

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS TIMES

St. Ann Church

Saturday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wed-Fri.: 8:30 am

Confessions:

Sunday 8:00 - 8:15 am

Tuesday 5:15 (before Mass)

Fridays following Mass, or by appointment

Sts. Peter & Paul

Sunday: 11:00am

Confessions:

10:40 am before Mass

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Ann Catholic Church in Warsaw, MO, do declare ourselves willing to become active in the mission of Jesus Christ and co-provide spiritual and charitable support to each other for the honor of our Lord, God.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 8/15 (8:30am) Lewis Laury (moved from 8/11)
Saturday 8/15 (6:30pm) David Catron +
Sunday 8/16 Parishioners of St. Ann, St. Bernadette, Sts. Peter & Paul
Tuesday 8/18 Mary Lokay
Thursday 8/20 Carrol & Chuck Klingsick
Friday 8/21 Ron & Regina Mackenberg
Saturday 8/22 John Trefz +
Sunday 8/23 Edith Lusher +
Tuesday 8/25 Mark Lewis
Wednesday 8/26 Harold & Laverne Bahrenburg +
Thursday 8/27 Deena Maxwell Family

+ Indicates the person or persons named are deceased

Please consider a Mass intention for a loved one.

Recommended donation is \$10.

Blessings to all that help us fill the calendar through the year!

Let Us Pray for our fellow Parishioners

Chuck Klingsick, Janice Trefz, Cecile Smith, Edsel McMillian, Mark Lewis, Tony Beam, Theresa Chapman, Terry Schurman, Sheila Harper, Jean Laury, Rose Lappe, Gene Kelly, Rose Ferguson, Rosemary Woerner, Sharon Ricke, Laurie Groseclose, Steve Garcia, Linda Collins, Jack Hahn, Al Julius, Pauladean Billinger.

for our Family and Friends in need of our prayers.

Mark Staton, Rick Billinger, Bethanne Hall, Sam Wynn, Emmie Jensen, Samantha Blake, Saunders Family, Anthony Walsworth, Sean Shaughnessy, Brett Billinger, Pat McGee, Don Hardway, Tamara Jack, Bill McAfee

We pray to our Lord Jesus 

Contact the Parish Office to add a name to the prayer list.

Due to privacy laws, only names requested by an immediate family member or Pastor will be added to the Prayer list. Thank you

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention

August: Evangelization in the City.

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel. Discovering creative paths to build community.



Scripture Readings and Themes 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading – Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel – Matthew 14:22-33:

In this passage, Jesus withdraws to the region of **Tyre and Sidon**, a Gentile area outside Israelite territory (Matthew 15:21). A **Canaanite woman** approaches Him, pleading for her demon-possessed daughter to be healed (Matthew 15:22). Initially, Jesus does not respond, and His disciples urge Him to send her away. Jesus explains that His mission is primarily to the "lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). The woman persists, kneeling and asking for help, and when Jesus uses the metaphor of "children's bread" and "dogs" (Matthew 15:26), she humbly replies that even the dogs eat the crumbs from their master's table (Matthew 15:27). Jesus commends her **great faith** and grants her request, healing her daughter instantly (Matthew 15:28).

1. Faith Beyond Boundaries

The woman is a Gentile, historically considered outside God's covenant people. Her faith demonstrates that **God's mercy is not limited by ethnicity or social status**. Her persistence and humility exemplify the universal accessibility of God's grace (Matthew 15:21-28).

2. Persistence in Prayer

Despite initial silence and apparent rejection, the woman continues to plead. This teaches the importance of **perseverance in prayer** and trust in God's timing and wisdom (Matthew 15:23-25).

3. Recognition of God's Grace

Jesus' metaphor of "children's bread" and "dogs" challenges the woman, yet she perceives the **hidden grace** in His words and responds with theological insight. Her reply shows discernment and humility, qualities that Jesus commends as **great faith** (Matthew 15:26-27).

4. Jesus' Compassion

The passage illustrates that Jesus' ministry, while initially focused on Israel, ultimately extends to all who approach Him in faith. It foreshadows the **inclusion of Gentiles** in the Gospel message (Matthew 15:21-28).

5. Teaching for the Disciples

The encounter also serves as a lesson for the disciples, showing that **faith and humility are more important than social or religious status**. The woman's example contrasts with the often rigid attitudes of the religious leaders (Matthew 15:1-20 provides context).

ST. ANN WEEKLY COLLECTION

8/9 General Funds \$6,360

Diocesan Mission \$50

Thank you for supporting your parish!

Remember—you can make an online contribution with
“continue to give” on St. Ann’s website

August 18th @ 4pm

Next “Let’s Connect” is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We focus on understanding the perfections of Our Lady, devotion to Her, and Her role in Redemption.

Year of St. Francis 2026



Month 8 August –Fraternity & Community

Focus: Building parish unity.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

Confession is now also being offered before the Tuesday evening Mass at 5:15 in addition to the regular schedule.

