

September 13, 2026 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Please contact the pastor

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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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	9/6/26
Adults	\$840.00
Loose	\$154.75

St. John Gifts	9/6/26
Adults	\$4142.58
Loose	\$620.25
Online	\$2353.00
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The Bulletin is Online! Go to the parish website to find the weekly bulletin.

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.

Liturgical Roles

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 19-20, 2026

Saturday, Sept. 19, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink, Emily James
Lector: Audrey Langston
Extraordinary Min. *Caydence Jansen

Ushers: Ben & Kevin Beel
Offertory: Family of Leo & Ann Horrell

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Mary Vandeven

Sunday, Sept. 20, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Zach & Camdyn Schreiner
Lector: Janice Wesbecher
Extraordinary Min.: * Kelly Schreiner, Karen James, Dennis James

Choir Min.: Darlene Stoverink

Ushers: Roy Van de Ven, Francis Nenninger

Offertory: Roy, Sharon & Katie Van de Ven

Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Rosary: PCCW – Gina Jansen

Sunday, Sept. 20, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Olive & Violet Deck

Lector: Sheryl Eftink

Extraordinary Min.: *Abby Jansen, Tannie Smith, Addison Engelen

Choir Min.: Sheryl Eftink

Ushers: Chuck Forrester, A.J. Eftink

Offertory: Family of Joyce Landewee

Sacristan: Polly Mungle

Rosary: Gerard Macke

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

September 20: Cindy (Andrew)

Janen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, September 14, *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

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

7:20 AM MASS- L/D Members Ed & Agatha DeBrock Family (SJ)

8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, September 15

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

8:30 AM MASS - Kathy Nanney † (SJ)

Wednesday, September 16

1:30 - 5:30 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive (Glennon Hall)

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

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

6:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Kenneth & Ernestine Bueter Family (SA)

6:30 PM - SJ PCCW Meeting (St. Anne's)

Thursday, September 17

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

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

Friday, September 18

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

7:20 AM MASS - Richard VanGennip † (SJ)

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

Saturday, September 19

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 - L/D Members Leo & Ann Horrell Family (SA)

Sunday, September 20

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

8:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)

10:00 AM MASS - Joyce Landewee † (SJ)

1:00 PM MASS - Health, Peace & Comfort for Residents (StoneBridge)

6:00 PM - OCIA

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As an act of faith and gratitude, consider remembering your home parish in your will.

This lasting gift helps ensure that the Church which nurtured your faith may continue its mission for generations to come.

Due to the increasing purchase cost, the suggested donation for votive candles will now be \$4. Thank you.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!”

Our first reading this week comes from chapters 27 & 28 of Sirach and reminds us that malice, anger, and vengeance are hateful things and that it is the sinner who clings to them. We all know that to be true because anger grows like a cancer in us and will consume us if we don't get rid of it. So Sirach (and Jesus in our gospel) reminds us that we cannot expect forgiveness from God for our transgressions if we do not extend that forgiveness to others who have offended us by their words or deeds. Sirach also reminds us to “Remember your last days;” in other words, think of the end of your life and get rid of enmity and vengeance before that day comes because, after it, there will be no further chance to get rid of it or to be forgiven by God for carrying that vengeance. Sirach's message for us this week is to lead a life of forgiveness that we may receive forgiveness from God.

Maria Goretti was a young Italian girl who, in 1902, was attacked by a young man named Alessandro Serenelli. When Maria was dying, she was asked whether she forgave him. She replied that she forgave him and wanted him to be with her in heaven.

Alessandro was sentenced to prison. Years later, he experienced a profound conversion. He became a Christian penitent and eventually sought forgiveness from Maria's mother, Assunta Goretti. Imagine the courage of that mother: the man who had taken her daughter's life was standing before her. Assunta forgave him. She told him, in effect, “Maria forgave you; how could I refuse her forgiveness?”

Years later, Alessandro became a Third Order Franciscan and lived a life of repentance. He even visited Maria's mother, and together they attended Mass.

Let us remember: God has forgiven us far more than we can imagine. Therefore, let us forgive others as God has forgiven us.

Prayer: Merciful Father, forgive our sins and heal our hearts from anger and resentment. Give us the grace to forgive those who have hurt us, just as You forgive us. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

When Jesus says, “Take Courage...”

Dear Friends,

There are moments when Jesus doesn't immediately calm the storm. Instead, He tells us who He is **while the storm is still raging**.

In Matthew 14, the disciples are caught in a violent wind. They see Jesus walking toward them on the water and are terrified.

