

August 23, 2026 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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21st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

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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!

St. Anthony Gifts 8/16/26

Adults	\$180.00
Loose	\$160.00
Assumption	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$100.00

St. John Gifts 8/16/26

Adults	\$4427.69
Loose	\$327.00
Online	\$293.00
Assumption	\$350.00
Votive Candles	\$79.00

Online giving is now available.

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

Liturgical Roles

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29-30, 2026

Saturday, August 29, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green

Lector: Jennifer Rosanna

Extraordinary Min. *Mike Bueter

Ushers: Lonnie Nenninger, Norbert Nenninger

Offertory: Family of Richard VanGennip

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Norbert & Debbie Nenninger

KC Fourth Degree Sunday

Sunday, August 30, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Camdyn & Zach Schreiner

Lector: Cody Van de Ven

Extraordinary Min.: *Ron Wesbecher
Bob Clubb, Jean Clubb

Choir Min.: Pam Wesbecher

Ushers: Fourth Degree

Offertory: Fourth Degree

Sacristan: Polly Mungle

Rosary: Fourth Degree

Sunday, August 30, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Skyler & Blaine Hoesli

Lector: Jill Wedemeier

Extraordinary Min.: *Danny James,
Joann James, Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Choir Min.: Tannie Smith

Ushers: Charles Hutchings, Victor Vandeven

Offertory: Annabel & Cassie Engelen

Sacristan: Danny and Joann James

Rosary: volunteer

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for August 30: Lori Graham

Volunteers Needed:

Birthright of Marble Hill is looking for additional volunteers to work directly with pregnant women and mothers with babies, newborn through 36 months Birthright's mission, to "Love them both," is key to our compassionate work of providing emotional and material support. We especially need help filling Mondays 1 to 4 pm. Please contact Michele Moon at 573-576-6183 or stop by during office hours.

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, August 24

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

8:30 AM MASS - Eleanor Macke † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, August 25

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

8:30 AM MASS - Glen, Ethel, & Bob Thiele † (SJ)

Wednesday, August 26

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

6:00 PM MASS - Janet Beussink † (SA)

Thursday, August 27

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Herman & Helen Seiler Family (SJ)

6:00 PM - PSR Teacher Meeting/Meal (school cafeteria)

7:00 PM - Leopold Post-Picnic Meeting (KC Bar Room)

Friday, August 28

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

8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Ed & Agatha DeBrock Family (SJ)

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

Saturday, August 29

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

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

4:30-4:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)

5:00 PM MASS - Richard VanGennip † (SA)

6:00 PM - St. Anthony PCCW Meeting (Glennon Hall)

Sunday, August 30

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

8:00 AM MASS - Simon, Theodora, & Leroy Jansen † (SJ)

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

Band Fest VII - Ten Point Lake

September 26, 2026 - Rain or Shine

11725 Black Bear Lane, CR 520, Marble Hill, MO 573/238-5731

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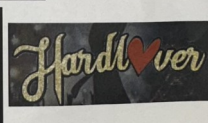
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2:00 - 3:30 pm



4:00 - 5:30 pm



6:00 - 8:00 pm

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BYOB

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Do you know anyone
interested in becoming
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Or wants to know more about the
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OCIA Classes will start on Sep-
tember 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:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; what he opens no one shall shut, what he shuts no one shall open." (Isaiah 22:22)

The first reading speaks about the authority given by God to Eliakim, who was appointed as steward over the house of David. The key was a symbol of responsibility, trust, and authority. Eliakim was not given power for his own glory but to serve the people faithfully on behalf of the king.

For Christians, this passage points us toward Christ, the true Son of David, who possesses the ultimate key to God's Kingdom. Jesus opens the door to salvation, mercy, and eternal life. No human power can close the door that Christ opens for those who trust in Him.

This verse also reminds us that God entrusts each of us with "keys"—gifts, responsibilities, and opportunities to serve. Like Eliakim, we are called to use what God gives us not for personal honor but for the good of others. A Christian leader, parent, teacher, or disciple must always ask: Am I opening doors of faith, hope, and love for others?

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison because he opposed South Africa's unjust system of apartheid. Most people expected that, once he became president in 1994, he would seek revenge against those who had imprisoned and oppressed him. Instead, Mandela chose the harder path—the path of righteousness. At his presidential inauguration, he invited some of his former jailers to attend as honored guests.

One memorable moment came during the 1995 Rugby World Cup. Rugby had long been seen as the sport of the white minority. Rather than rejecting it, Mandela wore the jersey of the national team, the Springboks, and publicly supported them. His gesture united black and white South Africans behind one team and one nation. What could have become a symbol of division became a sign of reconciliation.

