

August 31, 2025
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME

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Please contact the pastor

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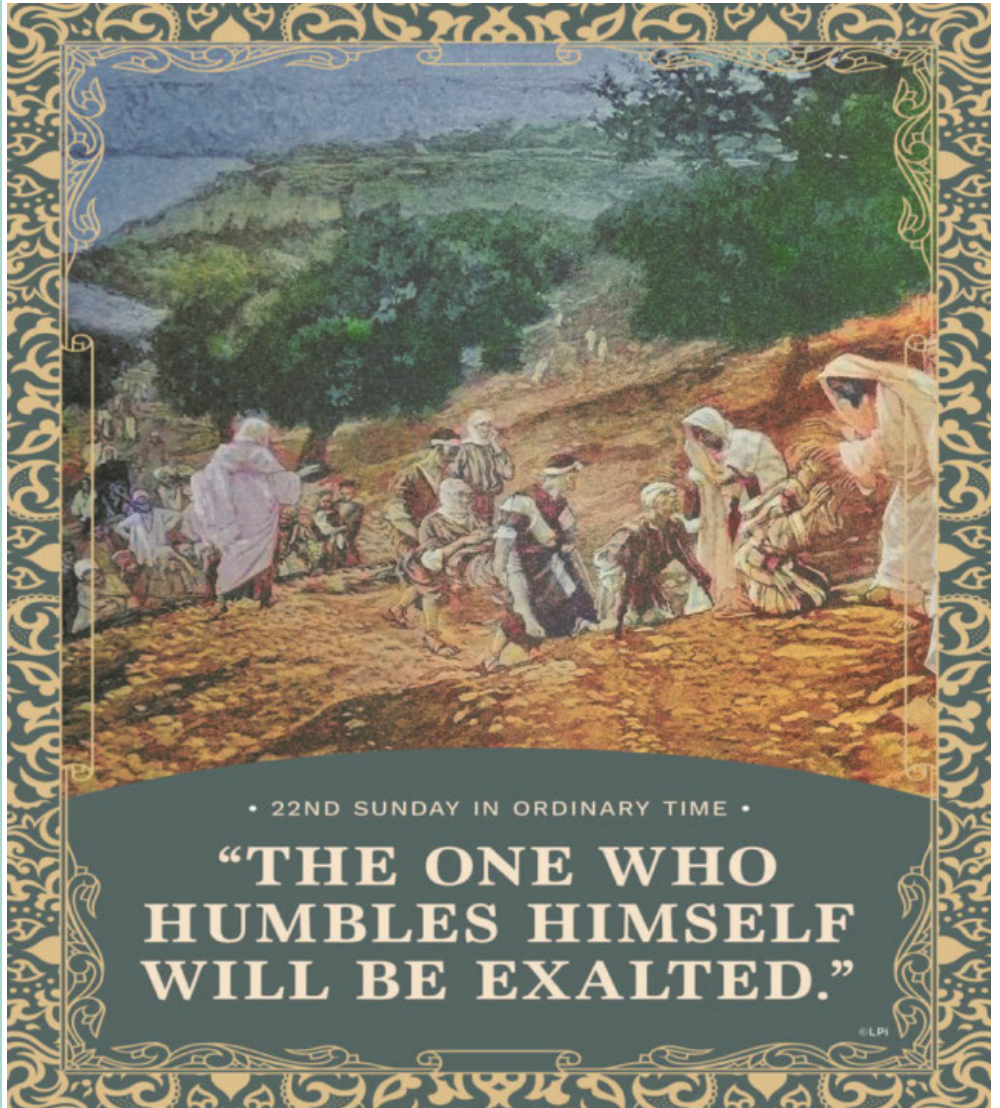
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Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule of either parish,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

September 6 - 7, 2025
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 6, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Caroline Horrell, Lorna Brandel

Lector: Ernestine Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Kyla Langston

Ushers: Lonnie Nenninger, Norbert Nenninger

Offertory: Family of Alma Jansen

Sacristan: Rita Holshouser

Rosary: Rita Holshouser

KC Sunday

Sunday, September 7, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Nash Adams, Finn Beussink

Lector: Nick Elfrink

Extraordinary Min.: *Ron Wesbecher, Matt Beussink, Jason Van de Ven

Choir Min.: Cody Van de Ven

Ushers: Roger Vandeven, Gary Vandeven

Offertory: KC Knight of the Month: Alan Beussink

Sacristan: Pam & Ron Wesbecher

Rosary: Stan Seiler

Sunday, Sept. 7, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Theodore & Walter Smith

