

August 16, 2026 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

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20th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 15:27-28

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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

	7/26/26	8/9/26
Adults	\$535.00	\$445.00
Loose	\$91.00	\$368.00
Assumption		\$20.00

St. John Gifts

	7/26/26	8/9/26
Adults	\$2485.00	\$3333.00
Loose	\$364.00	\$641.00
Online	\$658.00	\$2701.00
Peters Pence	\$20.00	
Votive Candles	\$64.00	\$85.00

Online giving is now available.

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Liturgical Roles

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22-23, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink, Emily James

Lector: Dennis Horrell

Extraordinary Min. *Gina Bueter

Ushers: Derek & Chandler Jansen

Offertory: Kent & Kyla Langston Family

Sacristan: Gina Bueter

Rosary: Gina Bueter

PCCW Sunday

Sunday, August 23, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Finn Beussink & Jacob Beussink

Lector: Annette Wiseman

Extraordinary Min.: * Kelly Schreiner, Karen James, Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Choir Min.: Dennis James

Ushers: Don Gowan, Joe Seiler

Offertory: PCCW – Mary Adams, Patty Bohnsack

Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Rosary: PCCW – Gina Jansen

Sunday, August 23, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Lauren VanGennip, Aspen Hoesli

Lector: Polly Mungle

Extraordinary Min.: *Dustin Hoesli, Sarah Deck, Holly Hoesli

Choir Min.: Sheryl Eftink

Ushers: Ted Eftink, Nate Forrester

Offertory: Harlan & Julie Elfrink

Sacristan: Lori Graham

Rosary: volunteer

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for August 23: Barb Bucher

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!

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, August 17

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

8:30 AM MASS - Poor Souls in Purgatory (SJ)

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

Tuesday, August 18

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Ted & Katie Peters Family (SJ)

Wednesday, August 19

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

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

7:00 PM - St. John PCCW Meeting (St. Anne's room)

Thursday, August 20

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

8:30 AM MASS - John H. Thele † (SJ)

Friday, August 21

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

8:30 AM MASS - Joan McWilliams † (SJ)

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

Saturday, August 22

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

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

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

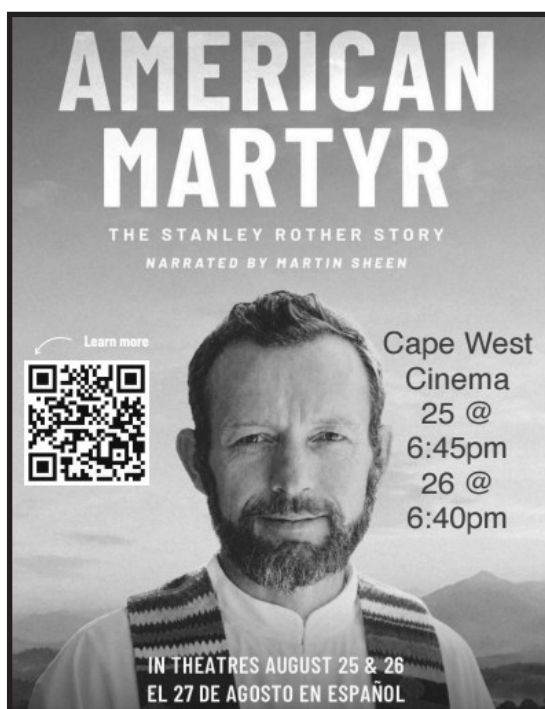
6:00 PM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Sunday, August 23

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

8:00 AM MASS - Marion VanGennip † (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (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?

OCIA Classes will start on September 20, 2026.

Contact Fr. Vincent at 573-238-3300 ext 2 if you are interested in joining us for information about becoming Catholic.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples"
(Is 56/7)

In the first reading, God calls His house a house of prayer showing us that His space is meant for all people to come close to Him. This holy place is not just for quiet walls or old routines. It is a living bridge that connects our weak human hearts to God's great love. God invites all people from every background to draw near. No one is pushed away or forgotten in His holy home. His love accepts us just as we are when we seek Him.

When Jesus saw people using the temple for business instead of worship, He drove them out and restored it as a house of prayer. He showed that God's house should be holy and respected. Jesus Christ was upset when He saw people selling animals and doing business inside the temple in Jerusalem. The temple was meant to be a house of prayer, but they turned it into a marketplace. Jesus reminded them that God's house should be respected and used for worship.

After the apparitions at Fátima, Francisco Marto became deeply devoted to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He was especially saddened when he saw people talking loudly, behaving carelessly, or showing little reverence in church. He would quietly slip into the parish church and spend long periods kneeling before the tabernacle. When asked why he spent so much time there, Francisco replied, "I am consoling the Hidden Jesus. He is so sad because of the sins and indifference of people, and I want to comfort Him."

