

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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BEAM  
 BRAMBLES  
 BROTHER  
 DISCIPLES  
 EYE

HEART  
 HYPOCRITE  
 PARABLE  
 PIT  
 SPLINTER

TEACHER  
 THORN  
 TREES

## Catechizing Corner!

In the final part of the “Sermon on the Plain,” Jesus tells four related parables “concerned with the matter of Christian influence.” Jesus is concerned with forming disciples to assist others in the ongoing process of formation. Disciples learn discipleship from other disciples. Jesus instructs them in the Christian way of life. In order for disciples to lead and challenge others to live the *way*, they must themselves be models of the *way*. Thus, self-critical analysis must be a way of life for followers of Christ. How can one effectively lead others without engaging in his or her own ongoing process of renewal and conversion?

We are not to take this parable as an exhortation against fraternal correction. Just because the disciple is a sinner does not mean that he cannot engage in correction for the sake of the community. It is not expected of a disciple that “he should live and let live and be blind to moral imperfections about him. Such a stance would give the green light to evil and spell the end of mutual admonition in the community.” Rather, the point is: one must look at oneself before seeing the imperfections of others. Jesus brings the point home with a touch of ironic humor. Imagine a plank protruding from the eye of an unreflective disciple! Preposterous! It is just as preposterous to assume that disciples would correct one another without ever examining their own interior dispositions and behavior.

Jesus points the way for teachers through his use of metaphors. Blind people need the sighted to lead them. The ignorant need the knowledgeable to teach them.



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## Disciple's Reflection

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## Question of the Week

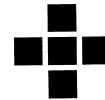
**Eighth Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time  
 3/2/2025**

**A Call to Prayer**

**The Word of God  
 Luke 6:39-45**

**Faith Sharing  
 Questions of the week**

**Closing Prayer**



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## Call to Prayer

*Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.

Why do you notice the **splinter** in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden

### Gospel Glossary

**splinter:** a tiny piece of wood

**hypocrite:** a person who acts one way in front of some people and different with other people.

beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn-bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

### The Gospel of the Lord.



## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Adults:** What are the specks that blur your vision and the impediments that block your heart?

**Teens:** What are the things in your life that you need to change before you ask someone else to change their ways?

**Children:** Name a bad habit you would like to work on improving.

**Families:** Name some of the good habits you learned from a family member.

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Eighth Sunday*