

July 13, 2025 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Please contact the pastor

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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St. Anthony Gifts

	6/29/25	7/6/25
Adults	\$535	\$665
Loose	\$66	\$51
Peters Pence	\$162	
Maintenance		\$120

St. John Gifts

	6/29/25	7/6/25
Adults	\$3345	\$4025.30
Loose	\$495.25	\$618
Online	\$390	\$2040
Peters Pence	\$1129	\$30
Catholic Comm	\$25	
Picnic	\$117	\$1135.30
Votive	\$105	\$94

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Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule of either parish, fill it out, and drop it in the collection basket. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

Liturgical Roles

July 19-20, 2025
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 19, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Lucianna & Clara Horrell
Lector: Chandler Jansen
Extraordinary Min. *Kenny Horrell
Ushers: Dale Bueter, Mike Bueter
Offertory: Ben & Crystal Beel
Sacristan: Pam Horrell
Rosary Leader: Ernestine Bueter

Sunday, July 20, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Alaina Long, Ashtyn Van de Ven
Lector: Polly Mungle
Extraordinary Min.: *Dennis James, Jean Clubb, Bob clubb
Choir Min.: Mary Adams
Ushers: Francis Nenninger, Brad Broshuis
Offertory: Family of Joe & Ursula Nenninger
Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen
Rosary: Anthony Jansen

Sunday, July 20, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Lauren VanGennip, Reeann Burger
Lector: Gerard Macke
Extraordinary Min.: *Tannie Smith, Addison Engelen, Matt Michaelree
Choir Min.: Chuck Forrester
Ushers: Scott & Drew Engelen
Offertory: Family of Henry and Rose Mary Arnzen
Sacristan: Lori Graham
Rosary: Gerard Macke

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for July 20: Ronda Elfrink

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, July 14

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members L. J. Macke Family (SJ)
9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, July 15

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Virgil & Thelma Beel † (SJ)

Wednesday, July 16

5:30 - 5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Lawrence & Celestine Eeftink Family (SA)

Thursday, July 17

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Carolyn Schreckenbergh † (SJ)

Friday, July 18

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (SJ)

Saturday, July 19

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John / St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Sunday, July 20

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - L/D Members Joe & Ursula Nenninger Family (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - Henry & Rose Mary Arnzen † (SJ)
1:00 PM MASS - Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)
7:00 - 9:00 PM - Totus Tuus for grades 7-12 (Cafeteria)



Please all note, especially ushers, that the 911 address for St. John Church has been added to the front of the bulletin should the need to call for an ambulance or the sheriff arise that requires it.

LEOPOLD PICNIC NEWS:

Picnic dishwashing day is Tuesday, July 22 at picnic kitchen starting at 7 AM.

The 131st Annual Leopold Picnic is July 26!

OCIA: If you or someone you know would like to enter the Catholic faith or you are curious about the Catholic faith and want to learn more about it, now is the time to start thinking seriously about it. To begin, start going to Mass either with someone or on your own. Think of what is stirring inside your heart and mind to have these thoughts and yearnings. Pray. Ask God what He has planned for you. Give yourself space to just be quiet in His presence. He will show you a path. We begin classes the end of September and will have classes every Sunday evening until Easter of 2026. If you are interested, call Cindy Jansen @ 238-6767. We welcome all inquiries. God loves you and is waiting for you to come home.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the book, *Profiles in Character*, Congresswoman Barbara Cubin from Wyoming tells how her character was shaped by the moral influence of her parents. Barbara's parents divorced when she was young. A few years later, Barbara's mother remarried. Her new stepfather worked hard to support the family. One particular story demonstrates his great character. Barbara's birth father, on a visit to Wyoming, was beaten and robbed. At the hospital, a paramedic found his former wife's phone number on Barbara's birth father and called the house. Barbara's stepfather went immediately to the hospital and paid his wife's ex-husband's hospital bill. Then he took him to a local motel. The stepfather paid the proprietor of the motel for the father's room and meals until he had recovered enough to go home. [Representative Barbara Cubin. *Profiles in Character* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1996), pp. 68-69.]

