



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH 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. John Chrysostom (Homily 55, AD 390)

Saturday, July 25

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

Monday, July 27

No Public Mass

Tuesday, July 28

No Public Mass

Wednesday, July 29

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

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

7:00 p.m. Phyllis Makowski +

Thursday, July 30

8:00 a.m. Fr. Kevin Bauman

Friday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Donna Gleason

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

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

5:00 p.m. Darlene Coulardot +

Sunday, August 2

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Dr. Bart Hott +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 27 - Weekday [17] - Jer 13:1-11 / (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 / Mt 13:31-35

Tues., July 28 - Weekday [17] - Jer 14:17-22 / Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 / Mt 13:36-43

Wed., July 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus - Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18 / Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thurs., July 30 - Weekday [17] - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - Jer 18:1-6 / Ps 146:1b-6b / Mt 13:47-53

Fri., July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest - Jer 26:1-9 / Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 / Mt 13:54-58

Sat., Aug. 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - Jer 26:11-16, 24 / Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 / Mt 14:1-12

Sun., Aug. 2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 55:1-3 / Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 / Rom 8:35, 37-39 / Mt 14:13-21



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Matt Norris.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 26, 2026

This weekend (July 25th/26th), the Church celebrates the **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our Gospel reading brings an end to the Parabolic Discourse within St. Matthew's Gospel that began two weeks ago. Following the four "public" parables shared to this point, we now hear in quick succession the last three "private" parables. The "public" parables were shared with the large crowds, the "private" parables only with the disciples.

All three of these "private" parables of the kingdom (the treasure hidden in a field, the pearl of great price, and the net that gathers fish of every kind) all ask the same question: *What is the Kingdom truly worth?* Jesus invites us to see that the Kingdom is worth more than anything else we could ever possess. Those who recognize its value will gladly surrender everything to obtain it.

This same theme runs through every reading today. Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12), the Psalmist's delight (Psalm 119), and Paul's confidence remind us that God alone is the treasure worth everything (Romans 8:28-30). Everything else eventually passes away, but the Kingdom of God endures forever. May we have hearts wise enough to recognize its incomparable worth.

LITURGICAL ARRANGEMENTS & GENERAL UPDATES

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.

As the flooring work continues, we are asking that you do not open and "peek your head" behind the dust screen into the construction zone after Masses or during the day. As fun as it has been to "sneak peeks" at the progress, our flooring crew will have tiles placed all around the sanctuary for the next two-three weeks. As such, they have asked that no one opens the construction zone as a safety precaution, both for ourselves and the loose tile!

On Friday, we had our latest progress meeting with *Shawnee Construction*. As of our meeting, they are still confident of nearing completion the last week of August. Their goal at this time is to complete as much as possible so that our sanctuary can be reopened and used for our weekend Masses.

Once the sanctuary is fully reopen for weekends, the construction team will continue to work on any remaining fixes throughout the weeks. This will also include the stencil work to be completed in the Church, which will most likely be scheduled in the coming months to best work with the artist's schedule.

TIME AWAY IN AUGUST AND WELCOMING FR. THEODORE

As you may recall, I am completing a longstanding thesis for my licentiate through Catholic University of America. I had previously requested an opportunity to take leave from the parish to complete this work and have now received permission from the diocese to do so. This means that I will be away from the parish from August 8th - 23rd to work with my advisor on completing my thesis regarding parish registration in the United States.

This leave is possible because the diocese is assigning Fr. Theodore Ekwem to our parish throughout these two weeks. Fr. Theodore is a priest of the Diocese of Ekwulobia in southeast Nigeria assisting in our diocese at various parishes through November. In November, he will serve as an observer at our diocesan synod before then returning to his home diocese. Thank you for the warm welcome you will show Fr. Theodore in the coming weeks.

Given the great difficulty in arranging this leave (*my last "day away" from the parish was December 26, 2025*), I want to maximize the time that I will have for writing. This means that, throughout these two weeks, I will be off campus and completely unreachable. For any needs or concerns that may arise, please contact the Parish Office. Fr. Theodore will be staying on campus at the rectory to ensure a priestly presence at all times.

~In Christ, Fr. David



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FIRST 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.

Become a CATECHIST

Our Religious Education Program is needing volunteer catechists/co-catechists, and classroom assistants to help spread the Good News and to share the Catholic faith with all of our parish children.



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PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., July 25 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., July 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., July 27 - No Public Mass
- Tues., July 28 - No Public Mass
- Wed., July 29 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.
- Thurs., July 30 - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the chapel.
- Fri., July 31 - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.
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- Sun., Aug. 2 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., Aug. 3 - No Public Mass
- Tues., Aug. 4 - No Public Mass
- Wed., Aug. 5 - No Public Mass
- Thurs., Aug. 6 - No Public Mass
- Fri., Aug. 7 - No Public Mass
- Sat., Aug. 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 8 - Confessiozn 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1ST & 2ND



CANTORS

MASS

5:00 p.m. Sarah Bedwell

7:30 a.m. Donna Geisel

10:00 a.m. Jay Crisp



LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker

7:30 a.m. Ben Wagner

10:00 a.m. Bruce Holland

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Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer

7:30 a.m. Beth Geisel

10:00 a.m. Kendra Davis



Servers

5:00 p.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Volunteer

7:30 a.m. Annie Herr, Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner

10:00 a.m. Sam/Andrew Smith, JT or Wyatt Davis

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of July 18th & 19th

Adult Envelopes - \$4,771.00

Loose - \$360.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$515.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$150.00

Donations/Renovations- \$1,000.00

Bulletin Ads- \$350.00

Weekend Total - \$7,146.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We are **\$4,022.23** ahead of our budget for the month of July 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$708.00

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BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
8:00AM-4:00 PM

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 8:40-45 Registration and hospitality
- 9:00 AM Start time
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 3:00 PM Live Lab

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FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Miller, husband of Betty Bushee-Miller, who passed away on Saturday, July 18th and was laid to rest on Thursday, July 23rd.

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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