



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FIRST 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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CHURCH

St. Ambrose of Milan (Exposition 40, AD 386)

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 +

Monday, August 24

No Public Mass

Tuesday, August 25

No Public Mass

Wednesday, August 26

No Public Mass

Thursday, August 27

No Public Mass

Friday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Al Porrata-Doria +

Saturday, August 29

8:00 a.m. *Special Intention*
8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
5:00 p.m. Steve Coulardot +

Sunday, August 30

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Emmanuel Thach +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Rv 21:9b-14 / Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 / Jn 1:45-51

Tues., Aug. 25 - Weekday [21] -St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Ps 96:10-13 / Mt 23:23-26

Wed., Aug. 26 - Weekday [21] - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 / Mt 23:27-32

Thurs., Aug. 27 - St. Monica - 1 Cor 1:1-9 / Ps 145:2-7 / Mt 24:42-51

Fri., Aug. 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church - 1 Cor 1:17-25 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 / Mt 25:1-13

Sat., Aug. 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist - 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 / Mk 6:17-29

Sun., Aug. 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jer 20:7-9 / Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 23, 2026

This is Fr. Theodore Ekwem's last weekend with us. I am deeply grateful for his generous priestly ministry and his presence on our parish campus while I have been away completing my licentiate thesis at the Catholic University of America. Please join me in thanking Fr. Theodore and keeping him in our prayers.

This weekend (August 22nd/23rd), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our theme of discipleship takes a turn this weekend, moving from formation to identity and mission. When Simon Peter recognizes and confesses who Jesus truly is, Jesus then gives him a new name, signifying a new identity and mission. The same is true for us. The more we know Jesus, the more we understand ourselves and our mission.

Our concrete challenge for this week: Paying attention to the way we live our lives each day, ask ourselves this - *If someone watched my life this week, would they believe that I am a disciple of Jesus Christ?* Every Sunday, we profess our faith in the Creed. Let us make sure that we make this same profession in and through our daily lives. If we do so, others will be able to come and know who Jesus is as they see Him reflected in us.

PARISH REGISTRATION WEEKEND & MINISTRY FAIR

Next weekend (Aug. 29th/30th), we will host our annual **Parish Registration Weekend and Ministry Fair**. After all weekend Masses, Michelle from our Parish Office will be available in the narthex. If you've never registered with the parish, need to obtain contact information with the parish, or have any other business for the Parish Office, she will be able to help you.

In addition to our Parish Office, we will also have members from several of our Parish Ministries present. You're encouraged to talk with them, learn more about our various ministries, and consider joining one or several of them. This include **Liturgical Ministries**, such as our Choir and Cantor programs, **Social Ministries**, such as our G.I.R.L's Night Out and our Knights of Columbus Council, and **Service Ministries**, such as Religious Ed and Parish Meal Train.

DISCOVER CATHOLICISM—THURSDAY, SEPT. 3RD AT 6:30 PM

We continue to have a number of questions from those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and those interested in becoming Catholic. To help answer these questions, our **Discover Catholicism** series begins on **Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Parish Conference Room**. This series is for all those interested in learning more about, in joining, or simply growing deeper in their knowledge of the Catholic Faith.

This year, we will be using resources from the **Credo Series**, created by the **Thomistic Institute**, as the main text for our series. This series utilizes a variety of short videos and a guide book to introduce those participating to the vast treasures of the Catholic Faith. We strive to create a no-pressure environment where all are welcome to freely explore what the Church teaches and why.

This weekly gathering is perfect for those returning to the Church, exploring the Faith for the first time, or are simply curious. All are welcome. There are informational cards available in the Narthex with details about this program. I encourage you to take at least one of these cards with you and personally invite someone to join us. Your invitation might be the very moment the Lord uses to touch a heart and change a life.

MATTHEW 16—ST. PETER AND THE PAPACY

Though we have touched on it briefly, the importance of our Gospel cannot be overlooked. This passage provides one of the clearest scriptural foundations for the papacy. Jesus entrusts St. Peter with the office of steward over His Church on earth. Like the stewards of the Old Testament, this office does not disappear when one man dies but is passed on to a successor until the King Himself returns. Thus, from St. Peter to Pope Leo XIV, we see an unbroken line of succession through which Christ continues to shepherd and guide His Church. Please see today's insert for a fuller explanation of this great truth.



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.

COME AND SEE DISCOVER CATHOLICISM

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Thursday, September 3rd - 6:30-8:00 PM

- ALL ARE WELCOME -
Whether you are exploring, returning, or
discerning the next step in faith.

MINISTRY FAIR

ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY FAIR
August 29th / 30th after ALL Masses

Get to know our many ministries
and see how YOU can get involved!

*Please return the Religious Education
Registrations to the Parish Office, or in the
Collection Basket prior to September 13th.
Thank you!*

PARISH CALENDAR

- 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 - No Public Mass
- Wed., Aug. 26 - No Public Mass
- Thurs., Aug. 27 - No Public Mass
- Thurs., Aug. 27 - Communion Service at River Terrace Estates - 10:30 a.m.
- Fri., Aug. 28 - Mass 8:30 a.m. (Chapel) / Confession 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 29 - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Aug. 29 - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 29 - Ministry Fair/Registration Weekend after Mass
- Sun., Aug. 30 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / Coffee & Donuts after Mass.
- Sun., Aug. 30 - Ministry Fair/Registration Weekend after Masses.
- Mon., Aug. 31 - No Public Mass
- Tues., Sept. 1 - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Tues., Sept. 1 - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Rosary 6:40 p.m. in the (Chapel) / Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29TH & 30TH



CANTORS

MASS Cantors
5:00 p.m. Nichole Decker
7:30 a.m. Mike Morrissey
10:00 a.m. Sam Smith



LECTORS

Lectors
5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 a.m. Barb Ault
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



Extraordinary Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Laurisa Roper
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Sarah Bedwell



Altar Servers

Servers
5:00 p.m. Angel/Zoe Soto, Danny Decker
7:30 a.m. Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 a.m. Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of August 15th & 16th
Adult Envelopes - \$2,828.00
Loose - \$285.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$245.00
Assumption - \$364.00
Donation/Parish Needs - \$400.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$150.00
Weekend Total - \$4,272.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,101.40

We are **\$784.01** behind our
budget for the month
of August.
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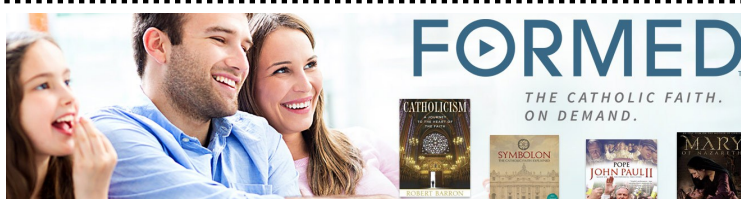
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