

AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Fr. Jacob Zulu

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf

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

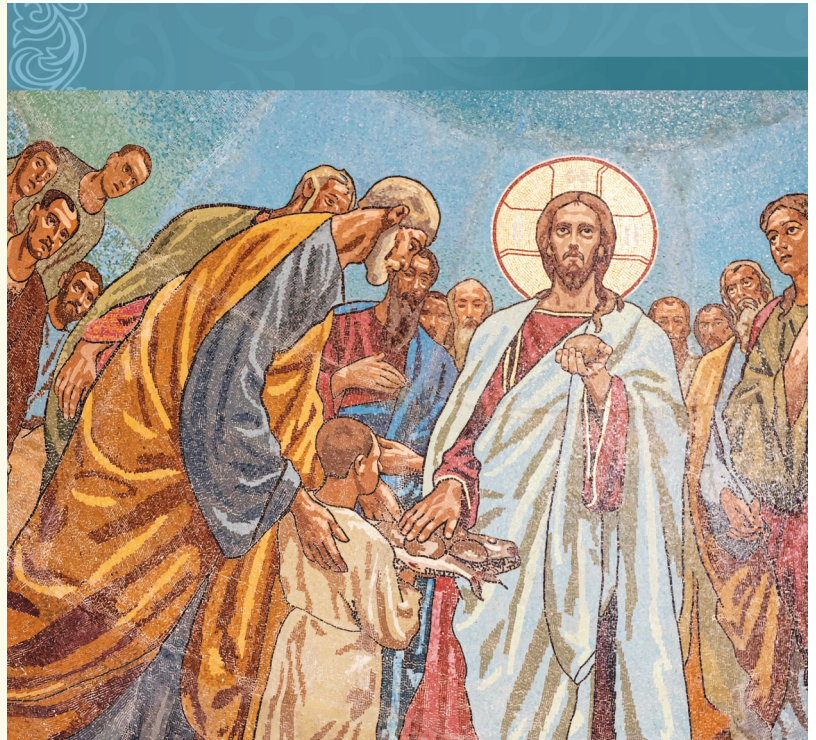
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ROSARY

First Saturday of each month at noon.

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18th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds."
Matthew 14:19



Sunday Offertory

07/26/2026..... \$2,719
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
 Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$ 281
 YTD Offertory.....\$11,588
 Budget.....\$12,000
 Surplus/**Deficit**.....\$ 412

Food Pantry \$



ISAIAH 55:1-3
 ROMANS 8:35, 37-39
 MATTHEW 14:13-21

Jesus has pity on the crowd and miraculously feeds them. In his compassion, the Lord answers all our needs, thus renewing his covenant of love with us. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 1030

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. Also, remember **Fr. Prakash** in your prayers as he pastors St. George and St. Francis until Fr. Jacob arrives.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
 Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, August 1	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, August 2	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, August 3	No Noon Mass	
Tuesday, August 4	No Noon Mass/No Adoration	
Wednesday, August 5	Noon Mass	For the People
Thursday, August 6	No Noon Mass	
Friday, August 7	No Noon Mass	
Saturday, August 8	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, August 9	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

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 Kanney

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!

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! RESPECT

Mini Explanation - Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God himself.

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 Mischenski at (606) 616-8408.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, "the mood all changed."

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, "When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen. — Father John Muir ©LPi



Pray For...

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