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June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass Schedule June 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 22: @ St.
Joachim: Diane Riddle

Tuesday, June 23: Rev.
Larry Huber

Wednesday, June 24: @
St. Joachim: Jean
Anselman

Thursday, June 25: Healing
for Karen Politte-Corn

Friday, June 26: @
St. Joachim: Wayne Boyer

Saturday June 27:
@ St. Joachim: Parish
Family

Sunday June 28:
8am: Pope Leo XIV
10am @ St. Joachim:
Healing for Karen Politte-
Corn

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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June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm:
Sunday 8am: Jamie Thompson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 8am
C: Donna Kennon
L: Don Thompson
R: Jim Politte

Servers
Saturday 4pm:
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 June 23: Joyce Politte
Thursday June 26: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday June 29: Catherine Dickey
Thursday July 2: Mary Campbell
Tuesday July 7: Mary Campbell
Thursday July 9: Vicki Thurmond

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

Heavenly Dusters

Nancy Davis 6/26
Jeanne DeGonia 7/3
Diane Mull 7/10
Bobbie Heifner 7/17

Altar Linens

Glenda Whitten 6/22
Bobbie Heifner 6/29
Diane McGirl 7/6
Glenda Whitten 7/13

Money Counters

Pat & Tina 6/23
Mary Ann & Donna 6/30
Becky & Rhonda 7/7
Jeanne & Rhonda 7/14

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St. Vincent de Paul:	556.00
Votives:	20.00
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Cardinal Glennon	150.00



June 14, 2026 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to “repent.” Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

Ordinary Time in the Catholic Church

Ordinary Time is the longest season of the Church year, yet it is often the most misunderstood. Far from being “ordinary” in the sense of plain or unimportant, this season invites Catholics to discover the presence of God in the steady rhythm of daily life.

What Ordinary Time Means

The word *ordinary* comes from “ordinal,” meaning “counted.” Ordinary Time is simply the period of the liturgical year that is numbered week by week. It occurs in two parts:
From the Monday after the Baptism of the Lord until the beginning of Lent
From the Monday after Pentecost until the start of Advent
Together, these weeks form the spiritual landscape in which most of Christian life unfolds

A Season of Growth

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is **green**, symbolizing life, hope, and spiritual growth. During this season, the Church focuses on the public ministry of Jesus—His teachings, miracles, parables, and encounters with ordinary people. It is a time to let the Gospel take root in the routines, responsibilities, and relationships that shape our days.

Why It Matters

Ordinary Time reminds us that holiness is not reserved for feast days or dramatic moments. God works powerfully in the “ordinary”—in prayer, in service, in family life, and in the quiet choices that shape our character. This season teaches us to follow Christ steadily and faithfully, allowing His grace to transform the everyday.

Living Ordinary Time Well

Catholics can enter more deeply into this season by:
Reflecting on the Sunday readings throughout the week
Practicing small acts of charity and patience
Renewing daily prayer habits
Noticing God’s presence in simple moments
Ordinary Time is a gentle but profound invitation: to walk with Christ day by day and to let His love grow in the soil of our ordinary lives.

“Fatherhood is a vocation in God’s service to be not held lightly or frivolously, but with the serious determination of serious men.”

Father Lawrence Lovasik

BAKE SALE

*St. Anne Sodality of St. Joachim Parish, St. Joseph & St. Stephen Chapel invites you to their Father's Day Bake Sale on June 21 after the 10am Mass.

**The St. Joachim Quilters will be selling chances on their quilt after Mass, alongside the bake sale. Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds from the quilt go to the Fall Festival.

