

September 14, 2025 The EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS

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Please contact the pastor

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Please register. Forms in office.

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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	8/31/25	9/7/25
Adults	\$675.00	\$1225.00
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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 20-21, 2025
25th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Sept. 20, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink

Lector: Andrea Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Michael
VanGennip

Ushers: Alfred & Larry VanGennip

Offertory: Family of Eula VanGennip

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary Leader: Ernestine Bueter

Sunday, Sept. 21, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Zach & Camdyn Schreiner

Lector: Janice Wesbecher

Extraordinary Min.: *Kelly Schreiner,
Dennis James, Karen James

Choir Min.: Darlene Stoverink

Ushers: Derek & Brady Halter

Offertory: Family of Ralph Beussink

Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Rosary: Anthony Jansen

Sunday, Sept. 21, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Emily James, Lauren
VanGennip

Lector: Danny James

Extraordinary Min.: *Joann James,
Mike Smith, Tannie Smith

Choir Min.: Sheryl Eftink

Ushers: Chuck & Cameron Forrester

Offertory: Mike & Tannie Smith
Family

Sacristan: Danny & Joann James

Rosary: Gerard Macke

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Extraordinary Minister for

September 21: Cody Van deVen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, September 15

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

7:20 AM MASS - Joan McWilliams † (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, September 16

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

8:30 AM MASS - Tony Beussink † (SJ)

3:15 - 4:30 PM - Mass Server Training (St. John Church)

Wednesday, September 17

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

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

6:00 PM MASS - Betty Little † (SA)

7:00 PM - St. John PCCW (St. Anne's)

Thursday, September 18

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Gerald & Marilyn Elfrink Family (SJ)

6:00 - 8:00 PM - High School Youth Group Meeting (church office)

6:30 PM - Catholic Man Night (Poplar Bluff)

Friday, September 19

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

7:20 AM MASS - Kenny Staue † (SJ)

Saturday, September 20

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 - Eula VanGennip † (SA)

Sunday, September 21

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

8:00 AM MASS - Ralph Beussink † (SJ)

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

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Sunday, September 21 Bulletin Items are due Sunday, September 14 by 5 PM
due to annual printer maintenance by the printing company.

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!

The landscaping in the
prayer garden has
been completed.

To avoid damage to
both the rock beds and
fountain, please stay
on the garden's
concrete walking paths
at all times.
Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 24
St. Anthony Hall - Glennon

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

*Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS
or go online to RedCrossBlood.org
to schedule an appointment.*

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

Triumph of the Cross

There is a retreat house at Barrington, IL. The grounds surrounding it are filled with trees. Somewhere among the trees is a stone cross. It is especially striking at night because of the way it has been lighted. On raining nights it is even more striking because water trickles down the face and body of Jesus.

One night a retreatant came upon the cross. The light shining on the stone and the water trickling down the body of Jesus moved the retreatant deeply. He walked up to the cross and touched the side of it reverently. Later he said, "I wasn't worthy enough to touch the body of Jesus."

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation or the Triumph of the Cross, originating in the 4th century and remembered annually in the Catholic Church. The Cross symbolizes the triumph of love over hate, faith over despair, and Jesus Christ's sacrifice. The Cross helps us see our lives united with Christ's cross, and we should look to it with hope.

Pope Francis explained that the Cross represents the infinite love of God for each of us and the source of our salvation. On this feast, we are called to reflect on God's infinite love for humanity, to embrace Christ's teachings by picking up our own daily crosses, and to live out this love by serving others and transforming our suffering into redemptive power. How reverently do we regard the Cross?

Prayer: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the savior of the world. Amen

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Abandonment to Divine Providence:

(Continued from last week....)

Caussade's book *Abandonment to the Divine Providence* describes living the present moment in God's will as the "Sacrament of the present moment." To abandon oneself can be by the active duty of embracing God's will in the sacraments, or it can be by the passive duty of accepting in each moment what one discerns as God's will. It might involve pain and suffering, but acceptance is our duty to God. Here saintliness is not in great deeds, but in willingness to accept God's will. To accept God's will is to discover an inner contentment; to deny God's will is to find the ultimate punishment of anger, frustration, discontent, self-persecution. To be focused on self is "to prevent God from finding an entrance"

Faith and love are the tools for discovering God's will, Caussade writes. Faith provides us with the intuitive knowledge of God's will and of the mysteries of the universe. Those with faith have a different source of information, a different knowledge, from those who examine the world by the senses alone. "To consider God equally good in things that are petty and ordinary as in those that are great and uncommon is to have a faith that is not ordinary, but great and extraordinary." Caussade argues that blessed are those who abide by God's will in whatever role in life God assigns: The more assiduously do they apply themselves to their little work, so simple, so hidden, so secret, and outwardly contemptible, the more does God embroider and embellish it with brilliant colors. On the surface of this simple canvas of love and obedience His hand traces the most beautiful design, the most delicate, and intricate patterns. There is beauty in every task. There is wonder in every job. Disappointment, being laid off, failing to get a promotion, finding one's cherished dream hitting a wall—these are all part of God's will. Caussade argues that to question such disappointments, or to condemn God for unexpected tragedies, is to blaspheme.

The ultimate teaching of Jean-Pierre de Caussade is love. To accept God's will in the moment is to accept God's love, to decide to live in that moment in love. Faith allows us to recognize the love God has for us in each moment. There is "the real presence of divine love in all creatures, and in all the events of life." *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, provides us this mantra: "The divine will is a deep abyss of which the present moment is the entrance."

A limited copy of this book is in the vestibule for your own reading. Enjoy, immerse yourself, look at each of life's moments differently and share. (I will have Dustin put them out in the vestibule on the 20th)

Diocese & Area Events

Troops of St. George Troop 102 Fall BBQ & Informational Meeting on Monday, September 15th at 6:30 PM, held at the Knights of Columbus Hall #1111 in Cape Girardeau. We are a Catholic father & son apostolate focused on camping and other outdoor activities. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our mission, meet current members, and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

SEMO Area ULTREYA: St. Mary's Cathedral in Cape. Saturday, September 20th. Morning prayers in the church at 9 AM with grouping, refreshments and socializing to follow in the Huels Room. Come share the joy with fellow Cursillistas. DeColores.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Come out and enjoy good high school baseball at the ballfield. First home game against Puxico went 15 innings. Games at 4:30. Left on schedule is Woodland on 9/15, Bell City on 9/22, Advance on 9/24, Gideon on 9/26 and Bernie on 9/29. And congratulations to the volleyball team for winning the Woodland tournament.

Coming in October - the third year of the daily rosary for the Month of the Holy Rosary from the 1st through the 31st at seven different locations including October 7, The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. More details to follow.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for September:**

Gerard Macke *For the Church, that the power of the cross may inspire many to dedicate their lives to God as priests and religious, following Christ's example of love and sacrifice. Let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Hotze Mission Breakfast, Raffle and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 19th, KC Hall, breakfast for donation served from 7:30-10:30. Raffle items, 1st-Hand Quilted Quilt-donated by Quilters Group, 2nd-\$200 donated by PCCW, 3rd Afghan donated by Geri Geringer and 4th Baby quilt donated by Quilters Group. Chances \$2 or 6 for \$10. Available in back of both churches next weekend, day of event or Venmo gmccg1944 (Geri Geringer). Workers for event Groups 3-5 (Felter-Nussbaum) All members bring items for Bake Sale.

PSR:

Mass servers training will be Tuesday, September 16th right after school until 4:30. Snack provided.

Ministry Notes & Updates

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Connecting Girls to Christ **BLAZE**: a faith-based Bible study for grades 6-8, discover your identity in Christ as God's beloved daughters. Dates: Fall-Winter in Blessed Carlo Acutis Room (parish office). Contact Kyla at 573-225-0608 or watch for forms to come home to register. Suggested cost of \$20 per youth, no one turned away due to cost.

CONFIRMATION:

Next confirmation class will be October 5th 11 AM to 1:30 PM in the Leopold school cafeteria. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help staff the confirmation retreat. Contact Michael at 309-530-1803 for information.

2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage: *(Here is a short synopsis of our Pilgrimage of Jubilee and prayer.)* Taking your prayer intentions with us, we will have Mass every day. We will be starting our Pilgrimage with 4 days in Rome walking through 4 Holy Doors at different basilicas, attend an audience with Pope Leo XIV and visit Eucharistic miracle cities nearby. We then fly on to Medjugorje for 2-3 days there visiting the Apparition Hill where Mary first appeared and if they are in town meet the visionaries. We can climb Krizevac Mountain where the 30' "Blue Cross" was erected where many graces and healings have been received. We then fly on to Lourdes, France to participate in the Rosary Candlelight Procession. We will have Mass in the Grotto and visit places of St. Bernadette and then have some free time to tour the Basilica grounds and miraculous baths. After Lourdes, we will fly then to Lisbon, Portugal, tour it, and later arrive in Fatima. First we visit Santarem, one of the oldest cities in the world, where the church of St. Stephen holds the oldest recorded Eucharistic miracle. It's been on display since 1247 AD. Back in Fátima, we will have Mass at the Grotto of the Helm Oak where Mary appeared monthly to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. We will visit the graves of Jacinta and Francisco in the basilica, the site where the Angel came to them the year before Mary came, and walk the Via Sacra (Sacred Way) to the Chapel of Calvary. We will join in the evening candlelight procession to pray the Rosary for the sick and drink from the Miraculous Well. We then return home.

Those of us who will be going on this pilgrimage and joining together in prayer are: Father Antony Thekanath, Cindy Jansen, Geri Geringer, Annette Wiseman, Jeanne Forester, Gwen Forester, Janie Macke, Gina Jansen, John Cooley, Linda Stoverink, Sheila Banville, Gina Bueter, Dorothy VanGennip, Lorie Graham, Mary Meyer, Melvin & Debbie Keith, Dennis & Karen James, Roy & Sharon Van de Ven, Wayne & Mary Agnes Chapman. There are also 2 people whose previous pilgrimage was cancelled so they will be joining us in Rome.

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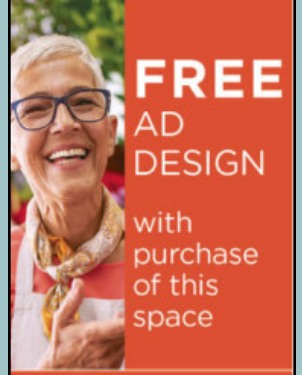
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