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August 2, 2026 **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Mass Schedule
August 2026

Monday: 8am @ St Joachim

Tuesday: 8:15am @ St. James

Wednesday: 8:15am @ St. Joachim

Thursday: 8am @ St. James

Friday: 8am @ St. Joachim

Saturday 4pm
(1st & 3rd weekend @ St. James; 2nd & 4th weekend @ St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8am @ St. James
10am @ St. Joachim

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 3:
@ St. Joachim: see St. Joachim bulletin

Tuesday, August 4:
Anton M. Dattilo

Wednesday, August 5: @ St. Joachim: see St. Joachim bulletin

Thursday, August 6:
Karen Politte-Corn

Friday, August 7:
@ St. Joachim:s ee St. Joachim bulletin

Saturday Aug 8:
4pm: @ St. Joachim:see St. Joachim bulletin

Sunday Aug 9:
8am: Healing for Nicki Portell

Mass Intentions are $10. Please call the office or drop by to schedule them.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm Prior to Saturday evening Mass or by appointment

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August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 8am: Mary Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm	Sunday 8am
C:	Jim Politte
L:	Donna Kennon
R:	Glenda Farrow

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Madison Battreal
Sunday 8am: Ava West

Music:
Sat: 4:00pm. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00am Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Daily Mass Lectors

Tuesday August 4: Joyce Politte
Thursday August 6: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday August 11: Catherine Dickey
Thursday August 13: Judy Wright
Tuesday August 18: Mary Campbell
Thursday August 20: Vicki Thurmond

**If you cannot be available for your scheduled day, please notify the parish office. Thank you!

Heavenly Dusters

Nancy Davis 8/7
Jeanne DeGonia 8/14
Dianne Mull 8/21
Bobbie Heifner 8/28

Altar Linens

Glenda Whitten 8/3
Bobbie Heifner 8/10
Diane McGirl 8/17
Glenda Whitten 8/24

Money Counters

Becky & Rhonda 8/4
Jeanne & Rhonda 8/11
Pat & Tina 8/18
Mary Ann & Donna 8/25

Weekly Collection 07/26/26

Envelopes:	1505.00
Loose:	179.00
Online Giving	20.00
Maintenance:	385.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	170.00
Votives:	41.00
Church in Africa	1000.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Missionary CO-OP	2632.00
Assumption of Mary	45.00

Total Giving: $5997.00

# of Contributors: 27

Thank you for your generosity!

August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." - MATTHEW 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

Reflection on Matthew 14:13–21

In today's Gospel, Jesus withdraws to a deserted place after hearing of John the Baptist's death. He carries grief, exhaustion, and the weight of His mission. Yet when He sees the crowd, His heart moves with compassion. This is the first miracle of the passage—not the multiplication of loaves, but the revelation of a Savior whose love is never limited by His own weariness. Christ draws near to people who are hungry for healing, hungry for hope, hungry for God.
The disciples respond the way most of us would: *"There is not enough."* Not enough food, not enough time, not enough strength. Their instinct is to send the crowd away. But Jesus invites them into a different way of seeing. He asks them to bring forward the little they have—five loaves and two fish—and place it in His hands. What seems insignificant becomes abundant when touched by Christ.
This miracle is not only about bread; it is about trust. Jesus shows that God does not wait for perfect conditions to work in our lives. He takes what is small, imperfect, and insufficient, and He transforms it. The disciples learn that scarcity is not the final word when God is present.
For us as a parish, this Gospel is a reminder that Christ still feeds His people. He feeds us through the Eucharist, where He gives not just bread but His very self. He feeds us through the generosity of believers who offer their time, gifts, and compassion. And He feeds us through every act of service that reflects His heart for the hungry and the hurting.
When we feel stretched thin—when our resources, energy, or confidence seem too small—Jesus invites us to bring our "five loaves and two fish" to Him. In His hands, our offering becomes grace for others. In His hands, our parish becomes a place of abundance, not because we have everything, but because Christ is with us.
May we learn to see as Jesus sees, to give as He gives, and to trust that He can multiply every act of faith into blessings far beyond what we imagine.

Mark Your Calendars!

PSR Registration Night is September 9th!

PSR
Parish School of Religion

Magnifica Humanitas

Pope Leo XIV issued his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas on May 25, 2026. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing the 10 most powerful quotes from this encyclical courtesy of Ascension Press.

"10. The creative intelligence of humanity is a gift that can alleviate suffering and open up new possibilities, but it must remain ordered toward the common good, justice, the care of the vulnerable and creation (Magnifica Humanitas, 129).

Pope Leo XIV teaches that human creativity and intelligence are beautiful gifts from God. They allow us to ease suffering, solve problems, and open new possibilities for life.
But these gifts are not meant to be used however we want. They must always be guided by love of neighbor, especially concern for the poor and vulnerable, and respect for God's creation. In other words, innovation is truly good when it serves the common good, protects human dignity, and builds a more just and caring world."

