

August 9, 2026 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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Adults	\$490.00
Loose	\$164.00

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Adults	\$5140.86
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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!

Liturgical Roles

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass

Friday, August 14, 6:30 PM (SJ)

Servers: volunteers

Lector: Dennis James

Extraordinary Min. *Karen James

Ushers: volunteers

Offertory: *none*

Sacristan: Bobby Jansen

Rosary: volunteer

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 15-16, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Jack & Cooper Halter

Lector: Aimee Hampton

Extraordinary Min.: *Darlene Stoverink, Courtney Beussink, Kristi Jansen

Choir Min.: Mary Adams

Ushers: Butch Bueter, Joe Bohnsack

Offertory: Family of John H. Thele

Sacristan: Pam and Ron Wesbecher

Rosary: Anthony Jansen

Sunday, August 16, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Zach, Theodore & Walter Smith

Lector: Jeff Eftink

Extraordinary Min.: *Matt Michaelree Abby Jansen, Kim Bunger

Choir Min.: Chuck Forrester

Ushers: Paul & Donnie Landewee

Offertory: Family of Tony Beussink

Sacristan: Eva Dunn, Cassie Engelen

Rosary: Gerard Macke

Sunday, August 16, 6 PM (SA)

Servers: Lorna Brandel

Lector: Scarlett Horrell

Extraordinary Min. *Michael VanGennip

Ushers: Kenny Horrell, Randy Koenig

Offertory: Jamie & Denise Landewee

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Ernestine Bueter

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for August 16:

Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, August 10

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

8:30 AM MASS - Joyce Landewee † / Debby Broshuis † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, August 11

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

8:30 AM MASS - Alvin & Helen Vandeven † (SJ)

1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (church basement)

Wednesday, August 12

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

6:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Harley & Joan Horrell Family (SA)

Thursday, August 13

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

8:30 AM MASS - Jerome Bucher † (SJ)

Friday, August 14, Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:45-6:15 PM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

6:30 PM MASS - Elmer, Eula, & Richard VanGennip † (SJ)

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

Saturday, August 15

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - No Mass or Confessions

Sunday, August 16

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

8:00 AM MASS - John H. Thele † (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Tony Beussink † (SJ)

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

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

6:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Please note the new Mass time on Friday as well as the changes to the weekend Masses due to Bishop's decree

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.

Leopold Picnic Raffle:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the Leopold Picnic and supported the raffle stand. Here is the list of winners:

Handmade Quilt - Richard Burns

Henry Rifle - Jeff Irvin

43" TV - Anthony Bueter

Dynatrap bug zapper - Theresa Jansen

\$200 cash - Courtney Kinder

\$100 cash - Polly Mungle

Join us for our post-picnic gathering on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm in the KC Hall bar room! If you're passionate about our picnic and have ideas to make next year's event even more memorable, then bring your creativity, enthusiasm, and vision as we discuss our past picnic and our future picnics. All are welcome!

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“It is in silence that God speaks to the soul”
(St. Ignatius of Loyola)**

A wise king announced that he would personally visit one village in his kingdom. The villagers became excited and began preparing. One group thought, "The king will surely arrive with trumpets, horses, soldiers, and fireworks." So they built a grand stage at the town square and spent all day watching the main road. Another group organized musicians and dancers, expecting a magnificent procession. They practiced for days, convinced the king would appreciate a lavish welcome.

But there was an old widow who quietly said, "A truly great king does not always need noise. Perhaps he simply wants to know whether someone is ready to receive him." Every morning she swept the path in front of her little cottage, lit a small lamp, and kept a simple meal ready. Then she sat in silence, praying and waiting. Late one evening, while the crowds were still gathered at the square looking for fireworks and fanfare, a tired traveler knocked softly on the widow's door. She welcomed him, washed his dusty feet, shared her humble meal, and listened quietly as he spoke. The next morning, the entire village learned that the traveler was the king. He had chosen to come without royal robes or an escort because he wanted to discover who would recognize him without all the spectacle. The king said, "Many waited for my power. Only one waited for my presence."

We often expect God to speak through dramatic miracles, extraordinary signs, or overwhelming emotions. God does not always speak through loud and flashy noise; instead, the first reading (1 Kings 19:9-13) shows that He often reaches us through a gentle whisper. When the prophet Elijah was afraid and hiding in a cave, he looked for God in a heavy wind, a shaking earthquake, and a blazing fire, but God was not in any of those big forces. ***"Be still, and know that I am God."*** (Psalm 46/10) We often expect God to show up in massive, dramatic events or loud moments of life. God was present in the thin, quiet silence, reminding us to slow down. When we feel overwhelmed or scared, true comfort comes not from panic or grand spectacles, but from listening closely in the quiet. ***"Silence creates a sacred space where the noise of the world fades, allowing us to focus on God"*** (St. Isaac the Syrian).

Prayer: Lord, quiet the noise within and around me, so that in the silence of my heart I may hear Your gentle voice and faithfully follow Your will. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Some of you may have seen the Instagram viral video about the Mission Crucifix in southern France where it looks like Jesus is suspended in air without a cross. Here's the back story.

