

September 20, 2026 25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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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 9/13/26

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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 26-27, 2026

Saturday, Sept. 26, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Bryson & Bentley Green
Lector: Scarlett Horrell
Extraordinary Min. *Michael VanGennip
Ushers: Dale Bueter, Mike Bueter
Offertory: Family of Tony Beussink
Sacristan: Gina Bueter
Rosary: Mark Kiefer

PCCW Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 27, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Finn Beussink, Jacob Beussink
Lector: Polly Mungle
Extraordinary Min.: * Patty Bohnsack Aimee Hampton, Cindy (Andrew) Jansen
Choir Min.: Mary Adams
Ushers: Matt Brotherton, Roger Thiele
Offertory: PCCW – Angie Landewee, Cindy (Lindy) Jansen
Sacristan: Patty Bohnsack
Rosary: Geri Geringer

Sunday, Sept. 27, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Quinton & Talon Hoesli
Lector: Addison Engelen
Extraordinary Min.: *Matt Michaelree Kim Bunger, Chuck Forrester
Choir Min.: Holly Hoesli
Ushers: Ted Eftink, Nate Forrester
Offertory: Cecilia & Elmer Georger
Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink, Cassie Engelen
Rosary: Peggy Nenninger

StoneBridge & Homebound

Extraordinary Minister for

September 27: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, September 21

6:45-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS- Janet Beussink † (SJ)
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, September 22

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Joe, Drieka, & Herschel Hinkebein † (SJ)
6:30 PM - SJ Finance Council (church office)

Wednesday, September 23

3:15 PM - After School Rosary Club (church basement)
5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (SA)

Thursday, September 24

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Wilma Arnzen † (SJ)

Friday, September 25

6:45-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Debby Broshuis † (SJ)
9:00 AM - Rosary with Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

Saturday, September 26

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 Tony Beussink † (SA)

Sunday, September 27

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:00 AM MASS - Virgil & Thelma Beel † (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)
6:00 PM - OCIA

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



Holy Baptism

*Congratulations to
Ethan & Morgan Broshuis
on the Baptism of their daughter,
Charlee Rae Broshuis*

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For my thoughts are not your thought, nor are your ways your ways, says the Lord” (Is 55/8)

We often try to fit the infinite God into the tiny boxes of our own expectations. In our daily lives, we treat God like a vending machine or an insurance policy, expecting Him to act according to our timelines and our definitions of good. This deeply human tendency to control God is rooted in fear, but true faith calls us to radical surrender.

Isaiah faces a challenging truth in the first reading for this Sunday: ***“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”*** How often do we try to shrink God down to our size? We want a God who thinks like us, who judges like us, and who operates on our human schedules. When someone hurts us, our human instinct is often resentment or retaliation. But God’s way is different. Where we offer conditional acceptance, God offers boundless mercy. God’s way is “to give the same generous reward to those who worked all day and those who came at the last hour” as we have seen in today’s gospel.

Isaiah tells us that if we turn back to the Lord, He will shower His generous mercy and forgiveness on us. God does not ration His forgiveness. He does not hold grudges. His heart is an ocean of mercy, waiting for us to take just one step toward Him. ***“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”*** (Luke 19:10) The parable in today’s gospel teaches us that God’s grace is a gift of His generosity, not something we can demand based on our merits, and His mercy can reach us even at the last moment.

As we receive Christ in the Eucharist today, let us surrender our rigid ways of thinking. Let us ask for the grace to trade our narrow, human perspectives for the expansive, merciful vision of God. Do not wait for a better time to seek Him. Call upon Him today, for He is already near.

Prayer: Lord, help us to trust in Your generous grace, rejoice in the blessings You give to others, and humbly receive Your mercy at every moment of our lives. Amen.

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

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

Last week we heard the Parable of the Merciless Servant. This was Jesus’s lesson story on the Our Father. Just about everyone can recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory. That’s precisely the problem, though. We often rattle it off without really thinking about what we are saying.

FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES *“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”* Whenever we pray this line, we are asking God to forgive us exactly in the same way as we forgive those who hurt us. In other words, if we are harboring un-forgiveness in our hearts as we say this prayer, we are calling a curse down upon ourselves.

Let’s face it. We are all in desperate need of the mercy of God. But time and time again, the Word of God makes clear that the greatest block to his mercy is resentment. In the Old Testament, the book of Sirach (27:30-28:7) tells us how wrath and anger, cherished and held tight, are poisons that lead to spiritual death.

