

September 6, 2026 23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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23rd Sunday

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

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 12-13, 2026

Saturday, Sept. 12, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Lorna Brandel
Lector: Chandler Jansen
Extraordinary Min. *Derek Jansen
Ushers: Chad & Michael
VanGennip
Offertory: Family of Kenneth
Bueter
Sacristan: Pam Horrell
Rosary: Pam Horrell

Sunday, Sept. 13, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Alaina Long, Hadley
Van de Ven
Lector: Abby Bohnsack
Extraordinary Min.: * Stacy Halter,
Kristi Jansen, Pam Wesbecher
Choir Min.: Courtney Beussink
Ushers: John Bohnsack, Jesse
Long
Offertory: Family of Lawrence &
Celestine Eeftink
Sacristan: Anthony & Janet Jansen
Rosary: Nick Elfrink

Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Emily James, Lauren
VanGennip
Lector: Annabel Engelen
Extraordinary Min.: *Sarah Deck,
Danny James, Joann James
Choir Min.: Dustin Hoesli
Ushers: Paul & Donnie Landewee
Offertory: Levi & Desiree Felter
Sacristan: Danny & Joann James
Rosary: Lori Graham

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

September 13: Jeanne Forrester

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, September 7 - LABOR DAY

Church office closed, No school

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

8:30 AM MASS - Tony Beussink † (SJ Cemetery, weather permitting)

6:30 PM - SJ Parish Council (St. Anne's)

Tuesday, September 8

1st day of Weekday PSR

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

8:30 AM MASS - Gene, Arnold & Edgar Stoverink † (SJ)

1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (church basement)

Wednesday, September 9

Church office closed

3:15 PM - After School Rosary Club (church basement)

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

6:00 PM MASS - Roy Beel † (SA)

6:30 PM - SA Parish Council (Glennon Hall)

Thursday, September 10

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

8:30 AM MASS - Stanley Jansen † (SJ)

Friday, September 11

6:45-7:15AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)

7:20 AM MASS - L/D Members Herman & Helen Seiler Family (SJ)

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

Saturday, September 12

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 - Kenneth Bueter † (SA)

Sunday, September 13

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

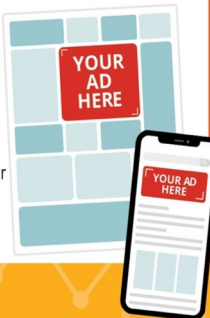
8:00 AM MASS - L/D Members Lawrence & Celestine Eeftink Family (SJ)

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

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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!

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:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"I have appointed you as a watchman."
(Ezekiel 3/17)**

A young man came to St Philip Neri whose life was being destroyed by bad companions and sinful habits. Instead of condemning him or frightening him, Philip treated him with patience and friendship. He encouraged the young man to pray, go to Confession, receive the Eucharist, and gradually change the people and situations that were leading him into sin.

Philip understood that a person who is drowning needs someone to reach out a hand, not someone to shout at him from the shore. Through his gentle guidance and prayer, many young people changed their lives and returned to God.

Every Christian is called, in some way, to be a watchman. Parents are watchmen for their children. Teachers are watchmen for their students. Priests are watchmen for their people. And every Christian is called to help others remain close to God. ***"A true Christian cannot remain silent when someone is walking toward spiritual danger. Like Ezekiel, we are called to watch, warn, and help the person find the way back to God"*** (St. Gregory Nazianzen)

But being a watchman does not mean criticizing everyone or telling others how to live. It means having enough love and courage to say, "Be careful. This path may take you away from God"

Sometimes the greatest act of love is not to remain silent. If we see someone moving toward something that can destroy their marriage, their family, their faith, or their relationship with God, we should gently and lovingly warn them. ***"It is necessary therefore, that we remain as vigilant as watchmen... to see Jesus in those who are lonely, sad, in those who have made mistakes and need counsel, in those who need to walk with Him in silence so that they feel accompanied."*** (Pope Francis, Jubilee Audience, June 30, 2016)

Jesus tells us in the Gospel that we are responsible for one another. We cannot save another person, but we can give the warning; God gives the grace.

