

JULY 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH 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

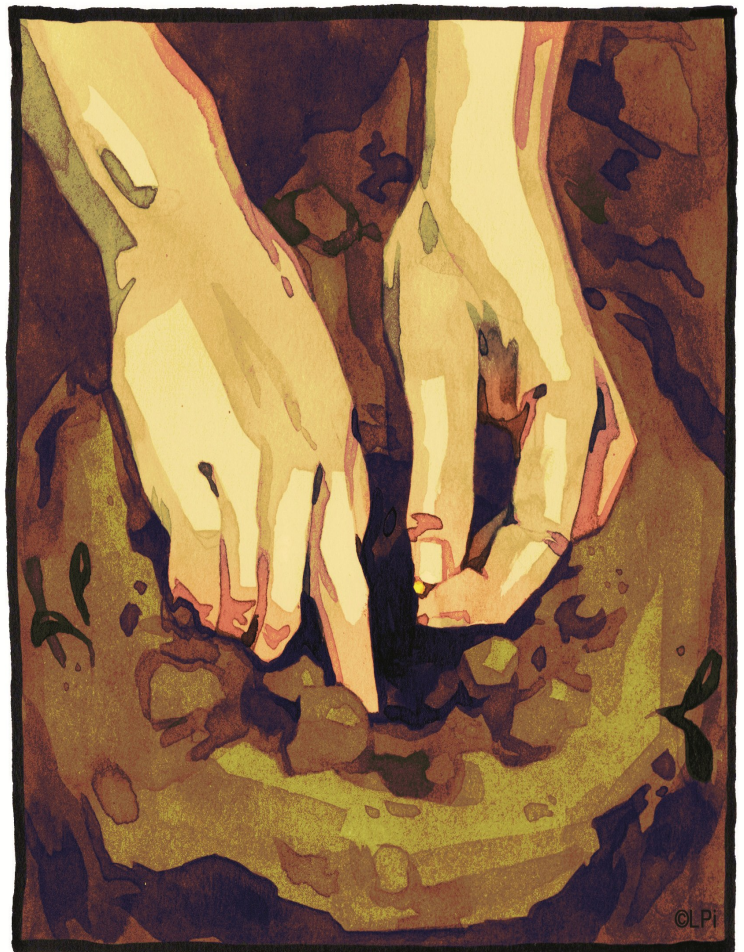
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ROSARY

First Saturday of each month at noon.

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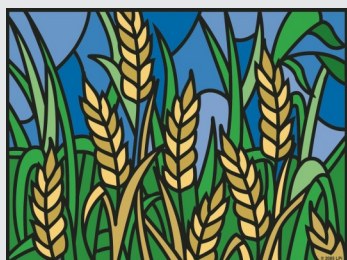
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Sunday Offertory

07/12/2026.....	\$2,604
Weekly Budget.....	\$3,000
Surplus/ Deficit	\$ 396
YTD Offertory.....	\$6,630
Budget.....	\$6,000
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 630
Food Pantry	\$ 100



WISDOM 12:13, 16-19
ROMANS 8:26-27
MATTHEW 13:24-43

In his patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. This Lord is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness.

Readings may be found in
the Saint Augustine
Hymnal Number 1024

From the Pastor's Desk....



Good morning,

Please continue to keep Fr. Jacob in your prayers, asking for his safe and swift return to the United States.

Fr. Prakash, Pastor of St. George Catholic Church, will be covering the weekend Masses until Fr. Jacob arrives. Please remember him in your prayers as he pastors two churches. He will also offer confessions at 4:00 PM on Saturdays before the Vigil Mass.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next 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 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 18	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, July 19	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, July 20	No Noon Mass	
Tuesday, July 21	No Noon Mass	
Wednesday, July 22	No Noon Mass	
Thursday, July 23	No Noon Mass	
Friday, July 24	No Noon Mass	
Saturday, July 25	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, July 26	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY

07/19/2026

Lector - Steve Mischenski

Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey

Gift Bearer Server - Cherry & Mariano Rivera

Coffee & Donuts - Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion - Frank Dawahare

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

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 Mischenski at (606) 616-8408.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for Summer

O God,

Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You. Amen. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.
— Father John Muir ©LPi

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE –
LADIES BIBLE CLASS** - The next women's bible study class will begin **September 2 at 6:00 pm**. We will be studying *Touching the Divine* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. This will be our third study written by Lisa, and we are excited to continue learning about Jesus together.

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon.



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