



Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week’s Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, “Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice. Jesus will not play that game. In fact, He seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too. — Fr. John Muir

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 9 & 10, 2025**  
**Sat. Aug 9 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas**  
Reader: Pat Kalous Music: Sally Rehberger  
Euch. Min.: Brenda & Marce Tebbe

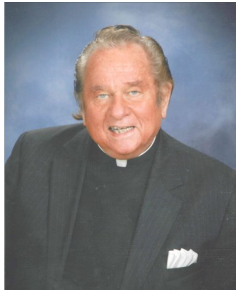
**Sun. Aug 10 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude**  
Reader: Jacob Lewis Music: Nick Worman  
Sacristan: Rich May  
Euch. Min.: Gail Ohren & Brenda Knackstedt  
Ushers: Karen & Nathaniel Straube  
Servers: Oliver Lewis & Nevin Straube

**Sun. Aug 10 @10:00AM @ IC**  
Reader: Lowell Wellen  
Music: Joy & Angela Winkeler  
Server: Kendyl & Dylen Potthast  
Euch. Min.: Kristin Potthast, John Dea & Mary Korte

Please pray for the priests from our parish who have passed away, including Monsignor Henry Knoedler, Father William Hembrow and Father William Wand. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Father William Wand  
Pastor of our parish from 1962 to 1972

Father William Hembrow  
April 26, 1932 – September 6, 1916  
Pastor of our parish from 1972 to 1976



Monsignor Henry J. Knoedler  
March 9, 1913 – October 1, 1994  
Pastor of our parish from 1977 to 1984

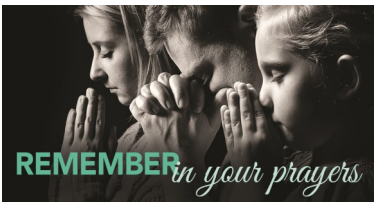


Mon. (Aug 4)  
Tues. (Aug 5) 8:00am (St.G)  
Tues. (Aug 5) 9:30am (H.H.)  
Wed. (Aug 6) 8:00am (IC)  
Thur. (Aug 7) 8:00am (St.N)  
Fri. (Aug 8) 8:00am (IC)  
Sat. (Aug 9) 4:30pm (St.N)  
Sun. (Aug10) 8:00am (St.G)

Sun. (Aug10) 10:00am (IC)  
*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

† **Mass Intentions** †

**No Mass**  
† **All Souls**  
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† **Father Charles Igechi** — Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey  
† **Janet Burkhart** — Int. of Denny & Joan Gobble  
† **Roman Korte** — Int. of Linda & Dwayne Eubinger  
† **Clara Liening** — Int. of Herb & Linda Tebbe  
† **Kenneth Korsmeyer** —Int. of Shirley & Sharon Daiber  
**For the People of St. Gertrude, St. Nicholas & Immaculate Conception**  
† **Millie Frey** — Int. of Donald & Cookie Rutz  
† **Mike & Jay Schreiber**— Int. of Bill & Denise Trickey



Members of our parish families who are recovering in the hospital & at home, for their strength and patience each day, and for all those who ask for our prayers for health or other issues. Brayden Baer, Pat Beard, Ana Cantrell, Sharon Cantrell, Steve Crawford, Don Dapkus, Adrian Clark, Dave Deiters, Teresa Dickman, Jean Fields, Scott Frank, Gabriel Frey, Jerry Fyke, Ed Gagen, Karen Grabowski, P.J. Hereford, Gene Jolliff, Pat Kalous, Val King, Barrett Korte, Randy Korte, Ruth Korte, David Kuehn, Sue Luber, Christopher Marti, Taylor Marti, Barry May, Alex McCall, Eleanor Munie, Cody Neal, Suzanne Steinbring, Marcia Rowe, Gunner Sadler, Abby Schrage, Bill & Ruth Schroeder, Bertha Voss, Marie Weis, Ginny Werner, Bob Winet.

**FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES:**  
Lawrence Frank, Delmar Knebel, Ann Plocher, Barbara Weiss, Helen Wuebbles, Margie Zurliene and special people in our families.

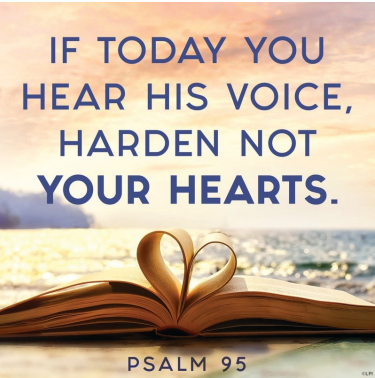
**FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:**  
Adam Canfield, Tim Doll, Chad Knebel, Michael Knebel, Dustin Korte, Solon McGill, Lt. Abigail Mesaros, Jerriett Mettler, Jimmy O’Boyle, Sgt. Joseph Patterson, Rickie Schuster, Joseph Schatte, Greg Spina, T.J. Waddington, Sgt. Tyler Wegman, Sgt. Zach Weiss.