PARABLE OF THE MERCELESS SERVANT The parable of the merciless servant illustrates the meaning of “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who trespass against us”, a petition in the Lord’s Prayer. Anger can be righteous, but when we let it harden into resentment it becomes a poison that blocks the grace of God from flowing into us and through us. Forgiveness removes the block.

Jesus thinks this is so important that he includes a reminder of this lesson in the central prayer that he teaches to his disciples. And to drive the point home, he tells us the parable of the merciless servant, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (18:21-35). As we listen to the story, we are incensed at the arrogance and hard-heartedness of someone who is forgiven a huge debt yet immediately throttles the neighbor who owes him a fraction of the amount he himself once owed.

Incensed, that is, until we realize the story is about us. For all of us who have ever nurtured a grudge are guilty of exactly the same thing. Bringing up this issue is rather uncomfortable because we all have been hurt by others. Many have been hurt deeply. Think, for example, of the widows and orphans of September 11 and other acts of terrorism. Is it wrong to have feelings of outrage over such crimes? Does forgiveness mean that we excuse the culprit and leave ourselves wide open to further abuse?

FORGIVENESS IS A DECISION, NOT A FEELING

Not at all. First of all, forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling. I think it rather unlikely that the Lord Jesus, in his sacred yet still human heart, had tender feelings of affection for those mocking him as his life blood was being drained out on the cross. But he made a decision, expressed in a prayer: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

In other words, there was no vindictiveness, no desire to retaliate and cause pain, suffering and destruction to those who delighted in causing him pain. Such desire for destructive vengeance is the kind of anger that is one of the seven deadly sins.

Notice that Jesus’ tormentors had not asked for forgiveness. Indeed they were still taking pleasure in causing him harm. Yet Jesus prayed to the Father for them, even making excuses for them – “they know not what they do.”

ANGER VS. RESENTMENT Did Jesus ever experience anger against those who sought his life?

Absolutely. Righteous anger is the appropriate response to injustice. It is meant to give us the emotional energy to confront that injustice and overcome it. Recall how livid Jesus was in the face of the Pharisees’ hypocrisy, because it was blocking the access of others to his life-giving truth. But notice as well that he overturned the money-changer’s tables, not their lives.

Forgiveness does not mean being a doormat. It does not mean sitting passively by while an alcoholic or abusive family member destroys not only your life but the lives of others. But taking severe, even legal action does not require resentment and vindictiveness.

Pope John Paul II did not request the release of the man who shot him. But note that he visited him in prison to offer him forgiveness and friendship. In so doing, he stunned not only the assailant, but the whole world. Forgiveness cleans the soul.

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Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

October is the Month of the Rosary as proclaimed by Pope Leo XIII in 1883. Now, in the first year of Pope Leo XIV, the Council will lead a rosary for everyone at 6:30 each evening starting Wednesday, October 1 through Friday, October 31. The rosary will be said at the same site on each particular day of the week. Monday-St. Anthony Cemetery, Tuesday-KC Hall Shrine, Wednesday-St. John Shrine, Thursday-St. John Church, Mary's Altar, Friday-St. John Cemetery, Saturday-St. John Church St. Joseph's Altar and Sunday-St. John Prayer Garden. Each rosary will include In Honorarium for four to five of the 135 deceased members of the Council.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

"The last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16) God's kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live generously for His people and consider learning more about this vocation. Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2 **Vocation Crucifix for September: Shirley Bucher** *For our parish, that we may support all vocations through prayer, encouragement, and faithful example, letting God's generosity shine through our lives, 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 Hotze Mission Breakfast only 4 weeks away. The Raffle is a big part of this Fundraiser. Prizes this year are-Hand quilted quilt from the quilting ladies, \$200 cash from PCCW, 43 inch St. Francis statue from Dianne Holzum, \$100 gift certificate to Leopold Store/Feed Room from Geri Geringer and a fall table runner from Janice Wesbecher. Tickets(\$2 or 6/\$10) will be in next Sunday's bulletin or Venmo Geri Geringer @gmcg1944. Thanks for your support of the Missions.

Diocese & Area Events

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

Deanery 6 CCW Meeting: Our next Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at St. Joseph Parish in Scott City. Rosary starts at 5:30 p.m. in the church followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. Then, we will move to the school gym for refreshments and the meeting. We will also have our Silent Auction fundraiser, so we are asking each CCW to please bring a donation to place in the auction. Every lady from the parish is welcome to come.

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

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

All net proceeds from ticket donations go directly to Options for Women

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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!
featuring Nashville Recording Artist - Dylan Kelley

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