

July 12, 2026
**15th SUNDAY in
 ORDINARY TIME**

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

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“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

Parish & Finance Councils

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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

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!

St. Anthony Gifts	7/5/26
Adults	\$480.00
Loose	\$71.00
Peters Pence	\$20.00

St. John Gifts	7/5/26
Adults	\$4305.00
Loose	\$666.50
Online	\$2403.00
Peters Pence	\$5.00
Picnic	\$1337.00
Maintenance	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$87.01

Online giving is now available.
<https://osvhub.com/stjohnchurchleopold/funds>

Liturgical Roles

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18-19, 2026

Saturday, July 18, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Lorna Brandel, Emily James

Lector: Ernestine Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Andrea Bueter

Ushers: Dale Bueter, Mike Bueter

Offertory: Family of Luke & Mary Jansen

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Mark Kiefer

Sunday, July 19, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Alaina Long, Ashtyn & Peyton Van de Ven

Lector: Aimee Hampton

Extraordinary Min.: *Karen James, Jean Clubb, Bob Clubb

Choir Min.: Dennis James

Ushers: Matt & Tommy Beussink

Offertory: Pam & Ron Wesbecher

Sacristan: Cindy Jansen (Lindy)

Rosary: Anthony Jansen

Sunday, July 19, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Jude Felter, Sam Landewee, Autumn Landewee

Lector: Annabel Engelen

Extraordinary Min.: * Tannie Smith Addison Engelen, Matt Micheltree

Choir Min.: Chuck Forrester

Ushers: Scott Engelen, Drew Engelen

Offertory: Family of Janet Beussink

Sacristan: Lori Graham

Rosary: Gerard Macke

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for July 19: Jeanne Forrester

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, July 13

No Mass or Confession

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

Tuesday, July 14

No Mass or Confession

Wednesday, July 15

No Mass or Confession

Thursday, July 16

No Mass or Confession

Friday, July 17

No Mass or Confession

Saturday, July 18

No Men's Group

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

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

5:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Luke & Mary Jansen Family (SA)

Sunday, July 19

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

8:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Janet Beussink † (SJ)

1:00 PM MASS - Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

Since Fr. Vincent will be on retreat July 13 - 17, there will be no weekday Masses or confession those days

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.

OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Or wants to know more about the Catholic faith? Lessons start in September. Contact Fr. Vincent at 573-238-3300 ext 2 if you are interested in joining us for information about becoming Catholic.

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:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“My WORD shall not return to me void”
(Is 55/11)**

The promise that God's Word "shall not return to void" is a profound call to trust in the unseen fruitfulness of God's grace. The Rain and the Snow in the first reading God compares His Word to the rain and snow that fall from heaven to water the earth. They do not return without soaking into the ground and bringing forth life. Similarly, God's Word always achieves the exact purpose for which He sends it—whether that is to heal, correct, or draw us closer to Him.

A beautiful example for this is the conversion of Saint Augustine of Hippo through the power of God's Word. As a young man, Augustine lived far from God, seeking happiness in worldly pleasures, ambition, and intellectual pursuits. One day, while deeply troubled and searching for meaning, Augustine sat weeping in a garden. Suddenly, he heard the voice of a child singing, "Take and read, take and read" (Tolle lege, tolle lege). Believing this to be a message from God, he picked up a copy of the Scriptures and opened it at random. His eyes fell upon Romans 13:13-14: ***"Let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ."***

The words pierced his heart. Augustine later wrote that as he read the passage, "a light of certainty flooded my heart, and all the darkness of doubt vanished." From that moment, he resolved to abandon his sinful life and follow Christ wholeheartedly. His conversion reminds us that a single passage of Sacred Scripture, received with an open heart, can transform a life forever.

Therefore, the WORD OF GOD is not just a text to be read, but a living and active force in our daily lives. It means that the time we spend personally in scripture is never useless.

Prayer: Lord, as Your Word changed the heart of Saint Augustine, open our minds and hearts to hear Your voice in Scripture and to follow You with courage and faith. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

This devotion has been recognized for centuries, dating back to Christ's death on the Cross. Many saints were devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus, particularly Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, and Saint Gaspar del Bufalo. St. Gaspar del Bufaio, founder of the missionaries of the Precious Blood and promoter of the devotion, said, "We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments."

