

July 19, 2026
16th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

sjsabulletin@gmail.com Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by noon.

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Adults \$1375.00
Loose \$178.00
Votive Candles \$59.00

St. John Gifts 7/12/26

Adults \$3595.00
Loose \$343.00
Online \$345.00
Picnic \$20.00
Votive Candles \$87.00

Online giving is now available.

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

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

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!

Liturgical Roles

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25-26, 2026

Saturday, July 25, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink
Lector: Andrea Bueter
Extraordinary Min. *Richard Eeftink
Ushers: Richard Eeftink, David Ford
Offertory: Derek & Amy Jansen Family
Sacristan: Gina Bueter
Rosary: Gina Bueter

PCCW Sunday

Sunday, July 26, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Finn & Jacob Beussink
Lector: Polly Mungle
Extraordinary Min.: *Patty Bohnsack, Cindy Jansen (Andrew), Karen Broshuis
Choir Min.: Kelly Schreiner
Ushers: Brad Landewee, Cole Wesbecher
Offertory: PCCW - Jerene Lovell, Geri Elfrink
Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack
Rosary: PCCW – Polly Mungle

Sunday, July 26, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Emily James, Valerie Michaeltree, Pearl Smith
Lector: Danny James
Extraordinary Min.: *Danny James
Joann James, Cindy Jansen (Lindy)
Choir Min.: Abby Jansen
Ushers: Chuck Forrester, A.J. Eftink
Offertory: Family of Herman & Helen Seiler
Sacristan: Danny and Joann James
Rosary: Peggy Nenninger

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

July 26: Cindy (Andrew) Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, July 20

TOTUS TUUS: 9AM-2:30PM (elementary) & 7- 9:15PM (JH/HS)
10:40-11:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
11:15 AM MASS - L/D Members Joe & Nora Bueter Family (SJ)
9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, July 21

TOTUS TUUS: 9AM-2:30PM (elementary) & 7- 9:15PM (JH/HS)
10:40-11:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
11:15 AM MASS - Stanley Jansen † (SJ)

Wednesday, July 22

TOTUS TUUS: 9AM-2:30PM (elementary) & 7- 9:15PM (JH/HS)
10:40-11:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
11:15 AM MASS - Eleanor Macke † (SJ)
7:00 PM - Picnic Rosary (Shrine)

Thursday, July 23

TOTUS TUUS: 9AM-2:30PM (elementary) & 7- 9:15PM (JH/HS)
10:40-11:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
11:15 AM MASS - Virgil & Thelma Beel † (SJ)
7:00 PM - Picnic Rosary (Shrine)

Friday, July 24

TOTUS TUUS: 9AM-2:30PM (elementary)
10:40-11:10AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
11:15 AM MASS - Susie (Deck) McCrimmons † (SJ)
7:00 PM - Picnic Rosary (Shrine)

Saturday, July 25

No Men's Group
135th Annual Leopold Picnic
4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Sunday, July 26

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - Kathy Nanney † (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - L/D Members of Herman & Helen Seiler Family (SJ)
Cleanup of picnic grounds following late Mass, picnic auction 1 PM

*Due to
Totus Tuus
happening this
week, daily
Mass times will
be at 11:15 AM
Monday
through Friday*

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.

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

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young man, Ignatius was a proud soldier who dreamed of military glory and worldly success. During a battle, a cannonball shattered his leg, leaving him bedridden for months. His physical suffering was accompanied by disappointment, frustration, and a deep sense of emptiness. Unable to pursue the life he had planned, he found himself broken in body and spirit.

While recovering, he had nothing to read except a life of Christ and stories of the saints. As he reflected on these readings, the Holy Spirit gradually awakened within him a desire for God. Ignatius noticed that thoughts of worldly fame left him restless and unhappy, while thoughts of serving Christ brought him lasting peace and joy. Through prayer and discernment, the Spirit helped him recognize God's voice amid his confusion and weakness.

