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CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTIETH 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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THIS
WOMAN OF
CANAA
SHOWS US
AN
EXAMPLE
OF
HUMILITY

St. Augustine of Hippo (Sermon 27, AD 483)

Saturday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
 5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 16
 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
 7:30 a.m. E. Olmy and Laura Olmstead Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
 10:00 a.m. Joe & Edith Baur
Monday, August 17

No Public Mass
Tuesday, August 18

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
 8:00 a.m. Brian Miller +
 8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, August 19
 6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
 6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
 7:00 p.m. Joseph & Alma Beckman Family

Thursday, August 20
 8:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +

Friday, August 21
 8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

Saturday, August 22
 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 23
 7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
 7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
 9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
 10:00 a.m. Ed Bushee +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 17 - Weekday [20] - Ez 24:15-23 / (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 / Mt 19:16-22

Tues., Aug. 18 - Weekday [20] - Ex 28:1-10 / (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35c-36b / Mt 19:23-30

Wed., Aug. 19 - Weekday [20] - St. John Eudes, Priest - Ez 34:1-11 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mt 20:1-16

Thurs., Aug. 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church - Ez 36:23-28 / Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 / Mt 22:1-14

Fri., Aug. 21 - St. Pius X, Pope - Ez 37:1-14 / Ps 107:2-9 / Mt 22:34-40

Sat., Aug. 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Ez 43:1-7ab / Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 / Mt 23:1-12

Sun., Aug. 23 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 22:19-23 / Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 16, 2026

Welcome to Fr. Theodore Ekwem, who is with us through Sunday, August 23rd. During this time, I am away on an informal "sabbatical" to complete my licentiate thesis through the Catholic University of America. A special "Thank you!" to Fr. Theodore for being with us on campus during this time. For any parish needs, please contact the Parish Office.

This weekend (August 15th/16th), the Church celebrates the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our Gospel presents us with one of the most shocking encounters in Jesus' public ministry: A Canaanite woman approaches Jesus pleading that He heal her daughter. Though Jesus' initial response seems difficult to understand, He draws out something remarkable from her: a faith so persistent and humble that it becomes an example for all who follow Him.

This Gospel continues our theme of discipleship. Last Sunday, we heard how the storms of life can reveal how fully we keep our eyes on and trust in the Lord. This Sunday, we discover that true faith does not give up simply because God may seem silent or because His answers to our prayers are not done in the timeframe we want. Authentic faith perseveres, continuing to seek Him out even if and when His plans unfold differently than our own.

Our first and second readings help to reveal just how shocking the Gospel encounter with the Canaanite woman, an outside and Gentile, truly was. Isaiah saw a day when Gentiles would be welcomed into relationship with the Lord and God's house would become "*a house of prayer for all peoples*." Israel had been chosen by God, but not merely for its own sake; through Israel, God intended to draw every nation to Himself. Yet, Israel struggled to accept this.

St. Paul, himself a Pharisee, wrestles with this mystery as he watches Gentiles receive the Gospel even as many of his own people struggle to accept it. Though this may sound reasonable to us, it truly was a revolutionary idea in Jesus' day: God's saving mercy going beyond Israel and every other boundary, including nationality, culture, and even our own expectations of God. Israel had to learn that their understanding of what they wanted God's plan to be was not God's full plan. His plan is so much larger than what we can imagine.

The Canaanite woman stands as living proof that faith may be found where no one expects it. True discipleship sometimes requires us to surrender not only our own plans, but even our assumptions about what God is planning. A practical challenge this week: Whenever you are tempted to stop praying because nothing seems to be changing, pray even more. Like the Canaanite woman, trust in God and refuse to let discouragement have the final word.

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Pope St. John Paul II famously declared, "*Now is the time to commit all of the Church's energy to a New Evangelization*." But many are left wondering: What does that actually look like? On Saturday, Aug. 22nd, we will host *St. Paul Street Evangelization's Basic Evangelization Training*, one of the most practical and engaging evangelization workshops available today.

Whether you are hoping to better share Christ with your children or grandchildren, invite a neighbor back to Mass, accompany a coworker, or simply become more comfortable speaking about our Faith, this workshop is for you. It will help to equip you with practical methods and tools that can be used in everyday life to confidently share our Faith with joy and charity.

Jesus' final command to the Church was to "*go and make disciples*." If you've ever wanted to be more confident in living that mission, this workshop is for you. Registration is free. Please see the event information on the insert in this bulletin and consider joining us for this inspiring day of formation.

FUTURE DAY TRIPS

At the end of July, twenty-six parishioners traveled to visit the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein, Ohio. A special "**Thank You!**" to Barb Ault for planning this day trip. In the coming months, we hope to offer more day trips to offer chances for both local pilgrimages and for increased fellowship and fraternity among our parish family. ~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Holland, Matt Norris, and Michael Abercrombie.

Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike

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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- **Sat., Aug. 15** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 16** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Aug. 17** - No Public Mass
- **Tues., Aug. 18** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. (Chapel).
- **Wed., Aug. 19** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. (Chapel).
- **Thurs., Aug. 20** - Mass 8:00 a.m. (Chapel).
- **Thurs., Aug. 20** - Mass 10:30 a.m. at Christian Care Retirement Community.
- **Fri., Aug. 21** - Mass 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.
- **Sat., Aug. 22** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 22** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 23** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Aug. 24** - No Public Mass
- **Tues., Aug. 25** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 26** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. (Chapel) / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. (Chapel).
- **Thurs., Aug. 27** - Mass 8:00 a.m. (Chapel).
- **Fri., Aug. 28** - Mass 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22ND & 23RD



MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Teresa Smith

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Martia Crawfis
7:30 a.m. Christie Felger
10:00 a.m. Mike Dunn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Dan Geimer
7:30 a.m. Jill Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Joni Cincotta

Servers

5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Landen Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Charlene/Anna Lynn/Jackson Felger
10:00 a.m. Sam/Andrew Smith, Volunteer

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of August 8th & 9th

Adult Envelopes - \$2,538.00
Loose - \$292.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$444.43
Assumption - \$5.00
Donation/Parish Needs - \$160.00
Weekend Total - \$3,439.43

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We are **\$45.39** ahead of our
budget for the month
of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund -
\$1,005.00

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Day trip to Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein, Ohio



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Virginia Sympson, mother of Louise Mayer, grandmother of Patrick (LeAnn) Mayer and Matthew (Jeannette) Mayer, who passed away in Bardstown, Kentucky on Monday, August 10th.



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

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