



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 9 , 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

August 8	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Don & Dorothy Nugent req. by Stephanie Beckley Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 12	5:30pm	Communion Service
August 15	5:45pm	ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. (Not a day of obligation this year) +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 19	5:30pm	Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by The Family
August 22	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
August 8	Mark May	L. Cakora
August 15	Chris Younker	P. Engler
August 22	Sue Nugent	C. Smith

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 9, 2026**

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
8/2/2026**

Sunday - \$1,760.00

Maintenance - \$525.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15

Thank you for your faith filled support.

Please Remember our sick: especially:

Ralph Kuntz, Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori, Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson,, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**

**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

*Taking a
Vacation?*

Don't take a vacation from Church!

While traveling, parishioners may log onto www.masstimes.org

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**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
AUGUST**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



He walked out the door not knowing where he'd sleep

Kortlan never thought he'd be homeless. He was working, he had an apartment – and then he lost both. He walked out the door that day not knowing where he'd sleep that night. He'd never been to a shelter before. Five months later, he's still moved by how it turned out.

"I'm a living witness – if you work hard on your end, you'll have a happy ending." – Kortlan



**Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community**

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$10,585.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$10,240.00

DONORS - 24

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

—Rev. James Field

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL HAVE
A COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
COME AND PRAY
FOR OUR PARISH**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Two Steps Forward . . .

Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid.

Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction?

It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

Tom Schmidt



"Let it be Done for You as You Wish"

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus was not deaf to the pleas of the Canaanite woman, but he did not respond to her right away. When he did respond, he appeared to be insulting her. Why? Theologians have offered various perspectives on this interaction, but Jesus' response certainly wasn't due to prejudice! Jesus may have been using this lesson to help his apostles see what was on the horizon. A bridging of the gap between the old attitudes and the new realities; between the Old Covenant understanding that foreigners were excluded from salvation and the fact that Jesus would soon offer the gift of salvation to the whole world. But the one message that comes through loud and clear in today's Gospel is the faith of the Canaanite woman. Jesus tests her faith, and she comes through with flying colors!

Something I find interesting about this story and others like it, is how our Lord allows others to "persuade" him to act. In a shocking, deeply mysterious cooperation with us, and never outside of His providential will, He gives mere human beings the ability to change outcomes. At the wedding at Cana, He is seemingly reluctant to do his first miracle, but his mother's intervention prompts him to act. In another scenario, He is walking toward Jairus' home in the midst of a large crowd and the woman with the hemorrhage covertly touches his garment. Without Jesus' clear permission, she receives healing. Then there is the woman in today's Gospel who doesn't allow Jesus' comment to crush her but continues to plead her cause and thereby receives the blessing of her daughter's deliverance.

These faithful women do not perceive themselves as entitled. Quite the opposite! They are extremely humble. This humility, this knowing-who-they-are, helps them to recognize who Jesus is and what he is capable of. These women do not demand what they want, but they have great confidence in Jesus, and they persist. Their faith is astounding.

Many of us have an inability to perceive how great our need is (I'm okay, you're okay), and mistakenly think we must solve our problems independently. We don't like to think of ourselves as helpless, weak, and unable to produce results without someone else's assistance. "Believe in yourself," is a much more popular motto than "Believe in Jesus."

This is all nonsense. I am not okay. You are not okay. We are sinners and we need a savior. We need help every moment of every day to live the life God is calling us to. God provided a remedy for our sin problem, and Jesus alone is the Savior we so desperately need. Mother Mary, the woman with hemorrhage, and the Canaanite woman from today's Gospel knew that Jesus was the answer to every problem. Jesus' response to all three of them can be summed up in his response to the Canaanite woman: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

By Christine Hanus