

July 26, 2026 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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17th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
Matthew 13:44

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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!

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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.

Liturgical Roles

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1 -2, 2026

Saturday, August 1, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green
Lector: Chandler Jansen
Extraordinary Min. *Derek Jansen
Ushers: Glen Horrell, Joe Horrell
Offertory: Family of Henry & Irene Beel
Sacristan: Rita Holshouser
Rosary: Rita Holshouser

KC Sunday

Sunday, August 2, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Nash & Thad Adams
Lector: Aimee Hampton
Extraordinary Min.: * Jason Van de Ven, Darlene Stoverink, Kristi Jansen
Choir Min.: Cody Van de Ven
Ushers: Roger Vandeven, Gary Vandeven
Offertory: KC Family of Month: Mark Deck Family
Sacristan: Abby Bohnsack
Rosary: KC - Stan Seiler

Sunday, August 2, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sam & Autumn Landewee
Lector: Annabel Engelen
Extraordinary Min.: *Sarah Deck, Sheryl Eftink, Dustin Hoesli
Choir Min.: Harlan Elfrink
Ushers: Doug & Mark Deck
Offertory: Family of Gerald & Stan Jansen
Sacristan: Polly Mungle
Rosary: Eva Dunn

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for August 2: Caydence Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, July 27

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Debby Broshuis † (SJ)
9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, July 28

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Thomas Barnes † (SJ)

Wednesday, July 29

5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Alvin & Judy Stause Family (SA)

Thursday, July 30

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Joe Sharenborg † (SJ)

Friday, July 31

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - John Lovell † / Chris Bohnsack † (SJ)
9:00 AM - Rosary with Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

Saturday, August 1

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 - L/D Members Henry & Irene Beel Family (SA)

Sunday, August 2

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 - Gerald & Stan Jansen † (SJ)

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.

Please note:

Due to Bishop Rice's decree and the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress:

Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Friday, August 14 at 6:30 PM at St. John

There will be NO MASSES on Saturday, August 15th throughout the Diocese.

Masses on Sunday, August 16 will be at 8 & 10 AM at St. John AND 6 PM at St. Anthony

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3/9)

The first reading of this Sunday describes the encounter of Solomon with God in a dream early in his reign. When King Solomon was offered anything he desired, ***he humbly asked for an "understanding heart" rather than wealth or power (1 Kings 3:9).***

Solomon recognized his inadequacy, calling himself "a little child" (1 Kings 3/7) in the face of a great task. In Catholic teaching, ***humility is the foundation of wisdom (Prov. 11/2).*** It is the admission that we do not have all the answers. When we surrender our pride and acknowledge our need for God, we create space for His grace to work within us. Solomon did not seek personal gain. He asked for the ability to judge justly and "to distinguish right from wrong". True discernment requires a hearing heart—one that is attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit rather than the noise of the world. It allows us to navigate the complexities of life with charity and truth.

As a young man from a wealthy noble family, Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) could have pursued power, prestige, and riches. Instead, he chose the simple life of a Dominican friar dedicated to prayer and study. Throughout his life, he continually asked God for the gift of wisdom so that he might understand divine truth and teach it faithfully. Before studying or writing, he often prayed: ***"Creator of all things, grant me understanding, retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly."*** God answered his prayer abundantly, and he became one of the greatest theologians in Christian history. His inspiring life teaches us that wisdom is a greater treasure than wealth because it helps us know God, make good decisions, and lead others toward truth.

Is God pleased with our prayer? What do we usually ask HIM?

Prayer: Lord, grant me not riches or honors, but a wise and understanding heart, that I may know Your will, serve Your people faithfully, and walk always in the light of Your truth. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Many of us have experienced this wonderful gift of God. We are asked sometimes to pray for people and their needs. We are then intercessors, like the Saints. "Where two or more are gathered together in My Name, I AM in their midst." There are a couple lines in the Novena of Gratitude that struck me to share: "Holy Lord, I thank You today for the very gift of prayer, that You, the Most High, have condescended to hear the voice of so small a creature. You did not have to listen. You did not have to answer. Yet You drew near when I called upon You. What a wonder that the Creator of all things bends His ear to the whisper of one heart."

He hears us-you-me. Alone or together our words or thoughts are known by Him. They do not fall on deaf ears and their effect is powerful in moving the heart of God. Another old saying is "Prayer Changes Things". The power of one word said with love is mightier than anything you could imagine in the life of someone who needs it. Knowing that we are prayed for by others is a blessed comfort for us helping us know we are not alone in our need.