In the second reading of this Sunday, St. Paul reminds us that ***"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness" (Rom 8:26)*** It is a profound reminder that God does not abandon us in our struggles, limitations, or moments of helplessness. When we do not know how to pray, what to say, or how to carry our burdens, the Holy Spirit intercedes within us and strengthens us with divine grace. Rather than relying solely on our own abilities, we are invited to trust in the Spirit who transforms our weakness into an opportunity for God's power and love to be revealed.

This means that God meets us in our brokenness. ***"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34/18)***

The word weakness here includes times of sorrow, confusion, and physical pain. You do not have to find the right words to talk to God. The Holy Spirit acts as a divine helper who dwells inside you, praying for exactly what you need. ***God already knows the deepest intentions of your heart (Mt 6/8).***

When human words fail, the Holy Spirit speaks for you. Rest in this truth today: you are never alone. ***God is always listening to you (1 John 5/14).***

Prayer: Holy Spirit, in my distress and weakness, come to my aid, strengthen my heart, and lead me to trust completely in God's loving providence.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Why do Catholics ring bells at Mass?

Here's the whole thing explained:

In the Middle Ages, churches had many side altars. You can still see the many side chapels when you visit a medieval cathedral in Europe. Often, the side chapels were added to a church or cathedral by a wealthy benefactor who left an endowment (a parcel of land from which there would be a revenue stream).

The endowment paid for a priest's stipend to say Mass in that chapel every day for the repose of the soul of the donor and his family members. As a result, Masses were said every day at all the side chapels and altars. In the monasteries, all the monk-priests celebrated their own Mass for designated intentions. The stipends paid by the donors supported the priest or monk. These priests were called "chantry priests," and in addition to their duty of saying Mass in their chapel, they often had pastoral duties.

The chantry chapel in one of the old Anglican churches where I served, for example, doubled as a school room, and the chantry priest was the schoolmaster.

Anyway...if you went into a medieval church, abbey, or cathedral at any point in the day, Mass would be happening. In fact, many masses took place at the same time. The church was open, and instead of the faithful going to Mass at a set time to intentionally attend Mass and receive communion, the faithful simply dropped into the church to pray, worship, and spend time with the Lord. Most people rarely received communion--and if so, only once a year at Easter. So if they were in the church praying, or even in the church meeting with neighbors for gossip, their attention was given when the bell was rung.

Imagine you are in one of those churches at that time. It's been a busy day for you in the fields. You drop into the church to say your prayers, and while kneeling at the far end, behind the rood screen, a bell rings, and you know the Lord is present. So you turn your attention to Him in praise and worship. That's why the bells were rung, and if you visit a medieval cathedral today - busy with noisy tourists - you can see why the bell was necessary to quiet people down and turn them to prayer. The tradition has carried on, and although our circumstances are different, the bell still rings to gather us back and give us focus.

So dear altar servers, when the Consecration of the bread and wine is CHANGED TO the Body and Blood of Jesus, it is your duty to ring those bells loudly and with proud joy to call the people in Church to the attention of this important moment in Mass. Three times distinctly for this most holy time to worship. You are an angel in proclaiming this Truth of our faith.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

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Congratulations to member Anthony Jansen for his appointment as Community Director for the State Knights of Columbus after service two years as Life Director and the previous two years as Faith Director.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." (Matthew 13:31) Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for July: Andrew & Elizabeth Eftink** *For the Church, that priests may sow seeds of faith throughout God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Only one week 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

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T-SHIRT SALE

Follow the link below to order your shirt by **JULY 20th**

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Two designs and multiple colors available — see below!

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Sunday, August 2 Bulletin Items are due
Thursday, July 23 at noon. Thank you!

CATHOLIC Man Night

Men Meeting Jesus

Attention Adult Catholic Men:
You are invited to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and discussion.



TUESDAY, JULY 28
6:30–9:00 P.M.



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FOR CONFESSION



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