**direct quote from the following article:
https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/10-most-powerful-quotes-from-pope-leo-xiv-s-first-encyclical-magnifica-humanitas?srsltid=AfmBOoow5KlXT1kz8-Sj2-mHTgFx8QImAk1_TW_-2quCsNefOt63GC4C

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html

PICNIC UPDATE-FINAL

Our final numbers have come in from our picnic.

Total income: $17,211
Expenses: $3,629.48
Total Net Profit: $13,581.52

Many thanks to all who worked to make this year's picnic a success!

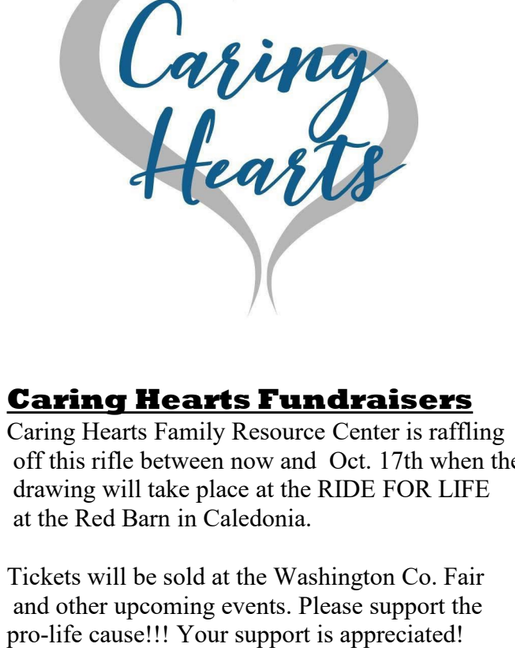
~~Father Tony Dattilo

Caring Hearts Fundraisers

Caring Hearts Family Resource Center is raffling off this rifle between now and Oct. 17th when the drawing will take place at the RIDE FOR LIFE at the Red Barn in Caledonia.

Tickets will be sold at the Washington Co. Fair and other upcoming events. Please support the pro-life cause!!! Your support is appreciated!

They also have two other fundraisers that they are asking for support for.
Information is included below.



THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

**Our next meeting is August 11 @ 5:30pm.

Mark Your Calendars! Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th after the 8am Mass. Please join us for some great food and fellowship! The Ladies Sodality will be honoring the Ladies who are retiring after their many years of selfless service to our parish. We are so grateful for all their work and help throughout the years. Come celebrate them with us!

"Following St. James, we strive to lead our parish with humility, strengthen our community, and walk together toward Christ."

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR ISSUES,**

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is **Aug. 4**. The hall pantry & cleaning day is rescheduled for **Aug. 10**. At our Fifth Sunday Brunch after the 8am Mass on August 30th, we will be honoring our senior members. We thank them for all they have done for our church community!

Bobbie Heifner, President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We were able to serve 149 families (413 total individuals) with 100 of them who were 65 & older this month through the generosity of our parishioners & other generous donors. We thank all those who donate their time, talent & treasure to help our community. We especially thank those who help us pack and distribute on our pantry distribution day.

"*Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."*
St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,
Boxed Cereal, powdered milk, breakfast items

August 2, 2026
A Neighbor in Need May Be Closer Than You Think

Financial hardship does not always look the way we expect. Many families facing difficulties are working full-time, caring for children, or helping aging parents.
An unexpected illness, job loss, car repair, or rent increase can quickly create a crisis.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul walks alongside these neighbors during difficult times, offering practical assistance and compassionate support.

If you know someone who needs help, encourage them to call 2-1-1 for assistance and connection to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Parish Calendar

August 1: 8am Mass with Adoration & Benediction

August 4: Ladies Sodality Meeting 5:30pm

August 6: OCIA @ St. Joachim 6:30pm

August 8: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

August 10: Ladies Sodality Pantry Cleaning Day 9am

August 11: Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

August 13: OCIA Team Meeting @ St. Joachim 6pm

August 14: Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

August 15: Food Pantry Distribution Day 7am-9am

August 17: Rural Clinic Here

August 20: Formal OCIA begins 6:30pm @ St. Joachim

August 27: OCIA @ St. Joachim 6:30pm

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning more about the Catholic Faith? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

****CATECHIST TEAM MEETING AUGUST 13 @ 6PM**

*Formal OCIA classes will resume **August 20 @ 6PM AT THE INCARNATE WORD CENTER AT ST. JOACHIM**.

If interested in becoming Catholic, are missing the Sacrament of Confirmation or in learning more about the Catholic faith, call St. Joachim or St. James rectories or Vicki Thurmond (573-854-1257). If scheduling is an issue, please don't hesitate to reach out as we can try to make arrangements to help accommodate your schedule.

Good News!

