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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

FIRST FRIDAY: 3-3:45 PM

ADORATION:

TUESDAY: 7-8 AM

WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM

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WHAT
WAS BUILT
HERE WITH
HANDS
MUST BE
BUILT
IN OUR
HEARTS
BY FAITH.

St. Augustine of Hippo, *SERMON 336*

Saturday, June 27

8:4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

5:00 p.m. Jim Timmerman +

Sunday, June 28

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Jim Haussin

Monday, June 29

No Public Mass

Tuesday, June 30

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

8:00 a.m. C. Margie Ogers +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, July 1

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

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

7:00 p.m. Maurice Harvey & Bill

Lautzenheiser +

Thursday, July 2

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Sellers +

Friday, July 3

8:30 a.m. Julayne Miller

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

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

5:00 p.m. Tom Cincotta +

Sunday, July 5

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Tim Pedro +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles - Acts 12:1-11 / Ps 34:2-9 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

Tues., June 30 - Weekday [13] - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church - Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / Ps 5:4b-8 / Mt 89:23-27

Wed., July 1 - Weekday [13] - St. Juniper Serra, Priest - Am 5:14-15, 21-24 / Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17 / Mt 8:28-34

Thurs., July 2 - Weekday [13] - Am 7:10-17 / Ps 19:8-11 / Mt 9:1-8

Fri., July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle - Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 117:1b-2 / Jn 20:24-29

Sat., July 4 - Weekday [13] - Independence Day - Am 9:11-15 / Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 / Mt 9:14-17

Sun., July 5 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Zec 9:9-10 / Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30



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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 28, 2026

This weekend (June 27th/28th), the Church celebrates the **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In addition to this celebration, our local Church is celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the dedication of our church building. Liturgically, this celebration is considered a solemnity in our parish, meaning that we are able to celebrate it this Sunday with the joyful liturgical color of white/gold as the rest of the world dons the hopeful green of **Ordinary Time**.

On June 26, 1966, Fr. Bob Traub, our eighth resident pastor, welcomed Bishop Leo Pursley, the sixth bishop of our diocese, to dedicate our new church building. By all accounts, it was a sweltering Sunday as temperatures swelled to a high of 93°F. Yet, the blazing heat didn't keep parishioners and various guests from attending as the newly built church was overflowing by the time that the Mass of dedication started.

Though we still hear the readings for the **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** today, the prayers of our Mass will come from the **Common of the Dedication of a Church on the Anniversary of the Dedication**. In these prayers, we give thanks to God for this building, a visible sign of the Church herself. It is in *"this visible house that God let us build... that He wonderfully manifests and accomplishes the mystery of His communion with us."*

Every year around this time, I also like to reflect on the words that Fr. Traub shared in the fundraising efforts for the new church in the early 1960s:

This building will serve as a testimony "to our story, the vibrant epic of the way in which the life of God is nourished in our souls. It begins with the first blessing sought by the expectant mother for her newly conceived child and ends only with the last benediction begged by grieving families for their departed loved ones. During all the years in between, filled with work and rest, joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain -- the Altar is the center of our attention.

Our freely offered sacrifices at this time will be recognition of the value we place upon our supernatural life and our desire for it to grow stronger in St. Joseph Parish."

And, every year, these words strike me as how true and beautiful they are, even more so this year as we renovate the church building itself.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please return any remaining nominations for the Parish Council either to the Parish Office or in the collection basket by next weekend. Once nominations are closed, those nominated will be contacted in July to ensure that they are willing to accept the nomination before two new names are drawn to join our Parish Council. Nomination sheets are available in the Narthex.

PARISH RENOVATION UPDATES

Over the past two weeks, **Lima Pipe Organ** has been tirelessly reinstalling our pipe organ. This is the first major rebuild of our pipe organ since it was installed sixty years ago. As a true pipe organ, the organ is played by forcing air from bellows through physical pipes of varying lengths, each producing a different note. The majority of this system is behind the screen on the back Church wall and was in need of extensive repair and tuning.

Though the organ is now playable, there is still another few days of work to complete the reinstallation and for final tuning. Once the Church renovation is complete, we've invited Parker Maas, the owner of **Lima Pipe Organ** and a master organist himself, to offer an organ concert to *"show off"* our organ's full range. Watch for a date for this future event sometime this Fall.

I say *"sometime this Fall"* as **Shawnee Construction** has once again needed to push our project end date slightly down the road, now to mid-August. In good news, the marbling flooring for the sanctuary should be arriving in the next two weeks. In not-so-good news, the millwork from **Big-C Lumber** continues to be delayed. As of our last progress meeting this past Friday, the last of our millwork package is now scheduled to arrive by July 17th. *Continued*

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PARISH RENOVATION UPDATES (CONT.)

Though the continued delays can be frustrating, all those who have ever done construction work on their homes knows it is to be expected. Thankfully, with these delays, we have received renewed assurances from **Shawnee Construction** that they will use this extra time to ensure that they are providing only the best quality work for our parish. Thank you for your continued patience, support, and prayers as we bring our renovation work closer and closer to completion. *~In Christ, Fr. David*



PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., June 27** - Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., June 28** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., June 29** - No Public Mass
- **Tues., June 30** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., July 1** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., July 2** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Fri., July 3** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Fri., July 3** - Parish Office Closed in observance of the 4th of July Holiday.
- **Sat., July 4** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
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- **Sun., July 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., July 6** - No Public Mass
- **Tues., July 7** - Adoration 7:00-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Wed., July 8** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Thurs., July 9** - Mass 8:00 a.m. *in the chapel.*
- **Fri., July 10** - Mass 8:30 a.m. *in the chapel.*

WEEKEND OF JULY 4TH & 5TH



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



LECTORS
5:00 p.m. Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 a.m. Sarah McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Monica Harris



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5:00 p.m. Joni Cincotta
7:30 a.m. Dale McCorkle
10:00 a.m. Rick Singer



Servers
5:00 p.m. Isaiah/Dominic Bedwell, Andrew Smith
7:30 a.m. Annie Herr, Liam Harris, Volunteer
10:00 a.m. Ellie Coyne, Sam Smith, JT/Wyatt Davis

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Weekend of June 20th & 21st

Adult Envelopes - \$2,786.00

Loose - \$206.00

Repair / Rainy Day - \$555.00

Religious Ed. Fund- \$150.00

Donations - \$1,900.00

Total - \$5,597.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are **\$2,416.57** ahead of our budget for the month of June 2026.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$10.00

**Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are appreciated!
 Thank you!**

To set up **Online Giving** through *Our Sunday Visitor*, visit:
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 Scan the QR Code on the right:



The Parish Office is closed on Friday, July 3rd for the Fourth of July Holiday.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Women of St. Joseph, do you feel called to join with others in your prayer for our parish priests?

Consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate

To participate, you would commit to praying **one Holy Hour** for our parish priest (*Fr. David*) on **ONE DAY OF THE WEEK** of your choice. (Ideally, this Holy Hour would be done in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church when possible.)

Through the **Seven Sisters Apostolate**, we will ensure that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for our parish priest's benefit. To join this apostolate or for more information, contact Dianne at dhwitwer@gmail.com.



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 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?

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