God and God's truth. Sometimes we see God's mysterious methods as threats that are uncontrollable and miss the opportunity for growth in faith.

Many of us will try to figure out what kind of soil we possess into which the Word has been implanted. DON'T GO THERE! We can end up only becoming preoccupied and filling up with a strong negativity. Rather, go to the Sower, to the Rain-Maker and do not ask questions which will take away mystery, such as the Pharisees asked. Listen with the ears you have and see with the eyes you have that certainty and security are traps that lead only to yourself.

The Kingdom seed that has been planted within us is established on the fidelity of God who has made promises that Love will remain around and within us until what it was sent to do in you and me is accomplished.

Enjoy the summer!
Father Frank and Father Glenn



SHARE THE NEWS

We are trying to get the word out to the many parishioners that may not come to mass at Fatima every week and do not know about the picnic.

Please pass the word around. This is a **FREE** picnic for ALL parishioners, even if we haven't seen them in a while...Please join US

SUMMER!!!!!!



Marriage Moment

The physics of marriage: You can't change your spouse. Only your spouse can do that. Work on yourself. For every action there is a reaction.

Parenting Pointers

Healthy technology use starts with modeling responsibility and restraint yourself. Check if your own life is balanced and earn the right to talk to your kids about it.

A Family Perspective

The stress and anxieties of family life can be like "thorns that choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. In today's gospel, Jesus "went out of the house" to connect with the people He loved. Take five minutes each day to appreciate the people you love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 12 thru July 18

Sunday	Is 55: 10-11 Mt 13: 1-23 or 13:1-19(103)
Monday	Is 1: 10-17 Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)
Tuesday	Is 7: 1-9 Mt 11:20-24 (390)
Wednesday	Is 10: 5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27 (391)
Thursday	Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11-28-30 (392)
Friday	Is 38: 1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12: 1-8 (393)
Saturday	Mi 2: 1-5 Mt 12:14-21 (394)

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OUR SUPPORT!!!
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Baptized**

**A baby is.....
A little piece of Heaven
that touches our hearts.
A gift that is priceless and
precious and worth more
than anything else on
earth.**

**A special Thank You to
Fr. Alan Baldarelli for
coming to Fatima to
celebrate this special
day!!!!!!**

Please Pray For

Virginia Careghini, James and Elaine Kashmer, Ann Martinko, David Martinko, Serena Nevant, James Pert, Bernadette Kozen-Rowlands, Judy Bianco, Jim Ost, Diane McDougal, John Horvath, Cathy Baxter, Donna Demico, Mark Palumbo

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