Then Jesus says: **“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”** (Matthew 14:27)

There's something beautiful hiding in those words. The Greek translated **“it is I”** is *egō eimi* — literally, **“I am.”**

Those words echo the language Scripture uses for God Himself. Jesus doesn't first explain the storm. He doesn't tell them why it happened. He gives them something more important: **His presence**.

Take courage. I AM. Do not be afraid.

I think sometimes we want Jesus to say: *“Don't worry. Here's exactly how I'm going to fix everything.”* Instead, He often says: *“Don't be afraid. I'm here.”* And there is a huge difference.

Christian peace isn't the confidence that nothing difficult will happen. It's the confidence that **Christ is present in whatever happens**.

Maybe that's the invitation for us this week.

When you're overwhelmed by something you can't control...

When you're waiting for an answer...

When you're worried about your children, your marriage, your work, your future...

When prayer seems difficult and God seems far away...

Come back to those words: **Take courage. I AM. Do not be afraid.**

The storm may not disappear immediately.

But you're not facing it alone.

This week: when anxiety starts getting louder, stop for just a few seconds and pray: *Jesus, You are here. I trust You.*

Sometimes that's enough to take the next step.

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Council annual golf outing for youth programs will be this Saturday, September 19 at the Cape Jaycee course. Contact John Bohnsack or Victor Vandeven for more information. The more golfers the better. Always a great time with council members and others in the community.

American Saints - St. Teresa of Calcutta - Recipient of Nobel Peace Prize, devoted her life to the poorest of the poor. Though not American, she received honorary U. S. citizenship in 1996, one of only a handful of individuals. St. Junipero Serra - Spanish missionary founded nine missions in California to help establish the Church in that region. Canonized by Pope Francis in 2015 in Washington, the first saint canonized on U. S. soil

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Matthew (18:35) Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for September: Shirley Bucher** *For those discerning their vocation, that they may open their hearts to the forgiving love of Christ and share that mercy with others, let us pray to the Lord.*

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:

We will be sponsoring a two week drive to collect, blankets, comforters, mattress pads, and old quilts for Ugly Quilts. They have completely depleted their supply to use for filler in their sleeping bags for homeless. Place in container in back of church. Thank you.

Diocese & Area Events

Area Ultreya: St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau. Saturday, September 19th. Morning prayers in the church @ 9:00 a.m. with grouping, refreshments and socializing to follow in the Huels Room. Come, share, and bring a friend with you. DeColores!

Troops of St. George An area wide outdoor apostolate for fathers and sons (ages 6-18) Fall Kickoff BBQ & Informational Meeting Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus #1111 Hall, 318 S. Spanish St., Cape Girardeau, MO. For information contact: Martin Hoffman, 573-576-6653 or TSGtroop102@gmail.com

Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT
Men Meeting Jesus

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30-9:00pm
Saint Michael The Archangel, Fredericktown, MO
An evening of Adoration, Confession, & a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.

To help plan for the food please RSVP to
SEMOcatholicManNight@gmail.com
'SEMO Catholic Man Night' on Facebook
Or text 573-275-5214

*gazing in at the
looking through the late
10 My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my dove, my fair one,
and come away;
11 for behold, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone,
the flowers appear on the earth,
the time of the singing of birds is come,
the voice of the turtle is heard in our land,
the fig tree puts forth her figs,
the vines are in bloom;
12 Come, my beloved, let us go out and gaze on the mountains,
let us walk on the hills,
let us eat of the fruit of the field,
for our vineyard and our olive orchard are in bloom;
13 Come, my beloved, let us go out and gaze on the mountains,
let us walk on the hills,
let us eat of the fruit of the field,
for our vineyard and our olive orchard are in bloom;*

Catholic Women's Retreat
A one-day retreat for ladies to step away and be with the Lord.

Back to the Garden

Realizing you were made for relationship and rest with Jesus.

Guest presenter:
Sr. Elizabeth
Beussink, TOR



**Saturday
October 10th**

Newman Center
Southeast Missouri State University
512 N. Pacific, Cape Girardeau

8:30am Check in
9:00am Retreat begins
Lunch Provided
4:00pm Vigil Mass

**Limited spots! Register today!
Early Bird ends September 30**

Ladies: \$25 Early Bird/\$35 Regular
College Ladies: \$15 Early/\$25 Regular
Mom with High School Daughter(s): \$40 Early/\$50 Regular



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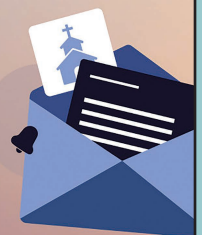
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