



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM & 10 AM

DAILY MASS:

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY: 8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 7:30 PM

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS:

TUESDAY: 8:30-9 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-6:45 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30-9 AM & 4-4:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

FIRST FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM

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St. Gregory the Great (Homily 30, AD 590)

Saturday, July 18

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, July 19

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Steve Wagner +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Petra (Bayne) Webber +

Monday, July 20

No Public Mass

Tuesday, July 21

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Maurice Harvey +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, July 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Marj Sanders +

Thursday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Priests

Friday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Ron Smith Family

Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. The Mayer Family

Sunday, July 26

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Cletus & Marie Geels Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 20 - Weekday [16] - St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr - Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 / Mt 12:38-42

Tues., July 21 - Weekday [16] - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps 85:2-8 / Mt 12:46-50

Wed., July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene - Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thurs., July 23 - Weekday [16] - St. Bridget, Religious - Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11 / Mt 13:10-17

Fri., July 24 - Weekday [16] - St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest - Jer 3:14-17 / (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d, 13 / Mt 13:18-23

Sat., July 25 - St. James, Apostle - 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Ps 126:1b, 2-6 / Mt 20:20-28

Sun., July 26 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 19, 2026

This weekend (July 18th/19th), the Church celebrates the **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our Gospel reading continues the parables discourse with three images of the kingdom (Matthew 13:24-43): the weeds sown among the wheat and left to grow until the harvest, the mustard seed, and the yeast. These parables address God's patience with good and evil until the final judgment and about the kingdom's small beginnings and hidden growth.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

After several delays with *Universal Church Directory*, we were finally able to complete our Church Directory. A special **"Thank You!"** to Michelle in the Parish Office for proof checking the directory several times over the past two months. Surprisingly, though we were told printing could take up to a month, the directories arrived in the mail just a few days after approval!

As a reminder, every parish family that had their picture taken or submitted their own photo will receive a complimentary copy of the **Parish Pictorial Directory**. Complimentary directories are available in the narthex, sorted by family name. If you did not have your photo included, but would still like a directory, a limited number are available for purchase. Please contact the Parish Office (260-824-1380) for more information.

GENERAL RENOVATION UPDATE

Tiling in the sanctuary began this past Monday and is expected to last three more weeks. During this time, the majority of other work is paused so as to not interfere with the flooring. **Shawnee Construction** will use this pause to focus on minor repairs and touchup work for our three shrines under the supervision of our architect, Bill Heyer. Bill and his team have been providing thorough oversight to ensure that the quality of the work received remains top tier.

LITURGICAL ARRANGEMENTS & THE EUCHARISTIC DIALOGUE

With the ongoing flooring work in the Sanctuary, we are unable to open the dust screen into the construction zone and extend our makeshift sanctuary. As such, we've shifted our liturgical arrangements from using the *"versus populum"* altar style to the *"ad orientem"* style. This change greatly shrinks the footprint for our make-shift sanctuary and keeps a safe amount of space between the altar and front pew for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Using the *"ad orientem"* style, we do not have a direct line of sight on what is happening at the altar. At the same time, this can be seen as an opportunity to focus more deeply upon the language used in the Eucharistic dialogue, also known as *The Secrets*. This dialogue emphasizes what is truly occurring in the transition from the *Liturgy of the Word* to the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*.

In the *Liturgy of the Word*, the dialogue that is occurring is between the priest and the congregation. This is clear in our back-and-forth responses to one another. Even in those moments when there is not continuous dialogue, such as during the Readings, the word of God itself is **spoken to us**. In the *Liturgy of the Word*, we prepare our hearts to be lifted up to the Word Himself.

This transition from preparation to action becomes clear as we transition between our two liturgies. Once the altar is prepared, the priest turns towards the congregation, saying: *Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours might be made acceptable to the Father*. The congregation, in response, acclaims: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church*.

What is this *"sacrifice at your hands"* of which the congregation have just spoken of? It is not only the gifts of bread and wine placed upon the altar, but the very gift that is each & every member of the Christian faithful themselves. The priest, acting in the person of Christ the Head, is now entrusted by the congregation to lift up the entire Body of Christ, the Church, to the Father.

It is at this moment, then, that the *"ad orientem"* style begins as the priest moves from facing **towards** the congregation to now facing **with** them. This



LITURGICAL ARRANGEMENTS... (CONT.)

change in direction provides a visual cue emphasizing this transition occurring within the Eucharistic dialogue. All together, we join our voices as one in the Preface, lifting our one voice now with that of the angels: *Holy, holy, holy!* (cf. Revelation 4:1-11)

This oneness in voice raised to the heavens then continues symbolically through the one voice of the priest as we enter completely into the Eucharistic dialogue. The priest speaks through his ministerial role as Christ Himself, speaking on behalf of the whole body, gathered as one in the congregation. As reflected in the Eucharistic dialogue, He is now speaking to the Father as He unites and lift up our offerings with His one sacrifice of self upon the Cross.

It is worth noting, especially in this moment of the liturgy, that we are not a passive crowd, simply "watching" what is happening upon the altar. As our Lord lifts up our sacrifices to the Father united to His one sacrifice, we are **actively participating** as "my (*Christ's*) sacrifice and yours (*ours!*)" is being lifted up because we are a part of that sacrifice! Through His sacrifice, our very lives become acceptable sacrifices to the Father! In Christ, we have life!

All of this is occurring at every Mass regardless of the altar style that is in use. Each style simply helps to emphasize different elements of the liturgy. In this sense, the "ad orientem" style forces us to a greater utilization of our spiritual senses and imagination as we enter into the Eucharistic dialogue not primarily through sight, but by hearing, faith, and prayer. For, truly, in the liturgy, we strive to see in our hearts that which cannot be seen by sight alone. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION-August 7, 2026



9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in the back of Church.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., July 18-** Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 19 -** Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., July 20 -** No Public Mass
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- **Wed., July 22 -** Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., July 23 -** Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*

WEEKEND OF JULY 25TH & 26TH



MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Bruce Holland
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Patti Clark-Johnson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer



Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Landen Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/ Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of July 11th & 12th
 Adult Envelopes - \$3,015.00
 Loose - \$192.00
 Repair / Rainy Day - \$588.00
 Donations/Parish Needs- \$300.00
Weekend Total - \$4,095.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,992.63 ahead of
 our budget for the month
 of July 2026.

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FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the
 soul of Dave Gruss, brother of Steve (Amy) Gruss and
 Gregory (Patty) Gruss, who passed away on Tuesday,
 July 14th and will be laid to rest on Tuesday, July 21, 2026
 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Yoder).

*Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light
 shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful
 departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.*



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