Pope Pius IX officially instituted a feast dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in 1849. Pope Pius X later assigned July 1 as the designated feast. However, after Vatican II, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicated the entire month of July to the Precious Blood.

Many graces can be obtained from this devotion, including spiritual protection, healing, deliverance from evil, growth in virtue, and a deeper understanding of God's mercy and love. Since July is dedicated to the precious blood of Jesus, here are eight short but powerful prayers You can recite for protection;

1) Prayer Before Praying by St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi "Almighty Father, I place the Precious Blood of Jesus before my lips before I pray, that my prayers may be purified before they ascend to your divine altar."

2) Prayer of Saint Faustina "Blood and Water, which goes forth from the heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I Trust in You."

3) Powerful Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus from Barnabas Nwoye "Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, save us and the whole world!" (Given to him by Our Lady in 1995 for the forming of the Devotion to the Precious Blood)

4) Saint Catherine of Siena's "Constant Prayer" to the Precious Blood of Jesus "Precious Blood, Ocean of Divine Mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us with every Grace! Precious Hope and refuge of sinners: Alone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen."

5) House blessing through the Precious Blood of Jesus: "Precious Blood of Jesus, shed on the Cross for us, bless this house. Take it under Thy protection."

6) Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus from the Raccolta: "Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and for supplication for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and for the needs of the Holy Church."

7) Prayer of Protection through the Precious Blood of Jesus by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: "Lord Jesus, by faith in Your merits, I now take Your Precious Blood and sprinkle it over myself and my family, right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. Amen."

8) Prayer to the Precious Blood when blessing yourself with holy water: "By this holy water and by Your Precious Blood, Lord Jesus, wash away all my sins."

Other longer-form prayers include the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or the Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Why is the KC Council named in honor of St. Isidore? He is the patron saint of farmers who lived from 1070-1130. He founded no Order, he accomplished no great deeds, was a simple farmworker but displayed a profound faith, attended Mass daily and prayer continuously. He was famous for his generosity. For our Council chartered in 1966, most charter members were full or part-time farmers. It was logical to honor St. Isidore. Only 35 of over 18,000 KC Councils have the name St. Isidore. Let us all remember and honor the work of "The Farmer" in our society.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Matthew 13:23) God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan **Vocation Crucifix for July: Andrew & Elizabeth Eftink** *For those discerning their vocation, that God's Word may take root and flourish in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Only a couple weeks 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!

PSR:

Please collect your child's pro-life coloring contest entries from St John's church, near Holy Water Font. Those unclaimed will be thrown away after picnic weekend Masses

In Gratitude:

Thank you to Elaine & DeWayne Stroder, Kristi Jansen, and Ron Wesbecher for the landscaping work that they did in front of the rectory. We deeply appreciate their hard work and commitment.

We appreciate the visit from a few parishioners of our sister parish St. Joseph in Billings. They brought with them a gift for our parish, a beautiful altar cloth. Please continue to pray for our sister parish as it reminds us that we are all on the same team, serving the same head, Jesus Christ.

As the 2026 DDF campaign comes to end, we want to thank St. John's DDF organizers, Dennis James & Annette Wiseman, and St. Anthony's DDF organizer, Gina Bueter, for spearheading this annual campaign. We thank them for their time, talent, and resources.

DDF Totals:

St. John's

DDF Goal: \$49,107 Pledges thus far: \$39,275
& 124 out of 324 registered families having
donated thus far

St. Anthony's

DDF Goal: \$5680 Pledges thus far: \$4775
& 31 out of 59 registered families having
donated thus far

Diocese & Area Events

SOMO AREA ULTREYA: St. Vincent DePaul in Cape Girardeau, MO. Saturday, July 18th. Morning prayers in the church at 9:00 a.m. with grouping, refreshments and socializing to follow in the lower level of the church. Come share and bring new Cursillistas with you. DeColores

IC CRAFT SHOW: Immaculate Conception School is asking for all you talented, creative, and craft people to join us at our annual fall craft fair. Mark your calendars for Sat, November 7, 2026 in the school gym Booth spaces are \$50 for a 10x10 booth. Electricity is an extra \$5 per booth. Please contact us at iccraftshow@gmail.com for an application.

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