Our small voice is not missed by God. We may think it does not matter but it does. It lifts our heart as well as the one we pray for and prayer always gives hope. If we have no hope, we become discouraged and feel helpless is continuing on. Prayer does not need be a prepared written one. God loves the voice of the cry of the heart and He wants to hear our own words from our heart. Every prayer no matter how small uttered in love is touching God's heart as we ask God or thank Him in a surge of praise for what we are praying. Any prayer at any time is heard as a gift to Him for giving us a share in helping others be blessed or comforted. Know your prayer is powerful and counts always! Being an intercessor is part of your road to being a saint as well. Don't hesitate or feel insignificant in prayer but be bold and ask and seek and trust. Just unleash the power and pray.

SILENCE AS LISTENING by Fr. Jeremiah Shryock, CFR

In the Christian understanding of prayer, silence is synonymous with listening. A quiet mind, a sense of peace in one's heart or a general calm throughout one's being are beautiful gifts that may accompany prayer at times; yet none of these are the goal of prayer, nor are they its guaranteed fruit. To seek the consolations of prayer before seeking God Himself is ultimately to approach prayer in pursuit of an experience rather than an encounter with the living God.

Silence is most appropriate before God because of who we believe Him to be. God, the Creator of all, is not merely another being within the created order; He is Being itself- needing nothing and no one in order to exist. God is thus so utterly different that it is impossible for us to imagine or comprehend Him fully. Yet this same God, who transcends every category of human knowledge, freely reveals Himself to us, communicates Himself with us, and desires that we enter into a personal relationship with Him.

To approach God in silence, then, is to remain before Him with a listening heart. This posture implies a deep reverence for God and is an expression of humility on our part. It puts both God and ourselves in the proper relation to one another, for it is God alone who is worthy of our full attention, love, and worship. It is silence- understood as listening – that begins to cultivate within us a deeper responsiveness to the beauty and majesty of God. Therefore, when silence is sought as an end in itself, one can be sure that no genuine prayer is taking place. When, however, silence opens the soul to a deeper surrender to God because a more profound listening is occurring, prayer is not only beginning- it is advancing quite rapidly.

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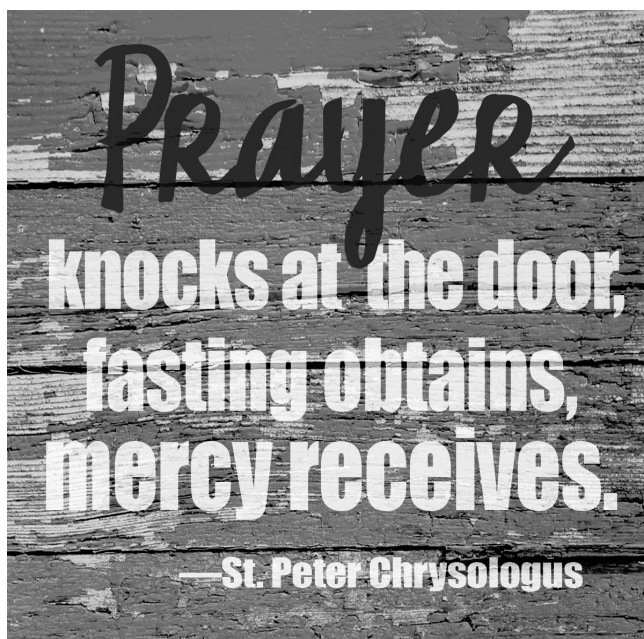
VOCATION MINISTRY:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44) Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. 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 the Church, that priests, consecrated, and married couples may seek God's treasure above all else and serve with joyful hearts, let us pray to the Lord*

In Gratitude:

A huge thank you to Tannie Smith for leading our teens at this year's Steubenville conference. Our youth group had 32 members attend this year along with 7 adult volunteer chaperones. We deeply appreciate your time, energy, and faith that you poured into the youth to make this an unforgettable spiritual experience.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Stacy Halter for masterfully orchestrating last week's Totus Tuus! We're also incredibly grateful to every volunteer and missionary who poured their energy and kindness into making the program such a memorable experience for our children and youth. Whether you were guiding eager minds in the classroom, preparing delicious snacks, organizing lunch breaks, or lending a helping hand wherever needed, your generosity and dedication truly shone. Together, you transformed Totus Tuus week into a vibrant, joyful, and spiritually enriching adventure. We feel so blessed to have such a wonderful team sharing their time, enthusiasm, and love with our parishes. Thank you all for making this week truly special!



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