His leadership demonstrated that true greatness is not found in defeating enemies but in overcoming hatred with justice, mercy, and forgiveness. Like Mandela, every Christian is called to guide others on the path of righteousness, not by seeking personal gain or revenge, but by living according to God's truth. Righteous leadership demands courage, integrity, and compassion.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You hold the key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Open our hearts to Your grace and help us use the responsibilities You give us to lead others closer to Your love. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

CAN CATHOLICS DO YOGA?

The Spiritual Dangers of what seems like exercise. This is an excerpt from Linda Carl's book: *"Yoga Unveiled: My Spiritual Journey From Darkness to Light."*

At the moment of conception, God gives each of us a unique and unrepeatable immortal soul. It "does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 366). It is the deepest part of our being, a sacred space meant to be reserved for God alone.

The body houses the soul; they are so intertwined that the soul is the "form" of the body" (CCC 365). Fr. Brian Mullady explains, "The body is meant for the soul and the soul is meant for God." When we are in a state of grace, God dwells within our soul, which makes us temples of the Trinity. We cannot be temples of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit while also welcoming Hindu deities—we must choose one or the other. Many Christians practice yoga without realizing its spiritual dangers, and some believe they can separate the physical aspects from the spiritual. But what we think or know about yoga does not change the fact that it is a spiritual practice that invites spirits into the soul. Since demons hide behind mythological Hindu gods who are called on in a yoga class, being present gives them an opening to unite with them instead of Jesus.

It is crucial to understand: Our intention never matters. Every single yoga class, no matter where or how it is done, even the most "Non-Yoga-Like" promotes a union with these evil spirits. Catholic theologian, Edward Sri Says, "We are most likely to passively allow something into our soul because it is dressed up like a fun show, a funny movie, an attractive image, or a catchy tune." This also applies to yoga. Patricia Talbot, a visionary from Cuenca, Ecuador, asks a profound question: Why would we want anything other than God to enter our soul? Whether done knowingly or unknowingly, letting other spirits into our body diminishes our relationship with Him.

Union is a real thing. Christians strive to unite with Christ, and Catholics are blessed to experience the most intimate and powerful union with God through the Eucharist, an incredible gift yoga belittles. Bishop Robert Barron poses an important point worth pondering: those who "regularly gather around the table of intimacy with Christ and yet engage consistently in the works of darkness are meant to see ourselves in the betrayer." A humbling thought.

Many dabble, as Linda says, in the seemingly innocuous and good-for-you yoga under the pretense of exercise and stress relief. As did I. For almost two decades, I was seduced—numb and blind to yoga's truths and that each class I taught led my students and myself further away from God—because, at the time, I did not comprehend how yoga opposes Christian beliefs.

Be aware of the unconscious pull that may lead away from God.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

The Pledge of Allegiance originated on Columbus Day in 1892 to mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in America. The wording was slightly changed in 1923 but no other change occurred EXCEPT for adding the words UNDER GOD on June 14, 1954. At the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in 1952, the Order adapted a resolution to urge Congress to make UNDER GOD part of the official pledge. Supreme Knight Luke Hart (who was from St. Louis) as President of National Fraternal Congress of America got the more than 100 members societies to adopt the resolution, Congress passed the addition and President Dwight Eisenhower signed bill and in a letter to the KCs at the 1954 Convention indicated "we are particularly thankful to you" for the pushing for the addition.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18) God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for August: Mike & Gina Bueter** *For our parish, that our gratitude for the gift of the priesthood may inspire more men to hear and respond to God's call, let us pray to the Lord.*

PSR:



PSR Registration is open! Scan the QR code to register your child(ren) today.

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.

Ministry Notes & Updates

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

BIRTHRIGHT needs YOU! Looking for men to help chaperone the middle school in completing the parking lot retaining wall. Please contact Kyla Langston 573-225-0608. We will not work until cooler weather.

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.

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!

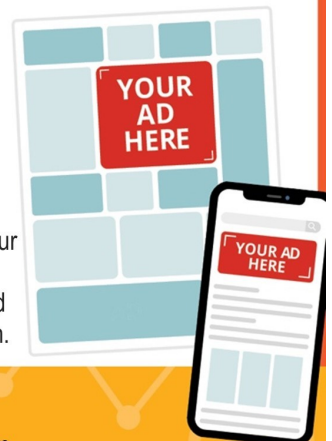
COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

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!

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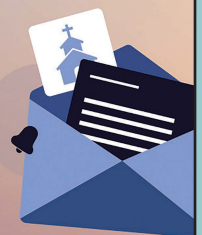
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