The lawyer had asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Having narrated the parable Jesus confronts the lawyer with the leading question: "Which of the three do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The lawyer is forced to admit, "The one who showed him mercy."

It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

The point of the parable is not the failure of certain characters in it to show themselves neighbors but really the inclusive teaching on neighborliness'. The story of the victim on the side of the road is a challenge to examine how we see others as neighbors.

Prayer: "Gracious God, fill me with your compassion, that I may see the world through your eyes. Help me to be a source of comfort and support to those in need, and to extend forgiveness and love to all. Amen."

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

We hear today the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is only given in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is asked by a lawyer what must be done to inherit eternal life. Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 on loving God and Leviticus 19:18 on loving your neighbor. He tells the lawyer "do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

You can find many commentaries on the subject of the Good Samaritan and each character in the parable represents a number of different aspects of people and their attributes and virtues or values to life and others.

In our latest book study on the Beatitudes- Heart of the Gospel, this parable was rendered to us this way: "The parable of the Good Samaritan is a parable about Jesus, who came to the aid of sinful humanity by pouring the wine of divine justice and the oil of divine mercy upon our wounds. Moreover, he lifted us upon his own beast, that is, his human nature, and brought us to an inn; that is, he provided a Church for our physical and spiritual care until he comes again. Jesus truly became our neighbor by showing us mercy."

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

For members and wives, mothers or daughters of members, the annual Horseshoe Tournament will be at Oran on August 15-17. Entry forms in the clubroom or at Leopold store. Entry fee of \$40 per team. Entry form MUST be signed by Grand Knight James Lewis. Entry deadline is July 15 but there will be a few days of grace period. Mixer (5-11), cornhole (7-11, fireworks (at dark) and music and bragging rights (8-11) on Friday night. Breakfast (6:30-9:30) and registration (6:30-8:15) on Saturday. Tournament starts at 9 each day. Let's have Leopold again have one of the top number of entries from any council.

Don Beel's benefit activities next weekend - Fish Fry-Friday night from 5-7, Shooting Match Saturday at noon, boards at 11 and Euchre Tournament at 1. Many raffles are ongoing and next weekend. A community event.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Is God calling you to love Him through a life of service to others in the Church? Pray about how you can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for July: Francis & Peggy Nenninger** *For our parish, that we may be a community of compassion, fostering vocations through prayer, support, and example. Let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Many Thanks to all who helped with Dumping Day. Great leadership and wonderful workers.

Get your items together for The Gift Shoppe- new items only, craft items, jams and canned items. The old rule was 7 items per family? Buy and sell raffle tickets and get posters up. Order your set of playing cards from Dana Beussink(\$20 - photos from 2024 picnic)

Our only Parish Fund Raiser. Plan on doing your part.

Ministry Notes & Updates

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

There will be a meet and greet with the new high school youth group leader, Tannie Smith, on Sunday July 13 at 11 AM in the cafeteria. Open to all youth in high school and their parents. Come get to know our new leader!

CONFIRMATION: Please pray for our confirmation candidates this summer as they prepare and complete their Works of Mercy. May they be one with the Spirit as they serve those around them.

TOTUS TUUS:

Totus Tuus will be at our parish July 20-25. Grades 1-6 will be Monday-Friday 9 am to 2:30 pm each day. Grades 7-12 will be Sunday-Thursday 7 - 9 pm each day.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: As a summer service project, we will be collecting bath tissue for the Amen Center. Please help by donating. There is a marked tote in the back of St. John Church. For monetary donations, please put in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Thank you!

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Diocese & Area Events

Attention Craft Fair Vendors: IC School will host a Craft Show on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 9:00-3:00 in the school gym. We love all talents... soap, candles, jewelry, woodworking, art, knit items, home decor, etc. Each 10x10 booth includes an 8 foot table and 2 chairs. Booths are \$50 per booth, with an additional \$5 charge if you would like electricity. Please reach out for an application. Our email address is iccraftshow@gmail.com.

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