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A Good News Story

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What is the Sabbath?

What did the Apostles do that the Pharisees viewed as breaking the Sabbath law?

Read more about it in Luke 6

Pharisees Accuse Jesus Of Breaking the Sabbath

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The Pharisees were always picking on Jesus.

They watched Jesus' every move and listened closely to what He said to the people. They hoped to catch Him doing or saying something that was against the law of God.

One day, Jesus and His Apostles were walking through a field of grain. It was the Sabbath.

According to God's commandments, the Sabbath was to be kept as a holy day of rest, just as God rested after He created the heavens and the earth. No person or animal was to do work on that day.

As Jesus and His friends walked through the field, the Apostles picked the heads off the grain and ate them because they were hungry.

Aha! the Pharisees thought excitedly — Jesus' friends were doing work by picking the grain. They were breaking God's law.



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The Pharisees rushed up to Jesus.

"Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" they demanded to know. Jesus looked at them calmly.

"Have you not read what David did when he and those who were with him were hungry?" he asked.

Jesus reminded them that David went into the house of God and ate the holy bread that only the priests were allowed to eat.

"The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath,"

Jesus told the Pharisees.

On another Sabbath, Jesus went into the synagogue to teach. There He saw a man who had a withered hand.

The Pharisees and the scribes watched Jesus closely. They whispered to each other, wondering if Jesus would cure the man's hand. If Jesus cured on the Sabbath, they would accuse Him of breaking God's law.

Jesus saw the Pharisees and scribes drawing near to Him. He knew what they were up to. Jesus asked the man to stand before the people.

"I ask you, is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" Jesus asked.

He looked at those gathered around Him. He told the man to stretch out his hand, and He cured it.

The Pharisees became extremely angry, and they began talking about what they could do to Jesus.

Children Take Part in Vacation Bible Schools



2016 Totus Tuus Tour Stops at Galena

Some of the participants of Totus Tuus posed for a photo with Father David J. Reese (back right), pastor, after Mass at St. Mary in Galena on July 22.



Elizabeth Parish Hosts VBS Family Dinner

More than 75 family members gathered July 29 in St. Mary Parish Hall in Elizabeth for a celebratory dinner with the young people — more than 40 of them — who participated in the week long "Cave Quest — Following Jesus, The Light of the World" community vacation Bible school. The ecumenical session is co-sponsored by St. Mary, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth.



(Photos provided)

Bishop Visits Amboy Totus Tuus

On July 26, Bishop David Malloy (right above; center back below) visited St. Patrick Parish in Amboy to give a blessing to the children attending the Totus Tuus program. Amboy was the last stop of the summer for the Totus Tuus team made up of (below, back left) Ava Lalor, Lizzy Thibault and Rockford Diocese seminarians (back right) James Linkenheld and Michael Gehrig. Father Timothy Draper, pastor (back, third from left) joined them for a group photo.