Let us therefore ask ourselves today: Whom has God placed in my life whom I need to encourage, correct, or gently warn? May we be faithful watchmen — not watchmen who condemn, but watchmen who love; not watchmen who point fingers, but watchmen who point people back to God.

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, make us faithful watchmen who lovingly guide those who are lost back to the light of Your truth and the safety of Your mercy". Amen

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

September 8 is the birthday of Our Blessed Mother. Do something special for her and involve your children. Teach them something about her and how Mary is important in their lives as she always leads us to her Son Jesus. Help them make her a cake.

The Seven Joys of Mary are a traditional Catholic devotion listing seven joyful events in the life of the Virgin Mary: the Annunciation, the Nativity of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the Resurrection of Christ, the Ascension of Christ, the Pentecost, and the Coronation of the Virgin in Heaven. Some traditions include the Visitation or the Finding in the Temple instead of the Ascension or Pentecost.

September: The Bible and Our Lady of Sorrows

In many places, September is known as Bible Month, connected to Saint Jerome and his love for Sacred Scripture. The Church also especially remembers Our Lady of Sorrows, with her feast day celebrated on September 15.

How to live it:

- Read a passage from the Gospel each day.
- Keep the Bible in a visible place in your home and read it as a family.
- Meditate on the "seven joys" and "seven sorrows" of the Virgin Mary.

Here is how the Chaplet of Seven Sorrows is prayed: It is prayed to attain repentance for sins. Each group of seven is begun with an Our Father, as in the regular Rosary. Some people start with an Act of Contrition, since the devotion has a penitential aspect. Also like the regular Rosary, the groups of seven Hail Marys are an occasion for meditation on "Mysteries" — in this case, the Seven Sorrows of Mary, listed below: After each Sorrow pray 1 Our Father and 7 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be.

The First Sorrow The Prophecy of Simeon When Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the temple, Simeon predicts that a "sword" (of sorrow) will pierce Mary's soul.

The Second Sorrow The flight into Egypt When King Herod orders the death of all male children age two or younger, Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt with the infant Jesus.

The Third Sorrow The Child Jesus Lost in temple. Mary and Joseph search for the child Jesus for three days, finding Him at last — after agonizing sorrow — in the temple.

The Fourth Sorrow. Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross. As Jesus makes His way to Calvary, condemned to crucifixion, He meets His mother, Mary. He is bruised, derided, cursed and defiled and her sorrow is absolute as Jesus drags His own cross up the hill of His crucifixion.

The Fifth Sorrow. Mary at the foot of the cross. Mary stands near her dying Son unable to minister to him as He cries "I thirst." She hears Him promise heaven to a thief and forgive His enemies. His last words, "Behold your mother," charge us to look on Mary as our mother.

The Sixth Sorrow. Mary receives the body of Jesus from the cross. Jesus is taken down from the cross and His body is placed in Mary's arms. The passion and death are over, but for His mother, grief continues. She holds His body in her arms.

The Seventh Sorrow Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus in the tomb. The body of Jesus is laid in the tomb. The most tragic day in history ends, Mary alone in sorrow, awaiting the Resurrection.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Starting Friday, October 2, monthly fish fries on first Friday of the month from 5-7.

American Saints - St. John Neumann - establish the nation's first diocesan school system and expanded educational opportunities for Catholic children. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne - established schools throughout the American frontier to help spread the Catholic faith in a rapidly growing nation. St. Damien - served people suffering from leprosy in Hawaii and continued to working with those with leprosy even as he contracted the disease.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15) Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for September: Shirley Bucher** *For the Church, that married couples, priests, and religious may actively cultivate reconciliation in their hearts and communities, let us pray to the Lord.*

PSR:

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

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 Ky-la Langston 573-225-0608. We will not work until cooler weather.

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Welcome your leaders for 2026-2027. President-Patty Bohnsack, Vice-President-Cindy(Andrew) Jansen, Gina Jansen-Treasurer, Mary (Ambrose) Jansen-Secretary, installed by Polly Mungle at the August Meeting. Thank them for their desire to serve and lead our Parish PCCW. You are automatically a member after High School graduation. You are invited to join them at September 16th meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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



MARRIAGE BANS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

BLAKE EEFINK & ALLIE MILLER

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4:00 - 5:30 pm



6:00 - 8:00 pm

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