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EIGHTEENTH 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. Cyril of Alexandria (Homily 48, AD 430)

Saturday, August 1

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 +

Monday, August 3

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 4

No Public Mass

Wednesday, August 5

No Public Mass

Thursday, August 6

No Public Mass

Friday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

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

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

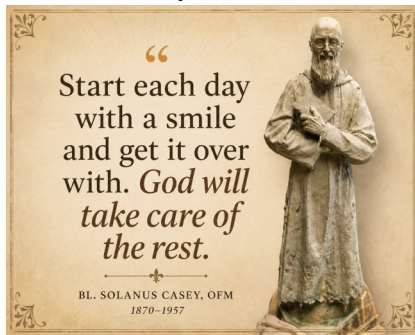
Sunday, August 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Dale Pearson

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Jerry Fisher +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 3 - Weekday [18] - Jer 28:1-17 / Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 / Mt 14:22-36

Tues., Aug. 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest - Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Ps 102:16-23, 29 / Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed., Aug. 5 - Weekday [18] - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major - Jer 31:1-7 / (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 / Mt 15:21-28

Thurs., Aug. 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9

Fri., Aug. 7 - Weekday [18] - St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyr; St. Cajetan, Priest - Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd / Mt 16:24-28

Sat., Aug. 8 - St. Dominic, Priest - Hb 1:12—2:4 / Ps 9:8-13 / Mt 17:14-20

Sun., Aug. 9 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13 / Ps 85:9-14 / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-23

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 2, 2026

This weekend (Aug. 1st/2nd), the Church celebrates the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our Gospel highlights the one miracle that is shared in all four Gospel accounts: *The Feeding of the Five Thousand*. Not only is this miracle recounted in each Gospel, but both Sts. Mark and Matthew record an almost identical second miracle in *The Feeding of the Four Thousand*, which occurs in Gentile territory and is essentially the Gentile-sequel to this miracle.

These accounts, *The Feeding of the Five Thousand* (Matthew 14:13-21) and *The Feeding of the Four Thousand* (Matthew 15:32-38), are of great importance together as they foreshadow the inclusion of both Jew and Gentile in the Church. The twelve wicker baskets remaining in the former represent the Twelve Tribes of Israel and the seven in the latter represent “wholeness” as Christ’s abundance will extend beyond Israel to all nations.

In both accounts, Jesus entrusts the food, once blessed, to His disciples to distribute among the people. The role of the disciples here is not incidental. It serves a living icon of the Church: Christ blesses and multiplies; Christ is the bread. And, still, He wills that His gifts be distributed to His people through the hands of His apostles and their successors. As then, Christ continues to feed us even now by acting through the ministry He entrusts to the apostles.

BL. SOLANUS CASEY, OFM—THANK GOD AHEAD OF TIME

This past Thursday, July 30th, our diocese was one of only five in the world that celebrated the **Feast of Bl. Solanus Casey**. Following his beatification in 2017, Bl. Solanus’ Feast Day was added to the local calendars of the dioceses in which he served, including our own. Bl. Solanus arrived at St. Felix Friary in nearby Huntington on April 25, 1946. He remained there as porter for the Friary for over a decade before returning to Detroit shortly before his death.

Throughout his life, Bl. Solanus was sought out by countless souls, seeking his advice, prayers, and, at times, miraculous healings. Even when hospitalized in Detroit in the last days of his life, numerous other patients sought him out. Bl. Solanus exemplified the love of Christ as he gave himself over to God everyday by giving himself to others until there was nothing left to give.

That love did not end when his earthly life did. Those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are not separated from us, but remain part of the same family of God. Just as so many sought Bl. Solanus’ assistance while here on earth, we can continue to ask his assistance as he now stands in the Lord’s presence for all eternity. Like all the Saints, Bl. Solanus’ only desire is to bring us ever closer to Jesus, who alone is the source of every grace and the answer to every prayer.

Perhaps Bl. Solanus’ greatest lesson is found in the simple phrase he is most known for: “*Thank God ahead of time.*” These words are an act of profound trust. Before he saw God’s answer, he thanked Him. Before he understood God’s plan, he praised Him. May we ask Bl. Solanus to pray that we, too, might grow in such confidence that, whatever lies before us, we entrust it to Christ with grateful hearts, even before we see how He will answer.

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 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 next weekend through August 23rd to work with my advisor and complete my thesis regarding parish registration in the United States.

This leave is only possible because the diocese is assigning Fr. Theodore Ekwem to our parish throughout the next three weekends. Fr. Theodore is a priest of the Diocese of Ekwulobia in southeast Nigeria and assisting in our diocese for the next few months. In November, he will serve as an observer at our diocesan synod before then returning to his home diocese. Thank you ahead of time for the warm welcome that you will show Fr. Theodore. ~Fr. David



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



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Tues., Aug. 4th

Join the *Knights of Columbus* in praying the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Chapel. The meeting starts in the gym at 7:00 PM. All men in the Parish are welcome!

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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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Aug. 1 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- 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 - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri., Aug. 7 - First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Confession 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 8 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 8 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 9 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., Aug. 10 - No Public Mass
- Tues., Aug. 11 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.
- Wed., Aug. 12 - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.
- Thurs., Aug. 13 - Mass 8:00 a.m. in the chapel.
- Thurs., Aug. 13 - Mass 10:30 a.m. at River Terrace Retirement Community
- Fri., Aug. 14 - Vigil Mass Assumption - 5:00 in the Church.
- Sat., Aug. 15 - Mass 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 8TH & 9TH



MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Teresa Smith
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Sarah Bedwell



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Wendy Stout



Servers
5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Louis Andrews

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of July 25th & 26th

Adult Envelopes - \$3,612.00

Loose - \$187.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$362.95

Assumption - \$10.00

Weekend Total - \$4,171.95

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We are \$3,092.78 ahead of our budget for the month of July 2026.

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Daily Mass on Friday, Aug. 14th will be a Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the Church for the Solemnity of the Assumption.

On Saturday, Aug. 15th, there will be a Special Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Adolfo "Al" Porrata-Doria, husband of the late Maria "Mary" Porrata-Doria, who passed away on Sunday, July 26th and will be laid to rest on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.



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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