Pray
for
Vocations

EVENTS

WHAT’S ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday 8/18	Let’s Connect 4 pm (Mass 5:30pm)
Wednesday 8/19	No Mass (Deanery Mtg.)
Friday 8/21	Fish Fry KOC
Sat. & Sun. 8/22-23	Blest Art Sale from Holy Land after Mass
Thursday 9/3	Mass at Aspire CC 10 am
Friday 9/4	Mass 8:30 First Friday ADORATION 9-10 Confessions during Adoration
Monday 9/7	Labor Day
Tuesday 9/15	Let’s Connect 4 pm (Mass 5:30pm)



Mr. Milton Kohl passed away on August 11. He and his wife, Georgia, were long-time St. Ann parishioners. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Raffle Tickets

Please help us make this year’s Raffle the best ever! Pick up an envelope of tickets in the vestibule of the church to buy personally or to sell. Help us with our **only big fundraiser for the year!**



I am truly grateful for everyone’s prayers, gifts, etc., in celebrating my 25th Anniversary.

I am most grateful for the chance to come together as a parish family!

Thank you also to those who worked so hard in organizing, setting, and cleaning up this past Sunday.

Fr. Ben



Coffee, juice & donuts served after Sunday Mass



²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. **Matt. 15:28**



ST. MONICA MINISTRY
Every 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors / Greeters

August 15 6:30 pm

Greeters: Joe Mockus, Miranda Chronister

Lector: Doug Chronister

EM: Joe Mockus, Teresa Vest, Leonard Vest

August 16 8:30 am

Greeters: Emily Metscher, Ruth & Robert Metscher

Lector: Rosemary Woerner

EM: Emily Metscher, Ryan Metscher, Mike Munson, Teresa Munson, Ron Mackenberg

August 22 6:30 pm

Greeters: Joe & Jerri Mockus

Lector: Fran Catron

EM: Joe Mockus, Emily Metscher, Ryan Metscher

August 23 8:30 am

Greeters: Carrie Webb, Terri Crandell

Lector: Kay Hirsch

EM: Mary Kemna, Derinda Aswegan, Ron Biddle, Brenda Porter

August 29 6:30 pm

Greeters: Miranda Chronister, Deb Dumas

Lector: Doug Chronister

EM: Joe Mockus, Sherry Newkirk, Christine Letcher

August 30 8:30 am

Greeters: Margie Hardaway, Emily Hughes

Lector: Knights of Columbus

EM: Knights of Columbus

*The **Catholic Stewardship Appeal** is coming in October, and there is some work that the Stewardship Council needs to do to prepare for this annual event. The work is mostly administrative and can be done via the computer. If you have time to help with this short-term effort, please contact Lisa Kelley (660-281-0199).*



Religion class: There will be a change in the Religion classes this fall. Grades 1-5 will meet Tuesday nights after the 5:30 p.m. Mass; 6 p.m to 7 p.m. Parents and their children are strongly encouraged to attend Mass before class, however it is not required.

The Kindergarten and Pre K children will meet the 2nd Sunday of every month during Mass to study the Gospel for that Sunday.

Please see the bulletin for more details or talk to Deena Maxwell.

Please watch the bulletin for more information or talk to Kathy Esbri about the upcoming year. There are registration forms on the children's table in the vestibule for grades 1-5 to fill out.

If you submitted a form last year please fill out a new one for this year as phone numbers and other information can change. You can return them to the church office or give them to Kathy Esbri.

You can email Kathy at esbritk1@gmail.com with any questions.

We are looking forward to another year of faith and fun!

God bless!!
Kathy Esbri

Would the gentleman who's daughter is wanting to receive Confirmation please email me, Kathy Esbri, at esbritk1@gmail.com with your contact information? I keep missing you after Mass on Sundays, and want to get you the information you need.

God bless!! Kathy Esbri

Monthly Food Drive

The featured item for August is **canned tuna or canned chicken**.

Donations by check to the food drive should be made out to:

Benton County Food Pantry.

Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Please join us!

We pray the Rosary before Mass each
Sunday at 10:30 am Please join us



Sts. Peter & Paul Weekly Collections

8/9 \$920.00

Thank you for supporting our Parish

Sts. Peter & Paul Mass Schedule:

Sundays @ 11:00 am

Extraordinary Ministers / Lectors / Greeters

For Sunday Masses TBD / Volunteers

Let Us Pray for:

Betty Stiles, Edward Weller, Carol Hertel, Josephine Heimsoth, Ramalee Monsees, Renee Rogers, Glenora Reusch, Diane Morarity, our military and all the sick and suffering.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8/16 Leroy & Diane Morarity

Sunday 8/23 John Stuhner

Please consider a Mass Intention Recommended donation is \$10. See Kristi or Mary in the office before or after Mass

St. Ann & Sts. Peter and Paul Parishes are collecting Best Choice labels. If you have any, please bring them to the office.
Thank you for your support

For all Council Members and leaders in our community (OCIA, Religious Ed., etc.) and any interested parishioners:

You are invited to attend the **Global Deanery Meeting** for the Diocese of Jefferson City. The event is Thursday, August 27, at the Shrine of St. Patrick in Laurie at 6:30 pm. The agenda will be largely diocesan content including a message from Bishop O'Donnell.



Join the Missouri Bishops to pray for the passing of Amendment 3.

STATEWIDE PRAYER CAMPAIGN

WHAT AMENDMENT 3 ACCOMPLISHES:

- ❖ Significantly limit the number of abortions
- ❖ Require parental consent before minors have an abortion
- ❖ Ban transgender procedures for minors



Vote YES on Amendment 3

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Missouri from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!



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