**If you would like to have someone added or removed from the prayer list please call the parish office.**



When a man finds a treasure, what does he do? The Gospel tells us specifically that he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. We have found Christ and He has given us the Eucharist, (the real real) as the greatest treasure of inestimable value. We must prioritize heaven and be prepared to give up everything for the sake of Christ. Take the whole world and give me Jesus.

**New parish office Email:**  
[icpierron@parish.dio.org](mailto:icpierron@parish.dio.org)



**Readings for the week of August 3, 2025**

**Sunday:**  
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**Monday:**  
Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:**  
Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday:**  
Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:**  
Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

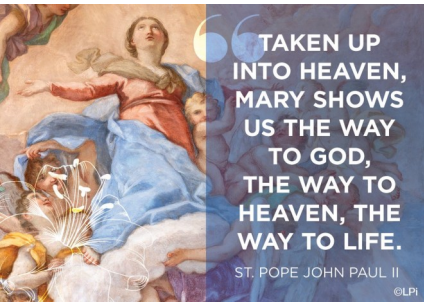
**Saturday:**  
Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

**Next Sunday:**  
Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



God created you on a special day. Please let us know when your birthday is, it’s special and so are you. Starting in August, we shall include in the bulletin and pray in a special way for all those born in the month of August. We ask that you reach out to the parish office and let us know the month and day of your birthday. May God bless you abundantly especially on your birthday!

**Happy Birthday Brenda Tebbe on August 3<sup>rd</sup>!**



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**August 15th Masses**  
**8AM at St. Gertrude**  
**4:30PM at St. Nicholas**  
**7PM at Immaculate Conception**  
**This is a holy day of obligation**

STN Collection	7/26/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,440.00
Assumption of Mary	\$10.00
Sister Parish	\$100.00
Capital Improvement	\$190.00

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15**

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?



**Pray for Holy Marriages**  
**Angela Winkeler and Luis Gamboa**

Please join us in prayer for the upcoming marriage of Angela and Luis.

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of Your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for Your grace, grant that, strengthened by Your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. Amen.

STG Collection	7/27/25
Envelopes/Loose	\$2,827.00
Sister Parish	\$20.00
Maintenance Fund	\$50.00

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025	
<b>Sunday:</b>	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Monday:</b>	St. John Vianney, Priest
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Dominic, Priest
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August Pantry Needs: Canned Mixed Fruit & Canned Pears**

HACSM can always use monetary donations to allow them to purchase additional items as needed. All food donations will still be accepted no matter the above assignment each month. We appreciate your support! Thank You!



**Grantfork PSR**  
**Registration for 25-26 is now open. Please scan the code to complete the google registration form by August 3rd. If you have any questions, contact Karen Straube at 618-806-5472.**

Classes will begin September 3rd.

**Have you been married 50+ years? Time to celebrate!**

On September 21 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, all couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass honoring their marriage vocation! The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) and clicking on the Sept 21st Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted last year. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you did not do so last year. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center, Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on August 15-17, 2025. Take a chance and get involved.. you won't regret it! Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303

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Envelopes/Loose	\$1,199.00
Sister Parish	\$115.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Candles	\$68.00

*August 2 & 3, 2025*



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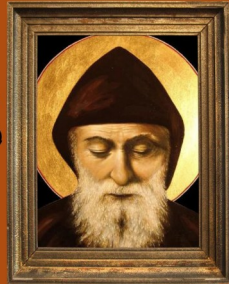
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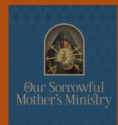
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## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2 & 3, 2025



Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# RICH IN WHAT MATTERS TO GOD.

— LUKE 12:21 —



SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

+BISHOP  
THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI  
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Mass Times  
**Immaculate Conception**  
Wed. & Fri. —8:00am  
Sunday —10:00am

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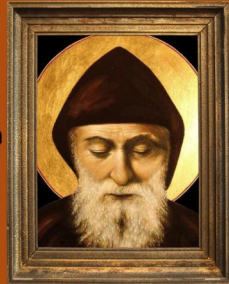
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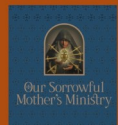
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