Lector: Sheryl Eftink

Extraordinary Min.: *Eva Dunn, Cindy Jansen, Leeann Jansen

Choir Min.: Harlan Elfrink

Ushers: Doug & Mark Deck

Offertory: Ben & Kali Seiler

Sacristan: Lori Graham

Rosary: volunteer

StoneBridge & Homebound
Extraordinary Minister for
September 7: Kristi Jansen

Spiritual Guidance for September: Seek Spiritual Wisdom

Feast Connection:
Saint Jerome (September 30)
*Saint Jerome's love of Scripture
inspires us to delve deeper into
God's Word.*

Goal: Start a Bible study or read
a spiritual classic, like "The
Confessions of St. Augustine."

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, September 1 - LABOR DAY, church office closed

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

8:30 AM MASS - Orval & Helen Seiler † (cemetery)

no Adoration

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

Tuesday, September 2, church office closed

7:20 AM - First Day of Weekday PSR

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members L. J. Macke Family (SJ)

Wednesday, September 3, church office closed

3:15 PM - After School Rosary Club (church basement)

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

6:00 PM MASS - Joyce Landewee † (SA)

Thursday, September 4, church office closed

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

8:30 AM MASS - Ralph Beussink † (SJ)

12:00 - 10:00 PM - KC ADORATION (SJ)

Friday, September 5, church office closed

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - Bob Thiele † (SJ)

Saturday, September 6

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 - Alma Jansen † (SA)

Sunday, September 7

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

8:00 AM MASS - Tony Beussink † Tom & Wilma Elfrink † (SJ)

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

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM - Confirmation Class (cafeteria)

5:00 - 7:00 PM - High School Youth Group Meeting (church office)

6:00 PM - OCIA (St. Anne's)



**Starting on Tuesday, September 2 we will be starting
the school year Mass schedule:**

Mondays & Fridays: Mass at 7:20 AM at St. Johns
Tuesdays & Thursdays: Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Johns
Wednesdays: Mass at 6:00 PM at St. Anthony

OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (in case you were wondering) will begin this year on September 7. We will meet every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. Classes will run approximately one hour depending on the topic of discussion. Those interested in joining the Catholic faith or wanting to review or refresh their faith more are welcome to attend. Contact Cindy Jansen 573-238-6767.

Leopold K of C Fish, Shrimp, & Chicken Dinner

Friday, September 5

5:00 - 7:00 PM

All proceeds will go to
our Seminarian Fund

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience" (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

During the American Revolution, a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers who were busy pulling out a horse-drawn carriage stuck in deep mud. Their officer was shouting instructions to them while making no attempt to help. The stranger who witnessed the scene asked the officer why he wasn't helping. With great dignity, the officer replied, "Sir, I am a Corporal!" The stranger dismounted from his horse and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers himself. When the job was completed, he turned to the corporal and said, "Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this, and don't have enough men to do it, inform your commander-in-chief and I will come and help you again." Too late, the proud Corporal recognized General Washington. Today's readings challenge us to be truly humble.

In the first reading we hear, "Humble yourself and you will find favor with God". Humbling oneself is not the negation or suppression of the human. It is not the destruction of talents, but accepting the fact that everything God and for Him. It is choosing to oneself in the hands of the Creator so as to be re-created; it is the opposite of pride, self-worship, and the attempt to set ourselves at the center of the world. "We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility" (Rabindranath Tagore).

True humility is an attempt to see ourselves as God sees us. It is also the acknowledgement that our talents come from God who has seen it fit to work through us. We all struggle to practice humility as God wants.

St. Augustine said: "Humility is so necessary for Christian perfection that among all the ways to reach perfection, *humility is first, humility is second, and humility is third.*" He added, "*Humility makes men angels, and pride makes angels devils.*" St. Bernard declared, "*Pride sends man from the highest elevation to the lowest abyss, but humility raises him from the lowest abyss to the highest elevation.*"

Prayer: Lord, may I be humble, may I be gracious in suffering humiliations. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Come help us with a special gift to our Holy Father. Next Sunday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross! It is also Pope Leo XIV's birthday!! On Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, something extraordinary will happen. Across the five continents — from bustling cathedrals to hidden monasteries, from mountain chapels to coastal parishes — the Catholic Church will rise as one body, united before the Eucharistic Lord in prayer thanks to an initiative launched by RAYA — Rosary and Adoration Youth Apostles, affiliated with the Shrine of Saint Maria Goretti in Miziara, Lebanon, with the blessing of Archbishop Youssef Soueif of the Maronite Catholic Archeparchy of Tripoli, and in collaboration with the Association for the Development of Pilgrimages and Religious Tourism in Lebanon (APL) and the Carmelites Monastery in Harissa.

No matter the time zone, no matter the size of the community, your prayers will be part of a continuous chain — 1700 hours in honor of the 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea

This historic event will offer 1700 hours of simultaneous Eucharistic Adoration worldwide on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and it will carry a special meaning: it coincides with the birthday of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. What greater gift could we give the successor of Saint Peter than the sight of the entire Church kneeling together for peace, unity, and fraternity?

WHY This Matters Now — "That they may all be one" — Jesus' prayer in the Gospel of John is not a dream; it is a mission for every believer. Around the world, wars continue to destroy lives. In the Middle East, ancient Churches still suffer persecution and displacement. In many countries, Christians live their faith with courage under difficult conditions.

In this Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", marking the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea — where the Church's leaders, in the Spirit, proclaimed together "We believe" — we are invited to renew that same unity.

We also celebrate the 800th anniversary of the birth of St. Thomas Aquinas, whose Eucharistic hymn "Adoro Te Devote" will be our common song of adoration.

HOW it works—The initiative calls on parishes, monasteries, and communities across the globe to choose at least one hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, September 14th. We here at St. John's can use our regular before Mass hour of Adoration to join in union with the world in prayer.

Please come to Adoration before Mass on September 14th to pray with the world for these intentions:

Peace in the world

Unity among Churches and Christians

Fraternity among all peoples

Pope Leo XIV's intentions on his birthday

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Seminarian Fund Fish Fry this Friday from 5-7 to financially support the fund that provided financial assistance to those in religious education programs.

Annual Council Golf Tournament on Saturday, September at Cape Jaycee Golf Course. Room for 32 teams of four - greens fee of \$100 per golfer or \$400 per team includes food and drink. Lots of prizes and plenty of fun. We are looking for more hole sponsors at \$100 per hole. Contact Stan Seiler, Victor Vandeven John Bohnsack or any committee member for more information and join the Leopold version of The Masters.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11) Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for August:** **Mike & Gina Bueter** *For the Church, that through humble service, many may respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life, reflecting Christ's love for all. We pray to the Lord.*

PSR:

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



CONFIRMATION:

Next confirmation class is September 7th. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM. School Cafeteria. Parents and Sponsors are encouraged to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 7 at the 10 AM Mass. Children ages 4 to 1st Grade.

AFTER SCHOOL ROSARY CLUB:

First day is Wednesday, September 3 and will be every Wednesday throughout the school year. Begins promptly after school at 3:15 in the church basement. All ages are welcome to attend! Please note that if school is not in session due to breaks, weather, etc then there will also be no Rosary club.

Diocese & Area Events

St. Joseph Scott City Annual Fall Dinner: Sunday, September 7. 10:30 AM - 1 PM in school gym. Kettle Beef, Chicken & Dumpings plus sides served buffet style. \$15 adults, \$7 kids, 5 and under free. Carry-outs available, bulk orders available at noon.

St. Maurus Breakfast Buffet: Sunday, September 14th. 7:30 AM - Noon. Highway B, Biehle Adults \$10, Kids \$5, 5 and Under are free.

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

Options for Women 13th Annual Banquet for Life: Tuesday, October 14, 2025. "Embrace Grace" For details call 573-339-2032.

Band Fest VI - Ten Point Lake

September 20, 2025 - Rain or Shine

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Rain-out Location: TBA

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10 am - Side by Side Ride

BAND LINE-UP

2:00 - 3:30 pm.....Whippoowill Holler

4:00 - 5:30 pm.....Randy Harrington

& The Southern Tradition Band

6:00 - 8:00 pm.....HARDLOVER

Ending with open Karaoke - You be the Star!

BYOB

Bring yourself and your lawn chair

Concessions on Site

No outside food allowed

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The Leopold Junior Class is selling mums to fundraise for Prom! If you would be interested in purchasing, please contact a junior or Ms. Brotherton directly at (573) 208-8753 by September 15. Mums will be picked up on September 20, and delivered soon after.

Thank you for your support!

Please Note: If public mass is ever cancelled due to weather, illness, etc the Mass will still be said privately by the priest so all Mass Intentions will be fulfilled.

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