


Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	2819.00	607.00
Online Giving	0.00	125.00

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Our cultural standards are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?
Parish Link

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:
10/10/2025 – 10/12/2025, Springfield II

Catholic Men’s Overnight Retreat, September 27-28, Villa Maria Retreat Center – Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Pream, presents the upcoming overnight retreat, “Sons of the Father, Men in Christ.” The retreat begins at noon on Saturday, September 27 and concludes after lunch on Sunday, September 28. Visit dio.org/events for a more detailed schedule and to register. The cost is \$150 and includes overnight accommodations (single occupancy), meals, and retreat materials. Deadline to register is September 22. Contact events@dio.org with questions.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 St. Louis / St. Joseph Calasanz
8:00 AM (W) Donald Moore Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
8:00 AM (P) + Ellen Krueger

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 St. Monica
8:00 AM (P) Mary Jo Ward (99th Birthday)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 St. Augustine
8:00 AM (W) All Parishioners

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 The Passion of St. John Baptist
8:00 AM (P) + Edwin and Vivian Schulte

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
8:00 AM (P) Fr. Mark Schulte
6:00 PM (P) + Jesse Davidsmeyer

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
8:30 AM (P) + Mildred McCartney
10:30 AM (W) + Kathy Moore

SERVER SCHEDULE

ST. MARY

AUGUST 30 - 6:00 PM - SATURDAY

Lector – Chuck Bartlett
Ushers – Volunteers
Server – Chase Henderson

AUGUST 31 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Craig Welch
Ushers – Volunteers
Server – Ben & Ian Musgrave

ST. MARK

AUGUST 24 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Jenny Schmidgall

AUGUST 31 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Andy Moss

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Willean Benz – Pat Dailey – Baby Gray and Family
Theresa Cooley – Ray Davenport – Sandy Davies – Khoy Michael DeWitt Beckey
Ghrist – Bill Hannant – Mary Kay Hayden – Joyce Kuck
Jace Michael Kunkle – Aaron McCarter – Aniyah McCarter
Kingston McCarter Chris Nichols – Gary McCartney – John Peters
Dave Pfeiffer Kay Rowley Carol Seybold – Teresa Shank
Jason Shireman – Lyndell Shireman – Mary Fran Smith – Raylan Turnbull
Odette Welch – Carol Ward – Barb Wright



Catechetical Corner

By Dominique Welch: Director of Parish School of Religion

PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Memorial of St. Augustine: August 28

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

ST. MARY PSR REGISTRATION
Forms are available on the table in the Gathering Space. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 10th. Please return completed registration form to the attention of Dominique Welch, DRE as soon as possible!!
Thank you!



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY
Will meet on Tuesday, September 2
Rosary at 6 PM
Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM


DONUT SUNDAY RETURNS
Sunday, September 7
in **St. Mary's Hall**
Following 8:30 AM Mass



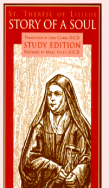
THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the parish picnic! Special thanks to Jim Lagemann and his crew for setting up the tent and grilling some delicious burgers and hot dogs! The event was enjoyed by parishioners from both parishes. **Please let Father Schulte know if you are interested in a different date for the picnic next year.**

Experience the Men's Leadership Summit in Edwardsville
Join men from across the diocese on Saturday, October 18th at St. Boniface Church in Edwardsville (110 N Buchanan St) for a Men's Leadership Summit featuring John Edwards, host of Just a Guy in the Pew. The purpose of this summit is to bring **single and married men** together to support one another, get inspired by their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills, and discuss best practices in men's ministry. John is a dynamic, inspirational speaker and spiritual leader. His background and down-to-earth, practical approach appeals to sons, fathers, brothers, and friends who are just a guy in the pew and to those interested in men's ministry. Visit the [Men's Leadership Summit event page](#) to watch the John's powerful story and to register. Cost is \$30 which includes materials and a catered lunch. Questions? Contact Gracie at (217) 321-1124, or email gortiz@dio.org.

**RESUMING SEPTEMBER 6TH
COME AND JOIN US**



The Story of a Soul
Book Study



Restarting September 6, 2025
10 AM - St. Mary's Parish Hall
Read Chapter 2 in preparation


Advanced Healthcare Directive:
Parishioners have been inquiring about a Catholic form of this directive. Attached is a link to the website of *The National Catholic Bioethics Center* that provides a PDF download with information and sample forms. Cost is \$3.00.
www.ncbcenter.org/store/catholic-guide-to-end-of-life-decisions-english-pdf-download

Married 50 Years or More? Let Us Celebrate You! – Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites all couples who have been married 50 years or more to a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. RSVP by September 9 at dio.org/events, or contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or (217) 698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love!

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Altar & Rosary Society Meeting — Tuesday, Sept. 2, Rosary @ 6 PM, Meeting @ 6:30 PM.
Donut Sunday is back!! — Sunday, September 7, after 8:30 AM Mass, Parish Hall.
PSR Classes Begin — Wednesday, September 10th.
Women's Study — **Resumes Saturday, September 6th, 10:00 AM, Parish Hall.**
Men's Group — Saturday mornings, 6:45 AM, Parish Hall.
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle — Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass, Gathering Space.
Legion of Mary — Friday mornings, 9:45 AM, Gathering Space.
Food Pantry Collection — First weekend each month at Masses (September 6 & 7).
24-Eucharistic Adoration — (September 5 & 6)

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Pray the Rosary — Tuesday mornings, 8:00 AM, Church.
Men's Group — Thursday mornings, 6:45 AM, Church Basement.
Bread of Love (for the week of) — September 15, October 27, December 8.




Christ's love is stronger than hatred, Pope Leo XIV says at audience:
At his general audience Aug. 20, Pope Leo XIV reflected on the power of Jesus' love which shows that forgiveness does not deny the pain caused by betrayal, but it does prevent evil from having the last word. He urged the faithful to learn how to forgive because "to pardon one another is to build a bridge of peace. And we must pray for peace, which is so necessary in our world today."

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Daily Mass: Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 8:00 AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: **after Saturday evening Mass** or by appointment.

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