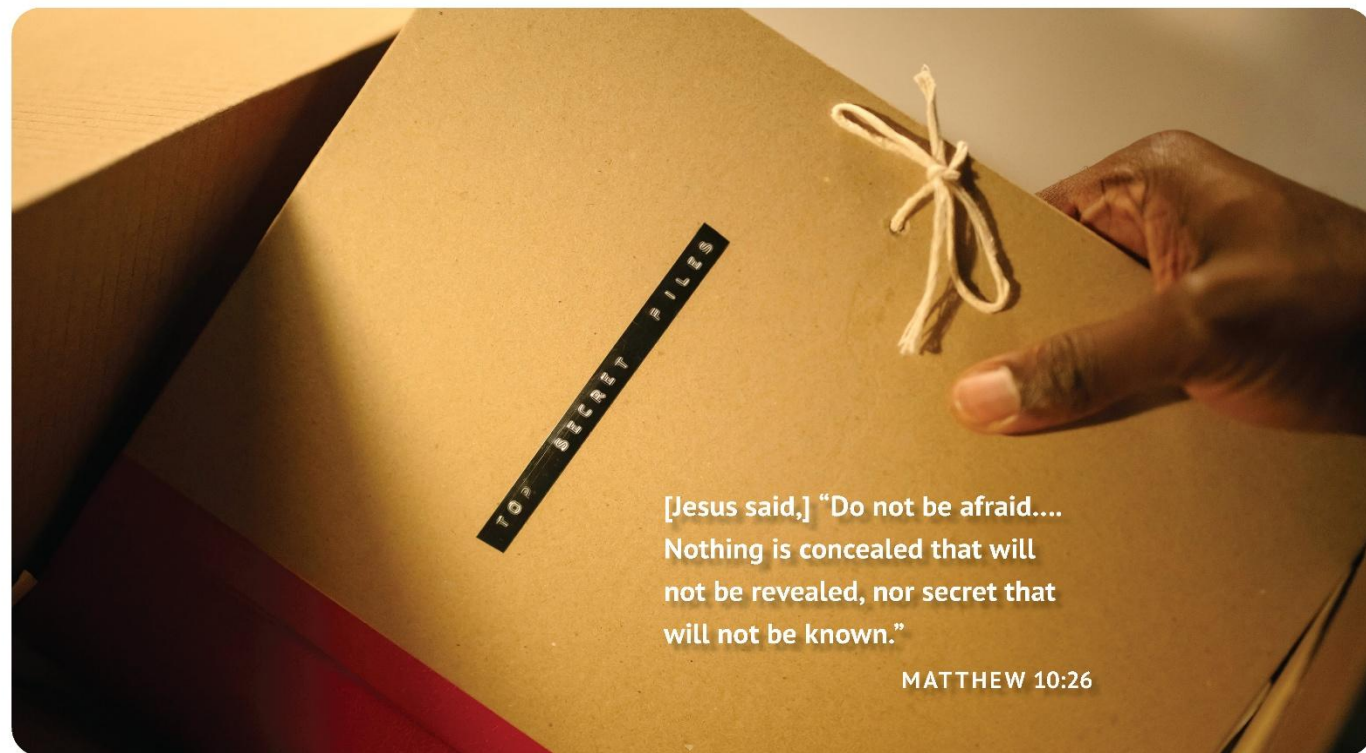
Magnifica Humanitas

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.

"4. No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing, just as no one is so weak that they cannot play their part, for 'power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9) (Magnifica Humanitas, 13).
This is a reminder that the future of our world isn’t built only in governments or technology companies--it’s built in ordinary lives, lived faithfully. Pope Leo wants to remind us that every person has real dignity and a God-given mission, no matter how simple or hidden your daily work may seem. You are not irrelevant, and you are not powerless. The choices you make, the integrity you bring to your work, the way you treat people, the good you do in small, unseen moments--all of it matters in God’s plan. And we do not do this alone. As St. Paul reminds us, “We can do all things through him who strengthens us” (Phil 4:13). With Christ’s grace, even the smallest acts of love and responsibility become part of building a more human, more hopeful 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?srsId=AfmBOoow5KIXT1kz8-Sj2-mHTgFx8QImAk1_TW_-2quCsNefOt63GC4C

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



The Freedom of Letting Go of Secrets

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Secrets. The disabling fear of discovery. Trying so hard to conceal something that we do not want others to know. Often, we guard secrets closely because we believe we will be embarrassed, punished, or excluded if our secrets are made known.

Sometimes, we hold tightly to secrets because we are ashamed. We keep other secrets because of the dynamics of family life: “We do not share our family business with anyone.” All secrets can be difficult to keep—some more than others. Perhaps the most difficult secret to hold is one that we fear defines our personal integrity and authenticity. It is the fear not only of discovery but also of perception: How will I be perceived if this is made known? Will I still be accepted? Or, even more painful: Will I be rejected, and how complete will the rejection be?

The “good news” of the gospel is that “nothing is concealed that will not be revealed” (Matthew 10:26). In other words, there is nothing that can remain tucked away forever. Everything is revealed in one way or another. Gospel grace and freedom result when a person chooses to freely release whatever it is that burdens them, including closely held secrets. It is the ultimate experience of dying to self to claim eternal life. ●

Reflect

What am I afraid to reveal to others? Can I try telling God?



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** The Parish Council would like to thank the Ladies Sodality & our Knights of Columbus for their recent donation to help purchase our beautiful new statue of Mary located between the church & the Parish Hall. These organizations wouldn't have been able to to make these donations without the generosity & support of you, our parishioners who have supported their fundraising activities of the fish fries & bake sales. Your generosity in supporting these groups goes right back into our parish in many ways. We are grateful for your continued support of all of the organizations here at St. James.

