



August 23, 2026 –The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 25th 6:00pm + Louie & Marie Augustynowicz
Aug. 26th 8:00am + Victor & Grace Lecocq
Aug. 27th 8:00am + Celeste Ringuette
Aug. 28th 8:00am Britney Carpenter
Aug. 29th 5:00pm + Billy Edwards
Aug. 30th 9:00am Pro Populo
Aug. 30th 12:00pm
Aug. 30th 2:00pm + Cheryl Molson

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 29th 5:00pm Mass

Lector: Bill D'Andrea

Servers:

Sunday, August 30th

Lector: Joe Accetta

Servers: Patrick & Peter Nesler, Jameson Ummel & Jeb Blankenship

Latin Mass

Lector:

Servers:

Counters: Joe & Julie Accetta & Brenda Heagy

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 24th

7:00pm Confraternity Rosary

7:30pm St. Paul Street Evangelization

Tuesday, August 25th

5pm Adoration

5:15 Confessions

6pm Mass & Vespers

Wednesday, August 26th

8am Mass & Lauds

Thursday, August 27th

8am Mass & Lauds

6:45pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, August 28th

8am Mass & Lauds

6:00pm Community Night Kick Off—Bonfire with S'mores everyone is invited.

Saturday, August 29th

3:30 - 4:30 Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 30th

9:00am Mass

10:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

10:15am Coffee & Donuts

10:15am Adult & Teen Study

10:30 Faith Formation (RE)

12:00pm Mass in Spanish

2:00pm Mass in Latin

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes \$ 1901.00

Loose \$1945.50

Votive \$13.50

Coffee & donuts \$34.00

Building Fund \$100.00

\$200.00 every month will go to REACH.

Remember St. Robert's in your will.



Beloved in the Lord,

We are in the limbo of “almost” with our parish building projects.

Many have asked me when we will begin the church renovation. It’s great to see people excited for the beautification of our parish. I’m excited too! Some important meetings are happening with the architecture team and contractor very soon which should give us a better idea of more concrete plans. Stay tuned over the course of the next few weeks.

We are working on furnishing the new parish office now, so we hope to move in soon to begin conducting parish business from there. We will announce when that change happens.

Final touches are being made to our parish playground. I think we will have enough time of summer and fall to see it get some use before the snow flies. Thanks to all who have contributed time and resources to bring it to life! We will let you know when it’s ready.

Thank you all for your patience as we try to meet the needs of our growing parish.

American Catholics: Blessed Stanley Rother

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of our nation’s birth, we are looking at the lives of American Catholics who have shown particular virtue or have otherwise been influential in the life of this, our homeland.

Stanley Francis Rother was born in 1935, in Okarche, Oklahoma to a good Catholic family. By every measure, his was an ordinary Oklahoma childhood, shaped by hard work on the Family farm, community at school and the local parish and a quiet but deep Catholic faith.

In high school, he began to discern the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. He was accepted as a seminarian and completed his studies at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where many of the priests of our own Diocese have studied (including your Pastor!) and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Oklahoma City - Tulsa in 1963.

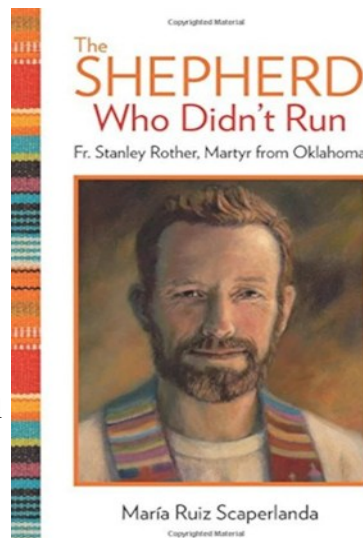
Only a few years after his ordination, he answered the Pope’s call to send missionaries to Central America and went to Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, where he served the indigenous Tz’utujil people. Here Fr. Rother learned Spanish and the Tz’utujil language. He celebrated Mass in their language and even helped translate the New Testament. He ministered to his people well, assisting them not only sacramentally but also medically and agriculturally.

As Guatemala’s civil war intensified in the late 1970s, Father Rother watched as parishioners were murdered and his own name appeared on a death list. Escaping, he returned briefly to Oklahoma, but felt convicted that he could not stay away from his flock and returned to Guatemala. In a Christmas 1980 letter, he wrote, “The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger. Pray for us that we might be a sign of the love of Christ for our people.” On July 28, 1981, three men broke into the rectory and shot Father Rother. He died where he had lived: among his people, faithful to the end.

Fr. Rother was beatified in September of 2017. The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City welcomed various groups associated with the missionary martyr to attend. Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary sent a group of seminarians to sing a selection of sacred music pieces during the Mass. I was blessed to be among this group.

Blessed Stanley Rother, 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

Baby Blessing Boxes

Baby Blessing Boxes can be found in the foyer as we celebrate new life in our church family. If you'd like to help, please consider donating diapers or wipes and placing them in our church family's box. Thank you for helping us bless and support our growing families!



Community Night Kick-Off fellowship for all families.

Please join us and enjoy the bonfire, s'mores, fellowship and more on Friday, August 28th at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited.