

July 5, 2026
14th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME

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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

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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

Parish & Finance Councils

St. Anthony Gifts 6/28/26

Due to early bulletin deadlines, collection totals were not available

St. John Gifts 6/28/26

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Online giving is now available.

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds>

The Bulletin is Online! Go to the parish website to find the weekly bulletin.

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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, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

Liturgical Roles

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11 - 12, 2026

Saturday, July 11, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Caroline Horrell, Nellie Langston

Lector: Jennifer Rosanna

Extraordinary Min. *Mike Bueter

Ushers: Ben & Kevin Beel

Offertory: Family of Bernard Kluesner

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Mary Vandeven

Sunday, July 12, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Cooper Halter, Jack Halter

Lector: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Extraordinary Min.: * Stacy Halter,

Darlene Stoverink, Courtney Beussink

Choir Min.: Kristi Jansen

Ushers: Steve Seiler, Alan Elfrink

Offertory: Family of Carolyn Schreckenber

Sacristan: Polly Mungle

Rosary: Nick Elfrink

Sunday, July 12, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Olive Deck, Violet Deck

Lector: Matt Michaeltree

Extraordinary Min.: *Ben Seiler, Dustin Hoesli, Leeann Jansen

Choir Min.: Holly Hoesli

Ushers: Paul & Donnie Landewee

Offertory: Alan & Ronda Elfrink

Sacristan: Eva Dunn, Cassie Engelen

Rosary: Lori Graham

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for July 12: Linda Stoverink

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, July 6

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

8:30 AM MASS - Debby Broshuis † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, July 7

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

8:30 AM MASS - Fr. John M. Harth † (SJ)

Wednesday, July 8

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

6:00 PM MASS - Roy Beel † (SA)

Thursday, July 9

Church office closed

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

8:30 AM MASS - All Poor Souls in Purgatory (SJ)

Friday, July 10

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

8:30 AM MASS - Richard VanGennip † (SJ)

Saturday, July 11

No Men's Group

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (church basement)

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

5:00 PM MASS - Bernard Kluesner † (SA)

Sunday, July 12

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

8:00 AM MASS - Carolyn Schreckenber † (SJ)

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

Volunteers Needed:

Birthright of Marble Hill is looking for additional volunteers to work directly with pregnant women and mothers with babies, newborn through 36 months Birthright's mission, to "Love them both," is key to our compassionate work of providing emotional and material support. We especially need help filling Mondays (2 slots: 10 am to 1pm; 1 pm to 4 pm) and Wednesday afternoons (1 to 4 pm). Please contact Michele Moon at 573-576-6183 or stop by during office hours for an initial visit and to set up an interview.

TOTUS TUUS 2026

The morning/grade-school program is designed for children entering 1st through 6th grades in the upcoming school year. The children will meet Monday, July 20th, through Friday, July 24th, from 9am to 2:30pm each day at Leopold School. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The evening program for junior and senior high school youth who will be entering the 7th through 12th grades in the upcoming school year. These grade levels meet each night Sunday, July 19th, through Thursday, July 23rd, from 7:00-9:15pm at Leopold School.



Scan the QR Code to register your child for Totus Tuus. The cost is \$15 per youth or \$45 per family. Scholarships are available if needed. Contact Stacy Halter at (573) 238-6240 or halterfamilyofsix@gmail.com with any questions.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

On a Mother's Day, a mother of three preschoolers was asked by her husband what she wanted most for Mother's Day. She answered with no hesitation: "A Nap". Surely young parents can understand it. Like this young mother all of us are tired at one time or another. A tired body may need sleep. A tired mind may need a change of stimulus. What about a tired soul? How does it find rest?

Philosophically, soul and the human spirit is the source and base of all human activities – intellectual, emotional and physical. When the source gets restless of all the dimensions of human life gets tired. The only way to get ourselves refreshed spiritually and physically in such situation is to go to Jesus. That is why St. Augustine of Hippo rightly said, "***You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.***" ***That is what Jesus wants us to be.***

As a matter of fact most of the people do not experience true peace in their soul. They are restless day in and day out. Its modern thinking that to be anxious and fretting is smartness. But in the light of God's Word, it is sheer wickedness and a pagan attitude. The anxiety is generated by pride, arrogance and stubbornness. The more we live in flesh (Gal 6/8), the more we succumb to tensions and anxieties. Therefore, being meek and humble of heart and mind like Jesus and resigning ourselves to God's will is the only way to be at rest. "***By embracing Christ's gentle way of life, believers find profound spiritual rest and freedom from the heavy, burdensome consequences of sin and selfishness***" (Pope Benedict XVI)

Therefore today, Jesus invites us to learn from Him, not merely by listening to His words, but by imitating His meekness and humility. In a world driven by pride, competition, and self-reliance, true rest is found in surrendering our hearts to Christ and allowing His gentle love to guide us. When we become humble like Him, we discover the peace that no earthly success or possession can ever provide.

Prayer: Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine. Amen

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Imitating Mary, Being with Our Mother

by Sr. Mary Catherine Blanding, IHM

"Ask: *'Mary, what would you have me think, say, or do?'* Then make space for her guidance."

Imitation often arises from admiration and time spent in another's presence. We imitate those we are close to and whose virtues inspire us. In regard to Our Lady, St. Louis de Montfort tells us that the essential practice of devotion is to perform all our actions with Mary. This means taking her as our model and companion in all that we do.

Being with Mary: One powerful way to imitate Mary is simply by being with her. But how can we "be" with someone we cannot physically see? Here are four simple and concrete ways to foster this spiritual closeness:

1. Begin and end the day with her. In the morning, greet her with a simple offering: "Mary, I give you all that I am, choose, and desire today. Help me." Then, include the Morning Offering, dedicating your day to God through her Immaculate Heart. At night, offer your sleep to her and ask for her protection through the night.

2. Pray the Rosary. The Rosary remains one of the most powerful ways to be with Mary. I know people who pray all four sets of mysteries daily. Mary has brought them peace, conversions of loved ones, and an awareness of her loving presence.

3. Be affectionate with Mary. A woman I know rises in the night to visit with Mary, calling her "Mom." Others speak to her as "Mama Mary." Why not? These individuals cultivate an awareness of her nearness and relate to her with warmth and love.

4. Listen to her. In silence, ask: "Mary, what would you have me think, say, or do?" Make space for her guidance.

As we spend time with Mary, we begin to reflect her. The more we are with someone, the more we become like them.

A Virtue to Imitate: Amiability: St. Louis de Montfort encourages us to imitate Mary's virtues. One that often goes unnoticed—but deeply shapes how others experience us—is her amiability. The Litany of Loreto calls her "Mother Most Amiable."

But what does that mean? "Amiability" comes from the Latin *amare*, meaning "to love." It refers to someone who is lovable and loving—marked by friendliness, gentleness, and warmth. St. John Henry Newman describes Mary's amiability this way: "It was her beautiful sinless soul, which looked through her eyes, spoke through her mouth, heard in her voice, and compassed her all about; when she was still or when she walked, whether she smiled or was sad, her sinless soul—this it was which would draw all those to her." We are drawn to Mary because she is truly loving and lovely. But how often do we stop to ask whether we reflect that same quality?

The Church designates July to be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus for His redemptive sacrifice on the Cross. Make time this month to pray the Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

As we celebrate 250 years of the United States, Catholics should recall how life was in England in 1776 for Catholics - they could not hold office, inherit property, practice their religion freely without facing penalties, were viewed with suspicion and faced social and legal discrimination including fines and imprisonment for participation in Catholic worship and penalties up to and including death for Priests. Catholics today should appreciate their religious rights and practice their faith freely and faithfully.

Remember, July council meeting on July 12 this month after 8am Mass.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

Happy Independence Day - July 4

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

(Matthew 11:28) Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen us and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, reach out to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2. **Vocation Crucifix for July: Andrew & Elizabeth Eftink** *For our parish, that we may nurture religious vocations through prayer and spiritual encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Only a month before our main parish fundraiser. We need to start thinking about our items for the Gift Shoppe, making sure we know our work schedule, and plan to bake bread and cakes for the dinner.

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. July 20th will be the last day to drop off. Thank you!



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Are you a registered member of your parish?

If you are not registered or if you are not sure if you are registered, please contact the Pastor. Registration forms can be found on the church website, in the church office or in the vestibule of the church.

Why should you register? When you register you declare your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. It also affects census number and possible benefits and obligations from the Diocese. Registered members can also expect pastoral care from their parish including baptisms, anointing of the sick and funerals.

Did you know... You must be a registered member of a parish to receive a Catholic wedding. Also, once children turn 18 they should register with their parish as an adult independent of their parents.



Is your marriage ready for a boost?

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Perhaps consider a weekend away as a present for your spouse. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. The following upcoming weekend experiences are available.

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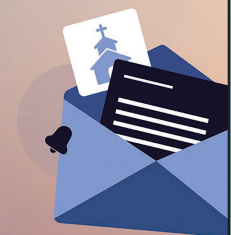
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