**Our next meeting is August 11 @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR ISSUES, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.**

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is Aug. 4. The hall pantry & cleaning day is rescheduled for Aug. 10. We would like to organize a garden committee to plant flowers in the containers around the church grounds. All parishioners are invited to come bless our church with your gardening skills.

Bobbie Heifner, President

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

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June 21 | Celebrating Fathers on Father's Day

This Father's Day, we give thanks for the fathers and father figures who guide, support, and love their families.

At the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we also remember fathers who are struggling to provide for their families during difficult times.

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Consider honoring a father in your life by supporting the work of St. Vincent de Paul.

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Parish Calendar

June 20: Food Pantry Distribution Day

June 27: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

July 4: First Saturday 8am Mass w/Adoration & Confessions & Benediction

July 9: OCIA Biblical Walk Through The Mass 6:30pm at St. Joachim

July 10: Clarity House Rosary and Mass 6:00pm

July 9: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am



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

*OCIA will offer *Biblical Walk Through the Mass* with Dr. Edward Sri in the Incarnate Word Center on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the summer for our OCIA class and anyone else that wants to attend. Mark the dates on your calendar: July 9 and 23, and August 6. Everyone is invited to participate.

*Formal OCIA classes will resume August 20. 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).

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If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

****Everyone is invited to attend this prayer service. St. James has been given the honor of tolling our bells for the moment of silence. Father Tony will be joining the other ministers and would love to see a great turnout from our St. James & St. Joachim parishioners. Hope to see you there!**

Sunday MATRIMONY MOMENTS Week #3 - Hope Through Perseverance & Trust

Sunday, June 21, 2026 (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday Scripture: “But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion... Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” (Jeremiah 20:11 & Matthew 10:31)

Couple Prayer: Lord, our mighty champion, when external pressures or internal fears threaten our marriage, remind us of Your presence. Give us courage to trust You and protect each other. Amen..

Marriage Motivation Tip: In distress—whether conflict, criticism from others, or anxiety—anchor each day in God’s care for every detail of your lives. Share worries openly and pray together for renewed hope.

Couple Conversation Question: What fears or “whisperings” are we facing right now, and how can we support one another in trusting God more deeply?

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



MONDAY

June 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18

Mt 7:1–5

TUESDAY

June 23

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36

Mt 7:6, 12–14

WEDNESDAY

June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

THURSDAY

June 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8–17

Mt 7:21–29

FRIDAY

June 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1–12

Mt 8:1–4

SATURDAY

June 27

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19

Mt 8:5–17

SUNDAY

June 28

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a

Rom 6:3–4, 8–11

Mt 10:37–42

Dear Padre

June 21, 2026

For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God’s presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, “We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you.” No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●

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Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

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The Nativity of John the Baptist

On the Nativity of John the Baptist, join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they sit down and discuss a piece of Sacred Art depicting this holy event.

St. Cyril of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

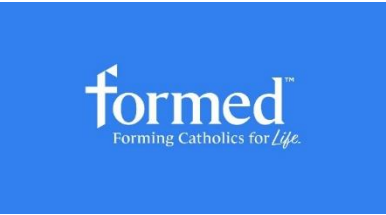
During the Nestorian Controversy of the fifth century, heroic saints like Cyril of Alexandria defended the truth of Christ’s divinity. In this episode, Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the Nestorian heresy and how St. Cyril’s humble, courageous spirit aided the Church during a time of discord.

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Wanted: Rosary Makers

National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Msgr. Roger Landry, is asking for volunteers across the US to make World Mission Rosaries to distribute to attendees and pray together before the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in September. That means 70,000 rosaries!

If you would like to participate, contact the Mission Office at 314-792-7655 or missions@archstl.org.

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Parish Picnic 2026 Update

**Thank you to our chairpersons, Don & Jamie Thompson, all our parishioners who worked so hard setting up and working the day of the picnic and to all of those who attended to help make this a successful picnic!

From Father Tony

Raffle Winners

1. \$500- Ally D.

2. Set of 4 tires from Purcell Tire-Marge Williams

3. Quilt by St. James Quilters-Marty Portell

4. 200 Gallons of Propane- Marty Portell

5. 7 cu. ft. Chest Freezer- Cat Dickey

6. 4 Cardinals Tickets- Courtney Henson

7. Barbecue Grill- Colleen Shepard

8. Adirondack Chair- William Emily

9. Bottle of Wine- Ariania D.

As soon as all the income and expenses are in, a progress report will be issued. Thanks for your patience!!

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Join religious sisters and other volunteers in helping to make 70,000 World Mission Rosaries for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in September.

