

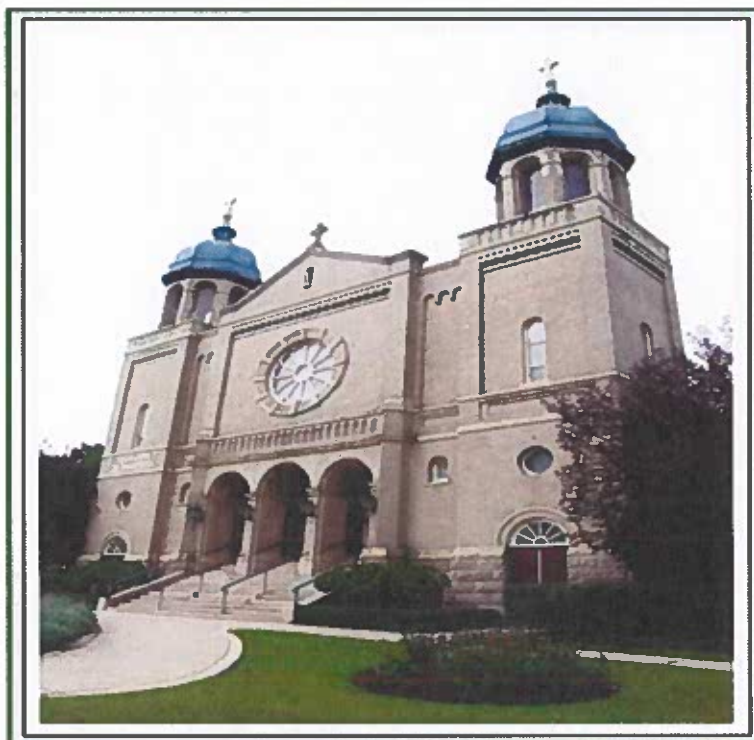
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 12, 2026



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MASSES

SATURDAY ANTICIPATORY MASS — 4:00 PM

SUNDAY — 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM

DAILY WEEKDAY — 12:05 PM

SATURDAY — 8:00 AM

(MASS TIMES IN GREEN ARE ALSO LIVE-STREAMED)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

HOLY HOUR AND CONFESSIONS

MONDAY EVENING 7:00 PM—8:00 PM



Saint Joseph Church is wheelchair accessible at the church side entrance. Parking is located at the side of church.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH CONTACTS

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Requests for Sacraments and Home Visits:

For a Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing
 homebound visit, please call the Parish Office:
 203-748-8177



Saturday, July 11:

8:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood
 for the Diocese of Bridgeport
 4:00 PM Russell M. Novella —Wife & Family

Sunday, July 12:

7:30 AM George Godfrey, Jr.—Godfrey Family
 9:30 AM Dee Barrett—Brosz Family
 11:00 AM Bethany Mass
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, July 13:

12:05 PM Christine Gremler—M/M Frank Sullivan

Tuesday, July 14:

12:05 PM Alice Greenfield—Doyle Family

Wednesday, July 15:

12:05 PM Catherine Valente—Family

Thursday, July 16:

12:05 PM Martin Nissly, Jr.—Donald & Irene Ragatz

Friday, July 17:

12:05 PM Thomas W. Gaffney—Peg Gaffney

Saturday, July 18:

8:00 AM Intentions of Parishioners
 4:00 PM Mary C. Smith—M/M Frank Sullivan

Sunday, July 19:

7:30 AM Nancy Piskura.—Ron & Katrina Freier
 9:30 AM Deceased of KofC Council #29
 —Knights of Columbus Council #29
 11:00 AM Int. of Natalia & Nathaniel Leiby
 —Mom & Dad Szurawski
 5:00 PM Intentions of Parishioners



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
 this week in memory of

Catherine Valente

Requested by: Family

Pastor's Corner for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

There is a tendency amongst those of us who have to deal with the pesky effects of original sin to tend towards the negative: negative news stories, negative memories, negative events happening in our day to day lives. It is very easy to stay in the negative. While we should never stray away from the realities of our lives that certainly are negative, sometimes the joyful moments and happy occasions are overshadowed by those lesser stories. I am heartened to see story after story in the news of visitors from outside of our country coming for the world cup and marveling in the splendor of our country.

People from all over the globe are traveling to the United States to watch their home countries face off in the largest soccer tournament in the world. They are traveling around the country to follow their teams as they play all over the continental United States and by and large, they are having the time of their lives! The Scottish are descending upon Boston, the Japanese are delving into the glory of Texas BBQ, the English are encountering the sweet-hearted people of the south, and so on. The stories across the news and the internet are by and large, incredibly positive and it is shocking to see how many people visiting are making remarks similar to, "I had no idea that Americans were like this" or "who knew how amazing the United States actually is!".

