



August 16, 2026 –The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 18th 6:00pm + John & Carolyn Reed
Aug. 19th 8:00am + Cliff & Esther Carpenter
Aug. 20th 8:00am + Celeste Ringuette
Aug. 21st 8:00am + Steve Szabo
Aug. 22nd 5:00pm + Deceased members of the Heflin Family
Aug. 23rd 9:00am Pro Populo
Aug. 23rd 12:00pm + Juan Hernandez
Aug. 23rd 2:00pm

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office. We are currently scheduling September 2026

Liturgical Minister Schedule:

Saturday, August 22nd 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Eric Lundquist

Servers:

Sunday, August 23rd

Lector: John Wendel

Servers: Jame & Jacob Nesler, Gavin & Jowen Baermann

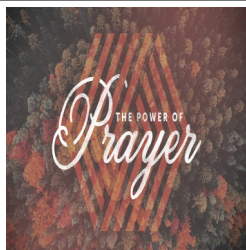
Latin Mass

Lector:

Servers:

Counters: Mary Vogel, Patty Hoagland & Ann Snyder

Please join us for the adult/teen study immediately following the 9-am mass each Sunday. Our current topic is centered around the book "Awake, Not Woke" by Noelle Mering. Come and learn how crucial this issue is for the preservation of our culture, and how to engage others on this topic using the principles set forth by our creator and reaffirmed by the Catholic Church.



Prayer Chain: If you are wanting prayers for anything such as an impending surgery, imminent death, safe travel, Holy Spirit for the right words etc. Please contact: **Sharon Shock at 260-341-4412** you may call her or send her a text and she will contact the prayer group for prayers to be said.

At the parish this week:

Monday, August 17th

7:00pm Confraternity Rosary

7:30pm St. Paul Street Evangelization

Tuesday, August 18th

5pm Adoration

5:15 Confessions

6pm Mass & Vespers

Wednesday, August 19th

8am Mass & Lauds

Thursday, August 20th

8am Mass & Lauds

6:45pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, August 21st

8am Mass & Lauds

Saturday, August 22nd

3:30 - 4:30 Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 23rd

9:00am Mass

10:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

10:15am Coffee & Donuts

10:15am Adult & Teen Study

12:00pm Mass in Spanish

2:00pm Mass in Latin

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes \$ 2733.00

Loose \$1374.50

Votive \$21.00

Coffee & donuts \$42.00

Building Fund \$20,000.00

\$200.00 every month will go to REACH.

Remember St. Robert's in your will.



Beloved in the Lord,

I have been grateful to see Sister Deogratias Lindquist around the parish these weeks while she has been making a home visit with her family. Sister is a novice with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration whose motherhouse is in Mishawaka, IN. Please pray for her as she continues her formation and discernment with this good and orthodox community of Religious Sisters. Recall also that the words of our Prayer for Vocations spoken before each Sunday Mass are serious. Alongside God's grace is the encouragement we give our youth to seriously consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Becoming a spouse of Christ or of His Church is a beautiful and joyful way to live and it edifies the whole Church to see people dedicate their lives to God's service.

Catholic Americans

As our nation is celebrating its 250th year, it is good for us to hear about how our Catholic Faith has been a part of our homeland's life even from the very beginning. The United States of America has been home to many saints and prominent figures who have followed Christ in His Church. Through the remainder of 2026 I will attempt to showcase the lives of these fellow faithful countrymen in homilies and in these bulletin articles. In the end, the goal is the same as whenever we look to the lives of the saints: to grow in a desire to imitate them as they imitate Christ Our Lord.

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." – 1 Corinthians 11:1

To start off well, let's begin with someone very close to home: Blessed Solanus Casey. Blessed Solanus famously spent some of his years just down the road from us at Saint Felix Capuchin Friary in Huntington where you can still visit his cell and venerate a first class relic. Some of the most senior Catholics of Huntington can still regale you with family stories of the holy friar today. Bernard Francis Casey was born into an Irish immigrant family in 1870 in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. The family practiced a simple faith on what was then the American frontier. Blessed Solanus would maintain that simple faith throughout his life. In everything, Blessed Solanus took God's word to heart. He believed every prayer is answered in God's own way.

His path to the priesthood was not easy. The rigorous studies of his first seminary proved especially trying. So much was the difficulty that it was suggested that he discern a religious vocation which did not require as much academic rigor. After much prayer (and very direct instruction from Our Lady), he eventually joined the Capuchin Friars in Detroit, eventually being ordained a priest in 1904. In his life as a Capuchin Friar, he faithfully served the people of Detroit, Michigan, Huntington, Indiana, New York City and Yonkers, New York by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill. Wherever he served, people would line up for blocks for a moment with Blessed Solanus. This simple, dedicated service would be the essential work of his whole life.

Soon after his death in 1957, reports of favors received through his intercession began to arrive. The holiness of Blessed Solanus led Pope John Paul II to declare him Venerable in 1995. In 2017, after a miracle was confirmed, Pope Francis announced that Venerable Solanus would be beatified. Later that year, a crowd numbering 70,000 participated in the celebration of the Mass of Beatification for Blessed Solanus Casey. Another approved miracle will advance the cause finally to sainthood, and the man born Bernard Francis Casey will be known thereafter as St. Solanus Casey.

Blessed Solanus' example shows that holiness is attainable. He demonstrated that an ordinary person can live an extraordinarily faithful life.

Solanus Casey so believed in God that he could not believe that some people questioned God. Such a conviction about the existence of God and God's love is critical for our age. His faith was steadfast. He demonstrates to us that faith is the cornerstone to our existence. Blessed Solanus was known for his ministry of healing and compassion toward people of faith, Catholic and non-Catholic, people of other faiths and even those who profess no faith. But, like Jesus himself, Solanus Casey's heart also went out to those who had given up the practice of their faith. He saw each person as loved by God and called to share in God's love within the life of the Church Christ established.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.

Oremus pro invicem,

Rev. Daniel Koehl



Let Us Pray For: Danny & Chris Heflin, Ann Carroll, Barbara Tibbetts, Mark Bryant, Tom & Marie Hardy, Sophia Frieden, Joyce Hardy, Dianne Wion, Nyla Dee Evans, Shawnte Frieden, Anne Steury, Mike Heagy, Diane Cooper, Adriana Howell, John Peters, Peggy Winters, Jay Sartori, Gary Pennington, Randy & Mary Jo Weiman, Joan Pfeiffer, John Weddle, Kevin Shorter, Martha Hancock, Kenny & Nadene Moore, Bob & Martha Bohn, James Thompson, Joe Accetta, Colton Burd, Terry Crull, Josiah Abbott, Marco Martinez, Ashley Ervin, Thiago Lugo, Brie Ann Armstrong, Tom Tatum, John Coonrod, Rex Tharp, Gary D., Chad Alexander, Debby & Doug Hyde, Bob Wagoner, Jesus Diaz, Roger Presl, Jack Davis, Chris Long, Summer West, Sutton Burton, Mason Besore, Jacob Lawrence, Ann Snyder, Bob & Kay Spangle, Eva Hollowell

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Our curriculum, "A Family of Faith," is specially designed to empower and equip you—as your children's first and most important teachers—to confidently guide them in becoming faithful Catholics. Through manageable weekly lessons and engaging activities at home, you will discover the beauty of Catholic tradition together as a family.

Here is what you can expect for the upcoming year:

- When: Sundays from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. (The full calendar is now available!)
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