



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTEENTH 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 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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IT IS NOT
ENOUGH TO
RECEIVE
THE SEED;
IT MUST
ALSO
REMAIN
AND BEAR
FRUIT.

St. John Chrysostom (Homily 44)

Saturday, July 11

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

5:00 p.m. Julayne Miller

Sunday, July 12

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Dale Morrissey +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Monday, July 13

No Public Mass

Tuesday, July 14

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

8:00 a.m. Martin & Lois Simon +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, July 15

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

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

7:00 p.m. Al Gillig +

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m. Ron & Sarah Paxton

10:30 a.m. *Mass at Christian Care
Retirement Community*

Friday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Nevaeh Paxton

Saturday, July 18

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, 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 +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., July 13 - Weekday [15] - St. Henry
- Is 1:10-17 / Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 / Mt 10:34-11:1

Tues., July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Is 7:1-9 / Ps 48:2-8 / Mt 11:20-24

Wed., July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
- Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 / Ps 94:5-10, 14-15 / Mt 11:25-27

Thurs., July 16 - Weekday [15] - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 / Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21 / Mt 11:28-30

Fri., July 17 - Weekday [15] - Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 / (Ps) Is 38:10-12, 16 / Mt 12:1-8

Sat., July 18 - Weekday [15] - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Mi 2:1-5 / Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 / Mt 12:14-21

Sun., July 19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 12, 2026

This weekend (July 11th/12th), the Church celebrates the **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Our readings are clearly united by the motif of sowing the seed of God's Word. The Christian is conformed to the seed of the Word. Just as Christ the Word came to earth, and was planted in the ground through death, but rose as the first fruits on the third day, so the Christian, too, will finally be "planted" but will also rise again.

This applies not only to our hope in the resurrection of the body, but also, in a spiritual sense, to our daily lives as Christians. Our daily lives often involve countless contradictions, frustrations, humiliations, sufferings, and even persecutions. We accept all of these little "deaths" throughout the day in order that we might become that soil, tilled and broken open to receive the seed so that it might bear fruit "a hundred, sixty, or thirtyfold" through our lives.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - MISSION COLLECTION & VENEZUELA

This weekend, we welcome Sr. Miriam Therese of the Daughters of Divine Love. The Daughters of Divine Love were founded on July 16, 1969 in Nigeria, partially in response to the brutal Nigeria-Biafra War as a witness to God's love throughout the world. Today, their community has over 1200 sisters, most notably recognized by the signature blue veil worn as a part of their religious habit, ministering in 15 countries around the world.

We thank Sr. Miriam Therese for sharing a bit about her community with us and the missionary work to which they have been called. As a reminder, we have the opportunity to help financially support their missionary efforts with our special mission collection. Donations can be placed in the mission basket in the vestibule, next to our regular offertory basket throughout this weekend.

In addition to our mission collection, Bishop Rhoades has requested that each parish throughout our diocese take up a special collection this weekend to assist with the relief efforts in Venezuela following the deadly earthquakes at the end of June. This collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to support the work of both *Caritas Venezuela* and local parishes in Venezuela providing critical relief, including shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid.

As we had already scheduled our mission collection and speaker for this weekend several months ago, we will be supporting this special collection for Venezuela by making a large donation on behalf of our parish through our St. Vincent de Paul Fund. This allows us to support those in immediate need from this tragedy without affecting our parish's financial generosity to the Daughters of Divine Love and the good work that they are doing.

SANCTUARY FLOORING AND LITURGICAL ARRANGEMENTS

If you were with us last weekend, you had the chance to enjoy my short lesson on "liturgical arrangements" at the beginning of Mass. As I had mentioned, we received our long-awaited flooring tiles for the sanctuary just before the holiday weekend. The tiles arrived on several pallets, each weighing half-a-ton. Several of these pallets have been stored behind the dust screen in preparation for the start of the flooring work beginning this coming Monday.

Since mid-April, we have been opening a portion of the dust screen each weekend to expand our make-shift sanctuary back into the construction zone. Doing so has allowed us to make use of the liturgical altar style known as the "*versus populum*" style. With the storage of the tile and needed preparation of the flooring behind the dust screen, however, we are no longer able to safely expand into the construction area until the tiling is completed.

Without this additional space that we would normally gain from opening the dust screen, we have switched from using the "*versus populum*" style to using another liturgical altar option: the "*ad orientem*" style. This stylistic change allows us to greatly shrink the needed footprint for our make-shift sanctuary and ensures that there is a safe amount of space between the altar and front pew to help facilitate the distribution of Holy Communion.

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SANCTUARY FLOORING AND LITURGICAL ARRANGEMENTS (CONT.)

As I often say, when it comes to naming, the Church is not very creative. Both of these altar styles are described by their names. The “*versus populum*” style means “*towards the people*.” In this style, as we enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest goes to the back of the altar so that he is facing **towards** the congregation. This allows the congregation a better physical view of what is occurring on the altar throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

The “*ad orientem*” style means “*to the east*.” In this style, as we enter the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest goes to the front of the altar so that he is facing **with** the congregation. In this way, we face the same direction **together in prayer**. This physical posture reminds the congregation that, throughout the Eucharistic Prayer, we are turned together as one towards the Father, united as one spiritual body in offering the one Sacrifice of Christ.

It is important to remember that neither altar style changes the Mass itself. Christ becomes just as truly present upon the altar, and we are made present to the same Sacrifice of Calvary. Each style simply emphasizes a different aspect of the same mystery. Regardless of which style is used, our attention always remains fixed on Jesus Christ, who gathers us together and offers Himself to the Father for our salvation. ~Faithfully In Christ, Fr. David

G.I.R.L.'s NIGHT OUT

Movie Nights

Check-in 6:30PM Movie 7PM

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

MEET IN THE PARISH GYMNASIUM

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., July 11** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., July 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., July 13** - No Public Mass
- **Tues., July 14** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel*.
- **Tues., July 14** - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out - 7:00 p.m. Movie Night
- **Wed., July 15** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel*.
- **Thurs., July 16** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel*.
- **Thurs., July 16** - Mass 10:30 a.m. at Christian Care Retirement Community (Main Floor Chapel)
- **Fri., July 17** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel*.
- **Sat., July 18** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **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
- **Tues., July 21** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel*.
- **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 18TH & 19TH



CANTORS



LECTORS



Extraordinary Ministers



Altar Servers

MASS Cantors

5:00 p.m. Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Sarah Bedwell
10:00 a.m. Sam Smith

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Marita Crawfis
7:30 a.m. Carol Butler
10:00 a.m. Ellie Coyne

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Larisa Sudhoff
7:30 a.m. Twilla Herr
10:00 a.m. Jacque Johnson

Servers

5:00 p.m. Alex/Audrey Mechling, Landen Lautzenheiser
7:30 a.m. Annie Herr, Liam Harris, Adrienne or Ainsley Wagner
10:00 a.m. Louis Andrews, Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of July 4th & 5th
Adult Envelopes - \$5,524.43
Loose - \$205.00
Repair / Rainy Day - \$1,451.00
Bulletin ads- \$700.00
Weekend Total - \$8,130.43

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$3,014.03** ahead of
our budget for the month
of July 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$265.00

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Thank you!

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“On behalf of everyone at **Helping Hands Resource Center**, thank you for partnering with us through this year’s **Baby Bottle Campaign!**

Because of your generosity and support, your congregation raised **\$2,572.07** to help provide hope, resources, and practical support to the individuals and families we serve in our community.

We are truly grateful for your generosity, support and prayers.”

~Kelli Kistler~

Advancement Director, Help Hands



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