

August 30, 2026 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Please contact the pastor

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 5-6, 2026

Saturday, September 5, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Caroline Horrell, Nellie
Langston

Lector: Andrea Bueter

Extraordinary Min. *Richard Eeftink

Ushers: Alfred & Larry VanGennip

Offertory: Lonnie & Audrey
Nenninger

Sacristan: Rita Holshouser

Rosary: Gina Bueter

KC Sunday

Sunday, September 6, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Nash & Thad Adams,
Layton Fluchel

Lector: Aimee Hampton

Extraordinary Min.: *Ron

Wesbecher, Matt Beussink, Jason
Van de Ven

Choir Min.: Cody Van de Ven

Ushers: Derek & Brady Halter

Offertory: KC Knight of Month –
Ron Wesbecher Family

Sacristan: Pam & Ron Wesbecher

Rosary: KC - Stan Seiler

Sunday, September 6, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Pearl Smith, Valerie
Michaelree

Lector: Matt Michaelree

Extraordinary Min.: *Dustin Hoesli,
Cindy (Lindy) Jansen, Leeann
Jansen

Choir Min.: Harlan Elfrink

Ushers: Doug & Mark Deck

Offertory: Family of Jeanne Greene

Sacristan: Lori Graham

Rosary: Eva Dunn

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

September 6: Linda Stoverink

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 31

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

8:30 AM MASS - Leroy Jansen † (SJ)

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

8:30 AM MASS - Susie (Deck) McCrimmons † (SJ)

Wednesday, September 2

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

6:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Lawrence & Clara Macke Family (SA)

Thursday, September 3

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

8:30 AM MASS - Arthur Besaw † (SJ)

Friday, September 4

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

8:30 AM MASS - Debby Broshuis † (SJ)

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

Saturday, September 5

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 - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

Sunday, September 6

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

8:00 AM MASS - Alvin & Helen Vandeven, Tom & Wilma Elfrink † (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Jeanne Greene † (SJ)

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM - Confirmation Class (school cafeteria)

The after-school Rosary Club will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in the church basement. We will meet every Wednesday throughout the school year, except when school is canceled due to holidays or inclement weather. Everyone is welcome to join us in praying the Holy Rosary!

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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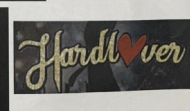
BAND LINE-UP



2:00 - 3:30 pm



4:00 - 5:30 pm



6:00 - 8:00 pm

Ending with John Welter Karaoke - You be the Star!
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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:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." (Rom 12/1)

There was an elderly sacristan who had served his parish for many years. Every morning, long before anyone arrived, he opened the church, prepared the altar, lit the candles, and made sure everything was ready for Mass.

One day, a young man asked him, "Why do you keep doing all this? Nobody notices. You are getting old. You could simply stay home and rest."

The old man smiled and said, "I am not doing this for people to notice me. Every morning I place my hands, my time, and my strength on the altar. This is my way of offering myself to God."

A few months later, the old man became too weak to continue his work. He could no longer clean the church or carry the heavy things. He felt useless.

The priest visited him and said, "You have given God your hands for many years. Now you can give Him your weakness." The old man replied, "Then even my weakness can be a sacrifice?" "Yes," said the priest. "When you offer it to God with love, your whole life becomes an offering."

This is what St. Paul means when he says, "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1). We do not have to do extraordinary things. Our daily work, our service, our suffering, our patience, our sacrifices, and even our weaknesses can become an offering to God when they are given with love.

The question is not, "How much have I given God?" but "Have I given God myself?"

Prayer: "Lord, take my life, my joys, my struggles, and my sacrifices. Make them an offering pleasing to you. Put your fire in my heart, so that I may never stop living for you." Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

More Than Watchman for the Morning: Learning to Wait in the Darkness of Prayer. From Spiritual Direction

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in His word I hope: my soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning." Psalm 130: 5-6.

One morning, I looked out the east-facing chapel window into the pitch blackness and Psalm 130 came to mind. "My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for morning." I closed my eyes, calmed my heart, and began to consider the heart of the watchmen in the times of King David.