Even as a young boy, he believed that every act of silence, reverence, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament was an act of love offered to Jesus. Rather than criticizing those who were irreverent, St. Francisco responded with prayer, silence, and love. His example reminds us that the best way to repair the wounds caused by indifference to the Eucharist is to console Jesus through our own reverence and devotion.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1180) teaches that a church is the dedicated "house of God" and a sacred space. It is the proper place for community prayer and the privileged location for the adoration of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. St. Bede the Venerable emphasized that ***"the house of God is strictly for divine things, stating that people should tremble to think of chatting, laughing, or acting improperly in a place meant for holy sacrifice and prayer"***. Is my behavior in the house of prayer pleasing to God whose glory dwells in it?

Prayer: "Lord, grant us hearts that enter Your house with reverence, worship You with devotion, and honor the sacredness of Your holy presence." Amen

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education

As we prepare for this weekend's pivotal Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, it is particularly meaningful to acknowledge its concurrence with the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This synchronicity invites us to reflect deeply on the profound and inseparable connection between the Holy Eucharist and our Immaculate Mother.

Indeed, Mary herself served as the primordial tabernacle, cradling within her the Incarnate Word, our Savior. Her sacred role mirrors the Old Testament Tabernacle, which reverently contained the very Word of God — the Ten Commandments — and the life-sustaining Manna, the bread from heaven. Her unparalleled mission involved not merely bearing Christ but also nurturing and safeguarding Him throughout His earthly life.

Her unwavering 'fiat' — her complete and trusting surrender to divine grace and will — was an indispensable cornerstone of our salvation, profoundly shaping the trajectory of human history and our eternal destiny. Without her willing assent, the very fabric of our redemption would be unimaginable.

The Solemnity of her Assumption into heaven stands as a glorious divine promise, assuring us that through lives lived in faithful adherence to God's commandments, imbued with grace and sacrificial love, we too are offered the prospect of eternal communion with Him and His Immaculate Mother.

Moreover, the Blessed Virgin Mary presents herself as the quintessential exemplar of a life lived in perfect harmony with God's will. Her powerful intercession on our behalf is an invaluable conduit for attaining ultimate beatitude. It is a profound truth of our faith that her maternal pleas are never unheard by her Son, provided they align with the benevolent Divine Will of the Father.

Thus, the Assumption offers profound hope, a vital essence without which human existence can seem bereft and unfulfilled — a state unequivocally contrary to God's benevolent design for humanity. May this dual celebration deepen our understanding and devotion.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Congratulations to the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese on their 70th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese. Prior to that time in 1956, the Leopold and Glennon parishes were part of the St. Louis Diocese. 1956 was an important year otherwise in St. John's Parish as the 100th anniversary of the founding of Leopold was celebrated that year. One year prior, on October 16, 1955, the completely remodeled church was once again available for Masses after a six-month construction program. Interesting, 11 years later, on the same date, October 16 of 1966, the Knights of Columbus Council was chartered.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2026 "Woman, great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28) In discerning a vocation, we are called to courage and perseverance, trusting God's plan for our lives. Whether called to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, answering His call requires faith that He will guide and sustain us every step of the way. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for August: Mike & Gina Bueter** *For the Church, that married couples may live their vocation faithfully, let us pray to the Lord.*

PSR:

Meal/Meeting for PSR teachers is August 27th at 6 PM in the school cafeteria.

PSR weekday program starts September 8th and goes until the end of April. PSR Sunday program starts September 13th and goes until April 25th.

We are still looking for a Sunday teacher. If you are interested in doing part-time on Sundays that would be helpful as well. Contact Holly at 573-238-5452.

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Our August Meeting is this Wednesday in the St Anne's Room at 7pm. Come help us welcome new officer and plan Fall and Winter activities. All invited.

Ministry Notes & Updates

ST. ANTHONY PCCW:

St. Anthony PCCW will have a ladies meeting after 5 PM Mass on Saturday, August 29 in the Glennon Hall. All ladies are welcome 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!

Diocese & Area Events

Annual St. Joseph Rummage Sale: The annual St. Joseph rummage sale is happening on August 20th and 21st from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and August 22nd from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Knights of Columbus Lower Hall located at 28745 US Hwy 61 in Scott City, MO.

Band Fest VII - Ten Point Lake

September 26, 2026 - Rain or Shine

11725 Black Bear Lane, CR 520, Marble Hill, MO 573/238-5731
Rain-out Location: Leopold Knights of Columbus Hall

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Suggested Ticket Donation: \$20.00

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Boom-boom Raffles ... 50/50 ... Poker Run ... and more!

BAND LINE-UP



2:00 - 3:30 pm

4:00 - 5:30 pm

6:00 - 8:00 pm

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