

JULY 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

ROSARY

First Saturday of each month at noon.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

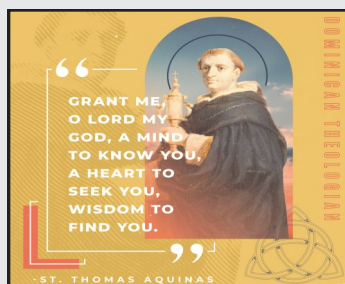
"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." - Mt 13:49-51



Sunday Offertory

07/19/2026..... \$2,239
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$ 761
 YTD Offertory.....\$8,869
 Budget.....\$9,000
 Surplus/Deficit.....\$ 131

Food Pantry \$

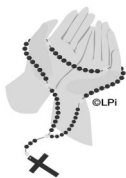


1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12
ROMANS 8:28-30
MATTHEW 13:44-52

The person with true wisdom, like Solomon, will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else. It is more precious than gold and silver. Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 1027

From the Pastor's Desk....



Good morning,

UPDATE: Fr. Jacob has an interview at the Embassy on **Monday, September 21 at 8:00 AM**. Please continue to keep him in your prayers, asking the Lord for his safe and speedy return to the United States.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 25	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, July 26	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, July 27	No Noon Mass	
Tuesday, July 28	No Noon Mass/No Adoration	
Wednesday, July 29	No Noon Mass	
Thursday, July 30	No Noon Mass	
Friday, July 31	No Noon Mass	
Saturday, August 1	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Gertrude Osborne
Sunday, August 2	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY / AUGUST 2026

07/26/2026

Lector - Fadi AlAkhrass

Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs

Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata

Coffee & Donuts - Sidney & Valerie Cline

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

08/02/2026

Lector - Frank Dawahare

Lector Fill in Only - William Fleniken

Gift Bearer Server - MaShawna Jacobs

Coffee & Donuts - Todd & Sandra May

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - MaShawna Jacobs

08/09/2026

Lector - Jerry Kannev

Lector Fill in Only - Benjamin Cline

Gift Bearer Server - Todd & Sandra May

Coffee & Donuts - Zach & Jonnica Bryson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Pia Mata

08/16/2026

Lector - Joe Collins

Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey

Gift Bearer Server - Bob & Annice Welsh

Coffee & Donuts - Cherry & Mariano Rivera

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Sidney Cline

08/23/2026

Lector - Mary Jo Ratliff

Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott

Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Theresa Dawahare

08/30/2026

Lector - Sidney Cline

Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff

Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata

Coffee & Donuts - Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Denny Rohrer

Please email rgriffith@cdlex.org, call 606-437-6117, or text Becky at 606-213-4892 if you know in advance that you will be unable to serve at Mass on your assigned dates. Please note that the bulletin is submitted each Tuesday at 3:30 pm.

Thank you, each and every one of you, for your faithful service to our parish!

CATECHISM CLASS – We will soon begin a catechism class for Kindergarten and up. Registration forms for students, volunteers, and teachers will be available on the bookshelf in the narthex. Please complete and return the appropriate form so we can determine how many catechism books to order.

The more teachers and volunteers we have, the better we can divide students into age-appropriate groups. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Sheilla Misczanski at (606) 616-8408.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:44-52

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us. — Father John Muir ©LPi



Kallum Coleman, infant son of Skylar and Evan Coleman

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Ada DePoy

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation:

Large votives \$3.00

Small votives \$0.50