The watchmen were patient in the darkness. They awaited the sunrise each day with expectant hope, yearning for the rising of the sun. With no clocks or watches, they endured the long hours of darkness in patience and trust. They were keenly aware of the vulnerability of the night, and were vigilant and prepared for enemy attack. Watchmen could not be distracted, nor could they sleep. They waited and they watched, through long hours when nothing seemed to be happening. How their bodies, minds, and souls must have grown weary and tired, yearning for daybreak. Yes Lord, fill me with the hope and patience of a watchman.

In this age, patience has become a virtue often left unexercised. I have little need for it due to the conveniences and instant gratifications built into the rhythm of my life. While modern technology and the fast-paced movement of the culture isn't necessarily bad in itself, it has handicapped my ability to sit and wait in peace. And this waiting is a necessary disposition of a heart that seeks union with God. Patience and perseverance must be practiced and cultivated, and I cannot allow myself to be discouraged by it.

To begin to wait well like the watchman, I must first recognize an important truth about why I am waiting, and Who I am waiting for. When prayer is dry and distracted, God is not withholding Himself from me. He is present but hidden, giving me the grace I need to persevere in those moments. He is allowing me to learn how to love Him for His own sake—not for the sake of consolation. He is strengthening my faith and deepening my hope.

And what could be more valuable, more desirable, more worth waiting for, than communion with God? Deeper communion with God requires my heart to be increasingly freed from every attachment, and so this process of purification is painfully necessary. My reluctance to wait for God is the surest sign of my need to wait for Him. As He simply reminded St. Catherine of Siena, I must remember that He is God and I am not, and the times of darkness and waiting are the exact prescription for my ever-ailing soul. The Divine Physician knows me intimately, wounds and weaknesses and all, and loves me enough to purify me of what prevents union with Him.

Instead of discouragement and impatience in the waiting, my heart must be filled with expectant hope. I must lean into His Word and draw strength from His promise. The Psalms have proven time and time again to bolster my spirit and lift my mind to heavenly things when facing darkness or desolation. In the letter to the Romans we are encouraged to remember that "...endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.." (Romans 5:4-5)

The watchmen endured the long and dark nights because they had a certain hope for morning. May my heart learn to wait with the hope of the watchmen, surrendering to His hidden work in the darkness as I await His rising light.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Catholicism in the US currently has 14 Saints and nine Blessed connected to the US and its territories. A few of these: St. Francis Xavier Cabrini founded Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, native of Italy, came to US in 1889 and her and her Order established schools, orphanages and hospitals. She became a naturalized US citizen and was first US citizen to be canonized as a Saint.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Sisters of Charity and established schools that became the foundation of parochial Catholic education - Canonized in 1975, she was the first US born Saint.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
(Matthew 16:24) Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2
Vocation Crucifix for August: Mike & Gina Bueter *For the Church, that religious brothers and sisters may carry Christ's cross and serve Him with faithful devotion, let us pray to the Lord.*

PSR:

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

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:

Hotze Mission Breakfast, Raffle and Bake Sale is slated for Sunday, October 18th at KC Hall from 730-1030. Groups 1-3 are the work groups. So if last name begins with A-James, you will be asked to staff the event. All groups are asked to bring baked items and purchase raffle tickets. All proceeds to the Missions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy will begin again on Sunday, September 6 during the 10 AM Mass.

In Gratitude:

Thank you to the Harley & Joan Horrell family for the donation of the new pew book holders at St. Anthony's.

Diocese & Area Events

Part-Time Kitchen Support Needed at

LifeHouse Cape Girardeau: Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is seeking a dependable Kitchen Support team member to help prepare and serve meals for the mothers and children at LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home in Cape Girardeau. This position is Monday through Thursday from 3:00-7:00 PM and pays \$15/hour. To apply, visit ccsomo.org/careers or contact Human Resources at hr@ccsomo.org or 417-368-0914.

Annual Fall Dinner Happening at St. Joseph

Parish in Scott City Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the School Gym. The menu will consist of Kettle Beef, Chicken & Dumplings, Chicken & Dressing, & more. Served buffet style. Adults \$17 Children 6-12 \$7 Children 5 & Under Free. There will be walk-in and drive-up carry-outs available. Bulk orders available at noon. We will also have our country store and baker shop.

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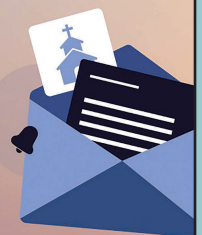
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