

August 2, 2026
**18th SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME**

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Please contact the pastor

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He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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St. Anthony Gifts 7/26/26

Due to the early bulletin deadline, collection totals are not available.

St. John Gifts 7/26/26

Due to the early bulletin deadline, collection totals are not available.

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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8 - 9, 2026

Saturday, August 8, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Caroline Horrell, Nellie Langston

Lector: Audrey Langston

Extraordinary Min. *Caydence Jansen

Ushers: Keith & Joshua Horrell

Offertory: Family of Norma Nenninger

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Amy Jansen

Sunday, August 9, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Alaina Long, Hadley Van de Ven

Lector: Janice Wesbecher

Extraordinary Min.: * Stacy Halter,
Chelsey Van de Ven, Cindy (Andrew)
Jansen

Choir Min.: Karen Broshuis

Ushers: Roger Thiele, Matt Brotherton

Offertory: Penny & Brad Willrich

Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack

Rosary: Nick Elfrink

Sunday, August 9, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sophia Mason, Reeann Burger

Lector: Marian Hutchings

Extraordinary Min.: *Tannie Smith,
Leeann Jansen, Addison Engelen

Choir Min.: Holly Hoesli

Ushers: Churck Forrester, AJ Eftink

Offertory: Family of Henry & Lorraine
Holzum

Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink

Rosary: Lori Graham

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for August 9: Kristi Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, August 3

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

8:30 AM MASS - Jeanne Greene † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

8:30 AM MASS - Kathy Nanney † (SJ)

Wednesday, August 5

Church office closed

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

6:00 PM MASS - Roy Beel † (SA)

Thursday, August 6, *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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

8:30 AM MASS - John Lovell † / Chris Bohnsack † (SJ)

12:00 - 9:00 PM - KC EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Friday, August 7

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Ambrose W. & Patricia Peters Family (SJ)

9:00 AM - Rosary with Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

Saturday, August 8

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 - Norma Nenninger † (SA)

Sunday, August 9

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 - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (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:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young man, C. S. Lewis considered himself an atheist. The suffering he saw in the world and his intellectual doubts led him to reject belief in God. He believed that the universe was merely a product of chance and that religion was a human invention. For years he argued against Christianity and regarded faith as unreasonable.

Yet Lewis was also an honest seeker of truth. Through conversations with Christian friends, especially J. R. R. Tolkien, and through his own study and reflection, Lewis gradually came to believe that the universe pointed toward a Creator. He later described himself as "the most reluctant convert in all England," admitting that he had resisted God for a long time before finally surrendering to the evidence he found compelling. Lewis first came to believe in God and later embraced Christianity. He discovered that God was not merely an idea to be debated but the very source of life, truth, goodness, and joy. The emptiness he had experienced apart from God gave way to a profound sense of purpose and meaning.

The first reading of this Sunday (Is 55/1-3) is an invitation to ultimate spiritual fulfillment. God urges the spiritually thirsty and weary to abandon worldly pursuits that ultimately fail to satisfy. Instead, He calls us to come to Him freely, to listen closely, and to receive His abundant, life-giving grace.

In the Catholic tradition, this passage is profoundly Eucharistic and sacramental. The invitation to come to the waters, buy grain, wine, and milk without cost mirrors the free, unmerited gift of Christ's grace offered in the Sacraments. The Waters Reminds us of our Baptism, where we first received the living water of the Holy Spirit. The Wine and Milk Prefigures the Eucharist—the "richest of fare"—where Jesus gives us His very self as spiritual nourishment to sustain us on our earthly pilgrimage.

This challenges us to examine what we rely on to fill our inner voids. So often, we labor after things of the world—wealth, status, or distraction—which leave us spiritually famished. God asks us to simply "come" and "listen". It is an invitation to enter into an intimate, everlasting covenant of mercy with Him.

What attachments, habits, or pursuits in my life leave me spiritually hungry, and how can I open my heart more fully to God's nourishing word and grace?

Prayer: Lord, help me to find lasting happiness in your presence. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

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.



Holy Baptism

*Congratulations to
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on the Baptism of their son,
Boone Winford Boyer*

Ministry Notes & Updates

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VOCATION MINISTRY:

"You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16) Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for August: Mike & Gina Bueter** *For families, that they may encourage children to recognize and respond to God's prompting, let us pray to the Lord.*

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE DIOCESE, FATHER VINCENT AND CHURCH STAFF WILL NEVER ASK FOR FINANCIAL HELP, GIFT CARDS, ETC.

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In Gratitude:

A big thank you to Ethan Broshuis, Eric Seiler, and Bob Clubb for their outstanding leadership in organizing this year's church picnic. Their commitment, planning, and tireless efforts helped make the event truly memorable for everyone involved. Many thanks are also equally extended to our devoted heads of stands and to all volunteers who contributed so generously by preparing the grounds, directing traffic, setting up game stands and tents, cooking and serving a delicious meal, running activities and food stands, and helping with the clean-up afterward. Your dedication and teamwork not only made this annual event possible but also exemplified the spirit of service and deep love you have for the parish community. Your servant hearts transformed our picnic into a wonderful celebration of unity and faith. May blessings abound for each and every one of you, and may your example continue to foster a sense of togetherness and purpose in our parish.

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.

Remember Your Home Parish in Your Will:

As an act of faith and gratitude, consider remembering your home parish in your will.

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