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 55:1–3 / Romans 8:35, 37–39
/ Matthew 14:13–21

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

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MONDAY
August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

TUESDAY
August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

WEDNESDAY
August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

THURSDAY
August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

FRIDAY
August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

SATURDAY
August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

SUNDAY
August 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33

Dear Padre

August 2, 2026

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, "Do this in memory of me." But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

"The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed" (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (*GIRM* 281). "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do…partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors "should instruct the Christian faithful… that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence…those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (*GIRM* 282). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

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Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #1- Nourished by God's Love to Sustain Family Unity

August 2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

"Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant…" (Isaiah 55:3)

Couple Prayer: Lord Jesus, as we raise our children, nourish our marriage with Your living water. Renew our covenant daily so we remain united to You and to each other. Help us feed our family with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip: Prioritize a short daily moment of prayer or Scripture together—even 5 minutes. Just as Jesus fed the multitude, God will multiply your efforts to strengthen your bond and model unity for your children.

Couple Conversation Question: How can we better invite God's abundance into our daily family life so we feel less overwhelmed and more united?

Find more ways to strengthen and energize your marriage at **ArchSTL.org/Jubilant-Marriages**

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This Week on Formed

The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

The Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney

The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?

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We will be offering a fall bible study for women on Wednesday (St. Joachim) & Friday mornings (St. James) starting in September. It is called **Living in the Father's Love**. In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements, and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? ***Living in the Father's Love*** will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.
This brief but powerful Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.
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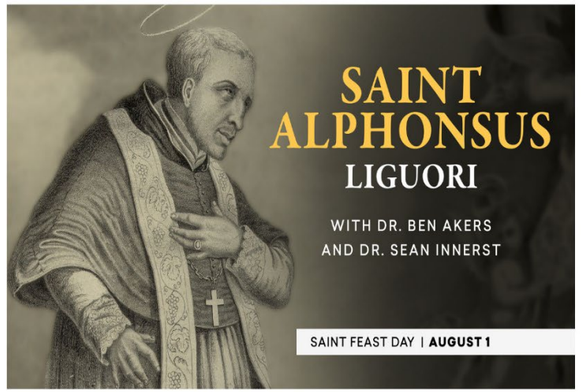
If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Vicki Thurmond at 573-854-1257. The cost of the books is $27. Books will need to be prepaid before the study starts to ensure timely delivery of the books.



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Parish Progress Report
7/28/2026

Saint James Parish-353
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2026 Published Goal	$14,700		
Challenge Goal	$0		
New donor Goal	13		
To date total	$10,200		
Total Parishioners	223		
Returned to date	42		
Total Number of Donors	35		
# New Donors	10	**Net New / Renewed**	$1,360
# Increased contributions	13	**Net Increase**	$410
# Maintained contributions	9	**Total from Maintained Donors**	$5,155
# Decreased contributions	3	**Net Decrease**	($1,555)
Signed refusal cards returned	7		
Pledges percent	15.70%		
Prior Year Pledges percent	11.74%		
Cards returned percent	18.83%		
Cards returned with matching gift	0		
Matching gift total	$0		

Pledge breakdown by category	**Count**	**Pledge Total**
Non givers (Signed Refusals)	7	
Below $150	19	$1,235
$150 - $299	8	$1,820
$300 - $499	5	$1,825
$500 - $999	0	
Sponsors $1,000 - $2,499	2	$2,820
Ambassadors $2,500 - $4,999	1	$2,500
Endorsers $5,000 - $9,999	0	
Guarantors $10,000 - $14,999	0	
Bronze Guarantors $15,000 - $19,999	0	
Silver Guarantors $20,000 - $24,999	0	
Gold Guarantors $25,000 - $34,999	0	
Platinum Guarantors $35,000 - $49,99	0	
Diamond Guarantors $50,000 - $99,99	0	
Centurion - $100,000	0	

What was Steubenville like for me?

Steubenville is an amazing experience, seeing all of the youth gathered together in praise and feeling the presence of God's love makes me want to share it with everyone I know."

~ Olivia Benns, 2026

Steubenville has never failed to fill my heart with so many strong emotions and it has changed my life for the better. I love going and can't wait until next year."

~ Chelsea Barber, 2026

"Great experience! I learned a lot and feel like this will be use in strengthening my relationship with God."

~Julie Valleroy, 2026

"I had an amazing experience at Steubenville a few weekends ago. Adoration in that room, with that many people, was a life-changing experience that I am so glad I got to be a part of.

~ Blakely Jacobsen, 2026

"Steubenville is full of so many wonderful opportunities to fully show how much love you have for the Lord. It is also full of opportunities to grow in your faith and strengthen your beliefs and relationship with the Lord. From adoration to the block party there is a clear abundance of teenager's love for Jesus."

~ Carlee Barber, 2026

"I have really enjoyed being able to attend Steubenville the last four years as a participant and look forward to taking part as a young adult leader."

~ Tyrese Mitchell, 2026

"For the battle belongs to the LORD."
1 Samuel 17:47