I think that all of this is worth mentioning even if it is taken on face value: we need good and wholesome stories in our lives and especially into today's geo-political culture, how important it is for the world to see the United States as it actually is versus how we are portrayed in the media or via our global effect. I do think that all of the positive reports about the people and the culture that is at the heart of this nation speaks to a deeper and much more profound point: we are made for personal encounters with one another rather than through any other medium. There is no internet webpage, news reel, or online video that can properly encapsulate the hearts and minds of a culture, so for us to truly encounter a people, we must encounter their homes, their lives, their food, their music, the person.

In the Gospel today, Jesus is crowded by so large a group of people that He needed to get into a boat to prevent Him from being mobbed. These were people who were not satisfied with hearing about the person of Jesus Christ and wanted to meet Him for themselves. They could not be satisfied with stories but wished to gaze upon the face of the one whom the stories were about. We know this to be true of God, which is why He became Incarnate in the first place but sometimes it is easy to forget about the importance of incarnate humanity as well. How good it is when brothers live in unity and it seems as though a simple soccer tournament has brought about a serious occasion for unity at a time when it may feel as though we are far from a unified world. It is precisely because we are encountering each other face to face that we can do nothing less than see the goodness of God radiating from the one who stands in front of us.

In Christ & Mary,
Father Silva

PARISH EVENTS

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, July 12
in the Church Hall
after the 7:30 AM Mass

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR & CONFESSION

Monday, July 13 7:00-8:00 PM

SAFE ENVIRONMENT / VIRTUS TRAINING

July 15, 2026 9:00AM

Carmen Lucia Buck Faith Formation Building.

Please contact Brian Walsh at
coachbrianw@gmail.com or

Safe Environment Coordinator

Maria Merino-Schweitzer

maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOME ESSENTIALS GOODS COLLECTION

Weekend of August 22-23

After all Masses

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BETHANY MASS

This Sunday, at the 11:00 AM Bethany Mass, we remember our deceased parishioners, especially those with services in June:

David Gereg

Thomas B. Sheridan III

Please pray for all deceased parishioners, their families and friends.

FAITH FORMATION

Calendar — The religious education calendar will be available soon. Classes are expected to begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7, 2026. The Enrollment Form for the 2026-27 religious education year has been sent by email and has been posted to our Parish website. **Register by Friday, July 31st for the early registration pricing.** Enrollment form and payment must be received on or prior to July 31st, either online or dropped off at our office (in-person or in the black mailbox outside of our offices). Enrollment forms alone cannot be accepted for the early registration pricing. If you pay online, please forward the confirmation receipt to CWeber@stjosephdanbury.org, so that we can note your account accordingly.

Join the catechetical team! For the new school year, we will need catechists, door/hall monitors, classroom aides, and substitutes! *As the first and foremost educators of your children, you are the ideal candidate for teaching your Catholic faith!* Plus, as a catechist, you will receive a tuition discount and ongoing training will be made available to you! All volunteers 18+ are required to complete Virtus training to be Safe Environment compliant. **We also are looking for teen mentors!** Teen volunteers must be in high school and already confirmed.

Please direct any questions to: maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

Safe Environment / Virtus Training — We are hosting a Virtus training class on July 15, 2026, at 9:00am in the Carmen Lucia Buck building. For questions, please contact Brian Walsh at coachbrianw@gmail.com or the Safe Environment Coordinator, Maria Merino-Schweitzer, maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

Faith Formation Office Hours — While the Faith Formation office has closed for the summer and will reopen after Labor Day, we are available by appointment. Please contact the Director of RE by email: Maria Merino-Schweitzer maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

Aunque la oficina de Educación Religiosa ha cerrado por el verano y reabrirá después del Día del Trabajo (Labor Day), estamos disponibles con cita previa. Por favor, comuníquese con la Directora por correo electrónico: Maria Merino-Schweitzer maria.schweitzer@stjosephdanbury.org.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), is the process by which adults become fully Catholic through the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or are a baptized Catholic adult who wishes to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation, we invite you to join our OCIA program.

Sessions will begin in the Fall, and we will meet weekly.

St. Joseph's OCIA program includes sessions of education, discussion, questions & answers, and fellowship.

For more information, please contact Anne Leclercq at 203-748-8177, or anne.leclercq@stjosephdanbury.org

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- ◇ This weekend's second collection is for the **St. Joseph School Capital Projects Fund.**
- ◇ Next weekend's second collection is for **Co-Operative Mission Sunday.**



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The requirements to be a Sponsor are:

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3. If married, the Sponsor/Godparent must have been married according to the laws of the Church.
4. Is neither the father nor the mother of the person.

For the Pastor to issue a Sponsor Certificate:

1. You need to be a currently registered member of our parish.
2. You worship here regularly.
3. You are requesting the Sponsor Certificate for **yourself**. Please do **not** ask a parent, spouse or other person to do this for you.
4. Sponsor Certificates will be issued during our Parish office hours, Monday-Thursday 9-4 and Fridays 9-12.
5. Please allow 1 week to process.



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Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$98,000
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