August 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

New Parishioners

Please register. Forms in office.

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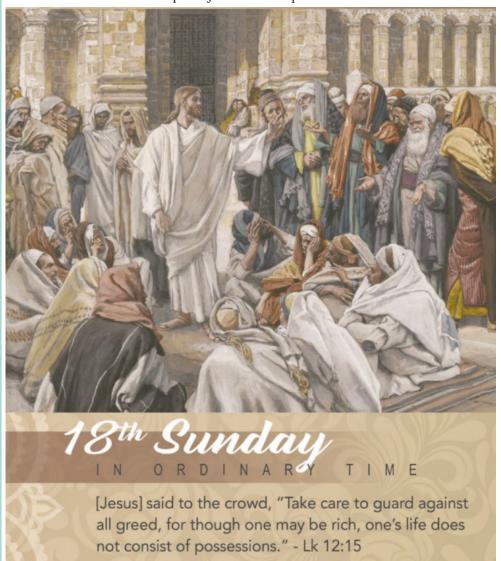
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Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule of either parish, 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

August 9-10, 2025 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 9, 5 PM (SA)

Praise and Worship Mass (contact Kyla Langston or Pam Horrell if you would like to participate)

Extraordinary Min. *Kyla Langston

Sacristan: Pam Horrell Rosary: Pam Horrell

Sunday, August 10, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Alaina Long, Peyton Van de

Lector: Aimee Hampton

Extraordinary Min.: *Stacy Halter, Chelsey Van de Ven, Cindy (Andrew)

Jansen

Choir Min.: Kristi Jansen Ushers: Roger & Dustin Thiele Offertory: Family of Glen, Ethel &

Bob Thiele

Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack Rosary: Nick Elfrink

Sunday, August 10, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sophia Mason, Reeann

Burger

Lector: Marian Hutchings Extraordinary Min.: *Tannie Smith, Leeann Jansen, Joann James

Choir Min.: Holly Hoesli

Ushers: Chuck & Cameron Forrester

Offertory: Steve & Edna Seiler

Sacristan: Eva Dunn Rosary: Lori Graham

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for

August 10: Linda Stoverink

Leopold Picnic Post-Picnic Meeting

Thursday, August 28

6:30 PM

Location TBD

All heads of stands please plan on attending.

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, August 4

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Pat Peters + (SJ)

9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

6:30 PM - St. John Parish Council (St. Anne's Room)

Tuesday, August 5

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Oval & Helen Seiler + (SJ)

Wednesday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

5:30 - 5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

6:00 PM MASS - Leslie Meritt + (SA)

Thursday, August 7

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Robbie & Bryan Deck + (SJ)

Friday, August 8

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:30 AM MASS - Joyce Landewee + (SJ)

Saturday, August 9

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (Church Basement)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

5:00 PM MASS - Carolyn Schreckenberg + (SA)

Sunday, August 10

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)

8:00 AM MASS - Glen, Ethel, & Bob Thiele + (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John / St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

Leopold Picnic 2025 Raffle Winners

Quilt - Anthony Jansen

Henry - Arnold Jansen

Am Tac 410 - Ambrose Jansen

Rocker chairs - Sherry Landewee

Bluetooth speaker - Taylor Taylor

Beats headphones - Cindy Beussink

TV - Chris Horrell

\$200 - Ron Wesbecher

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:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The desire for material possessions can lead to a distorted view of life, making people forget about their ultimate purpose and the importance of spiritual values". (Pope Benedict XVI)

Dr. Carl Menninger, the world-renowned psychiatrist, was talking on one occasion to an unhappy but wealthy patient. He asked the patient what he was going to do with so much money. The patient replied, "Just worry about it, I suppose." Menninger asked, "Well, do you get that much pleasure from worrying about it?" "No," responded the patient, "but I get terrified when I think of giving some of it to somebody else." Then Dr. Menninger went on to say something quite profound. He said, "Generous people are rarely mentally ill".

This passage, the parable of the Rich Fool, is found only in Luke's gospel, but draws together some basic elements from the Wisdom tradition on the foolishness of placing final trust in the security of material possession. You can look around a lot and the gospel today makes sense.

"Take life easy, eat, drink and enjoy yourself." These contain a whole philosophy of life and many follow this. Like cancer, it eats into and lays waste persons and nations. No one and no nation that pursued power and pleasure has come out unscathed. Everyone and every nation that had set excessive store by material things was in the end reduced to ashes. "A shadow's shadow, a world of shadows," declared Solomon after tasting all that human eyes could covet.

What do we consider most important in life? The message of today confronts us with this question. And it is basic for our Christian living. Are there more important things for us than money, goods and power? Do we find love of God and neighbor, friendship and affection and concern for each other greater and lasting and worthy of living for? What is the answer we give Jesus today?

Prayer: Lord, may I find You in my ultimate contentment. Amen

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

You have heard the phrase, "What is it for man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?" This goes well with the theme of today's Gospel. The first reading talks of working ourselves to death and still worrying if it's enough.

The second reading tells us to strive for what is above; our heavenly goal and not earthly things. You can't take anything with you when you die. Keep your eyes on Christ and your eternal reward.

Psalm 62 2-3, 6-9 tells us our citizenship is in heaven and as Christians our true home is not this passing earth, but the new heavens snd the new earth. We are called to live this life as a gateway to eternity. The Father has created us in His image and has raised us up into the heavenly reality in virtue of His Son Jesus. Let us remain in awe of this reality and strive after its fulfillment.

Thanksgiving and gratitude must be the attitude we hold to God for all the blessings and graces we receive from Him. Greed is unbecoming and ugly in all its forms and one of the seven deadly sins. So we also must be charitable with our abundance we receive and not hoard what God gives us.

Jesus tells us plainly in today's Gospel, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then the rich man lost his life and could not enjoy his harvest. We are all given the opportunity to make our blessings available beyond what we need to live to others less fortunate.

Among the seven deadly sins, greed is usually listed after pride. Have you ever known a greedy person? What made you describe them that way? Perhaps it was even tho they had much, they still wanted more. For the greedy person, there is no such thing as "enough". Greed is the insatiable desire for more.

The Catechism says, "The tenth commandment forbids greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power." (CCC 2536)

Unfortunately, we live in a culture that breeds the attitude that greed is good. In our consumer oriented society, we're told (mostly by media and entertainment) that we don't have enough. There's always "something better". Our sense of greed is dulled and mistakenly we feel we 'need' more not just 'want' more. Greed is the sure fire way to lead us further into the deadly sin of envy. The virtue to help us guard against greed is generosity.

Thank God and be grateful to God for your blessings and be generous with your leftovers. Your store barns are the earthly treasures and where your treasure lies so your heart is. God is generous to us so we should be generous to our neighbor.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Welcome to new member Travis Wilson and to Leopold native John Nenninger transferring back into the council from Kimberling City.

The Council recently lost two Charter members (those members who joined the Council by December 31, 1966) - Joe Carlise (our original Financial Secretary) and Joe Scharenborg.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Take care to guard against all greed." (Luke 12:15) In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. Vocation Crucifix for August: Mike & Gina Bueter For the Church, that more men and women may choose to store up heavenly treasures by dedicating their lives to service through priestly, religious, and married vocations. Let us pray to the Lord..

PSR:

Please complete your PSR enrollment forms online using this QR code.

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Still looking for a person willing to be vice president.

Upcoming events-

August 19-23 NCCW Assembly Meeting in Orlando, Fla. (Polly Mungle and Geri Geringer attending)

September 11- Volunteer Fire Department Appreciation Dinner (group 3 hosting) October 19-Hotze Mission Breakfast (groups 4.5.&6)

December14- Country Christmas Home Tour (groups 7 &8)

CURSILLO: Women's Cursillo starts August 2nd and continues every Saturday thereafter @8:00 AM in Church basement. My correct email is Janetljansen@gmail.com See you then!

Ministry Notes & Updates

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

St. John's Parih will again be working with the Bollinger County Health Department on providing hygiene products to our local schools. The following items have been requested and will be given to school nurses to distribute as needed: male deodorants, female deodorants, male body sprays, female body sprays, and feminine products. Please donate. There will be a basket in the back of church. Thank you!

Diocese & Area Events

- Advance KC Fish Fry: Friday, August 8th. All you can eat fish/chicken dinner. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Serving 5-7 PM. Adults \$13, Kids eat free with paid adult.
- St. Joseph Scott City School Rummage Sale: August 21st & 22nd 7 AM - 6 PM and August 23rd 7 AM - 12 PM. Scott City KC Hall Lower Hall.
- Vitae Foundation Springfield Pro-Life Event: Friday, August 22, 2025. Social 6-7 PM, Dinner 7-9 PM. \$75 per son. White River Conference Center in Springfield. Keynote is Seth Dillon, CEO of *The Babylon Bee*.
- St. Joseph Apple Creek Parish Picnic: Saturday, August 30th. Kettle Cooked Beef and Fried Chicken buffet 3 7 PM. Adults \$15, Kids 6-11 \$5. Carry Outs available. Games, raffles, toddler play area and live music. Biehle, MO.
- Kern Family Benefit: Saturday, September 6th. Dinner and Trivia night to benefit sisters Brittany (Kern) Mock and Julie Kern, who are both undergoing cancer treatments. New Hamburg parish center. Trivia with dinner \$200 for 8 people, dinner only and carry-out by the quart \$15. Doors open at 5, trivia begins at 7. Julie & Brittany are greatgranddaughters of John and Dina Wubker.
- Catholic Man Night: Thursday, September 18. 6:30 9 PM. Sacred Heart in Poplar Bluff, MO. Evening of adoration, confession and meal with discussion to follow. Please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com or 573-275-5214

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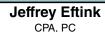




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