The fire went thru twice. As wildfires ravage Europe and the western United States, one specific image has taken the internet by storm. In France, photojournalist Patrick Bernard captured a crucifix on his iPhone that was left standing among the ashes of the fires that struck Saumos, a small commune in the Médoc region near Bordeaux. The photo posted to Instagram on Sunday July 26th, quickly went viral. Locals call it simply "the Christ" — a mission cross that has stood in Saumos since the late 19th century, marking the site of the town's annual Good Friday procession. André Prouvoyeur knows it well. He's a forester whose land borders the cross, and a technical advisor with France's Forest Fire Defense Service (DFCI).

He described the devastation to Catholic French media outlet, Famille Chrétienne: "Here we are south of Saumos. The fire passed through here, and then passed through again. This is the Calvary that people here locally call 'the Christ.' It is originally a mission cross, and this is where the Good Friday procession takes place. The underbrush was burned, the grass that had been cut was burned—you can see that as well. This small shrub was also burned, and here you can see the scorch marks on the back of the cross. It was slightly burned too."

Even the cross didn't escape entirely unscathed — but it held. More Than a Century Standing Watch. The crucifix's endurance is only more striking given its history. Prouvoyeur explained that it was erected during a wave of Catholic missionary work in a part of France that had long resisted religious influence: "This is a mission cross because here in the Médoc—southern Médoc in particular—it was a very difficult region for religion. It is still a difficult region for religion today. But missionary campaigns were carried out here, and this cross is one of the surviving mission crosses dating from the end of the 19th century."

More than 130 years after it was first raised to bring faith to a resistant region, the Christ of Saumos has captured the attention of the world through a single photograph of what the fire could not take.

Jesus is always telling us that we need to be constant and faithful to him for He will always be faithful and loyal to us in His promises. Maybe too this image might be telling us "the fires of hell will not prevail against Him". The message is up to our hearts to determine.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

A welcome to new transfer members to Council - Robert And Cody Bunger and to Jacob Vandeven rejoining Council 5898.

Congratulations to Knights of the Months thus far in 2026 - Dennis Horrell, Robert Arnzen and Ron Wesbecher. And to Families of the Months - Derek Halter, Trent Elfrink and Mark Deck. Youths of the Quarter to date - Walter Smith and Jacob Smith

Many members and ladies will be at the annual state Horseshoe Tournament next weekend in Washington, Mo.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."
(Matthew 14:27) In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for August: Mike & Gina Bueter** *For those discerning their vocation, that they may find courage and confidence in God's call, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

We will resume monthly meetings Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm in the St Anne's Room. Installation of new officers and planning October Hotze Mission Breakfast. All ladies invited to attend.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Back to School Project: St. John's Parish will again be working with the Bollinger County Health Department on providing hygiene products to our local schools. The following items have been requested and will be given to school nurses to distribute as needed: Male Deodorants, Female Deodorants, Male Body Sprays, Female Body Sprays, and Feminine Products. Please donate by August 23. There will be a tote in the back of church. Thank you!

In Gratitude:

How do you thank so many people for the care, the thoughts, the prayers, and the generosity that they have given you in your time of need. There aren't enough thank-you's or hugs to go around for family, friends, and parishioners who showed me and my family what it feels like to live where people truly love and help each other without thinking twice. We thank you all from the bottom of my "new" heart and pray God Blesses you all abundantly in return.

Savannah, Clayton & Anna Jansen

Totus Tuus Thank You:

Thank you St. John and St. Anthony parishes for making Totus Tuus a success! Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase that means "Totally Yours", was a week-long summer youth program taught by four college-age missionaries from across the diocese. Shandy Elfrink, Autumn Acosta, Thomas Dittmer, and Mark Klockenkemper shared their love for Jesus in the most energetic way. We had a total of 99 youth from our parishes and nearby parishes deepen their Catholic faith in this program during the week of July 19th. There were 71 in the day program for grades 1-6 and 28 in the evening program for grades 7-12! Many thanks to members of the community for helping make this a special week for the kids. I really appreciate all the people that volunteered their time to help with lunch and to help supervise. So many of you brought in snacks and desserts that the kids loved...it was very generous! A special thanks to Mary Meyer for hosting Autumn, and also thanks to JoEllen Jansen for making Katie's Huis so accommodating for Thomas and Mark. The missionaries were very grateful for the meals provided by Andy and Heather Elfrink, Father Vincent, Mary Meyer, Roger and Barb Bucher, Geri Geringer, and myself. The Leopold Fire Department went above and beyond making the water day special for the young ones. Harps helped with food for the week also. I appreciate Father Vincent for rearranging the Mass times to accommodate this program. Bishop Rice celebrated Mass with us too which made it extra special. I would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus 5898 for scholarships given to some families. I feel very blessed to be in a community that is so supportive.

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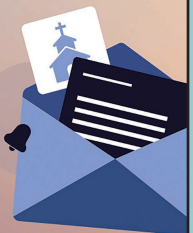
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