

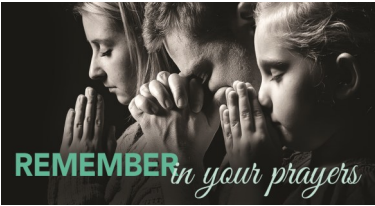


Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David.” At first, He is silent. Then He rebuffs her. “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith. She presses on. “Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Jesus’ silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance. This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, “O woman, great is your faith,” it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that? — Fr. John Muir

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUG. 22 & 23 2026
Sat. Aug. 22 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
Reader: Pat Kalous
Music: Sally Rehberger, Barb Zaloga, & Colleen Lozier
Euch. Min.: Marce & Brenda Tebbe
Server: Pat Kalous

Sun. Aug. 23 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
Reader: Brenda Knackstedt
Music: Nick Worman & Randy Eckstein
Sacristan: Brenda Knackstedt
Euch.Min.: Terry & Sue Dickman & Debby Schwarz
Ushers: Bryan Rutz & Kevin Schwarz
Servers: Elizabeth Schwarz & Teagan Barr

Sun. Aug. 23 @10:00AM @ IC
Reader: Lowell Wellen
Music: Nick Worman & Madi Crawford
Servers: Landry Korte & Avery Gilomen
Euch. Min.: Cindy Knebel, Amy Gilomen & Evelyn Knebel



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. John Alberternst, Pat Beard, Ana Cantrell, Steve Crawford, Don Dapkus, Teresa Dickman, Garland Edwards, Jean Fields, Gabriel Frey, Jerry Fyke, Ed Gagen, Karen Grabowski, John Grubb, Eugene Henson, P.J. Hereford, James Hodge, Gene Joliff, Pat Kalous, Val King, Barrett Korte, Denny Korte, Gerry Korte, Randy Korte, Steve Korte, David Kuehn, Sue Lubber, Christopher Marti, Taylor Marti, Barry May, Alex McCall, Eleanor Munie, Cody Neal, Marcia Rowe, Gunner Sadler, Abby Schrage, Bill Schroeder, Suzanne Steinbring, Brenda Usher, Marie Weis, Rich Weis, Ginny Werner, Dean Wernle, Melanie Wernle, Paige Wernle.

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES:
Delmar Knebel, Harold Schwarz, Barbara Weiss, Margie Zurliene and special people in our families.

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
Adam Canfield, Tim Doll, Ensign Eli Jones, Michael Knebel, Dustin Korte, Solon McGill, Lt. Abigail Mesaros, Jerritt 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

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” – Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God’s salvation plan.



Fr. Cal officiated at Joy & Samuel’s wedding on August 1st at St. Boniface, Edwardsville.

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN. THAT’S PAPAYA!

PAPAYA YOUTH GROUP

2026/2027 REGISTRATION!

BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.
GROW IN FAITH & MAKE AN IMPACT!

COMMUNITY SERVICE.
SERVE OTHERS & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

MISSION TRIPS.
GO. SERVE. CHANGE LIVES.

FUN OUTINGS.
MAKE MEMORIES LAST A LIFETIME!

DON'T MISS OUT!
BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER!

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO KAY WILLIAMSON
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UNBOUND

Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Mike Sinkler who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

“The purpose of the Feast of the Queenship of Mary (Aug. 22) is that all may recognize more clearly & venerate more devoutly the merciful & motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb.” Ven. Pope Pius XII (Who established the Feast).

STN Collection	8/8/26
Envelopes/Loose	\$881.00
Capital Improvements	\$60.00

STG Collection	8/9/26
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,186.00
Assumption of Mary	\$20.00
Sister Parish	\$60.00
Maintenance Fund	\$70.00
Cemetery	\$35.00
Candles	\$24.00

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be Part of History

Volunteer for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Beatification Mass & Expo Thursday Sept. 24
The Dome at America's Center, St. Louis, MO

Sheen Awards Gala Friday Sept. 25
Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, IL

Whether you can serve for a few hours or several days, your generosity will help make this historic celebration a joyful and prayerful experience.

Interested in learning more?
Scan the QR Code

celebratesheen.com/volunteer

This weekend, Aug. 15 & 16 we Welcome Fr. Emmanuel Enwerem from the MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE NEEDY (MSN)
Who We Are: The Missionary Servants of the Needy is a male religious association founded in the Catholic Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, South Sudan, dedicated exclusively to serving the poor and addressing their needs. Our mission is rooted in a profound concern for the poor and vulnerable, especially those who receive little or no attention in their communities. We seek to help them rediscover their inherent dignity and grow in awareness of their value to human society, to their families, to themselves, and to God. We aim to provide counseling, understand their needs, offer education, and discern the most effective ways to help them become better persons for the sake of God’s Kingdom. The visible and practical expression of God’s mercy and love through works of charity and the corporal works of mercy lies at the heart of our mission. Our deepest desire is to be God’s voice and “another Christ” to the poor and needy. To learn more about us, please visit www.msnmission.org.

Our Apostolic Activities: **Education:** Providing education to children and youth who have an interest in going to school but have no one to support them. We also offer adult education to interested adults who did not have the opportunity to receive formal education when they were younger due to poverty and lack of money.

Healthcare Provision: Providing health care services to the people of God is also an integral aspect of our apostolate.

Youth Apostolate: We are also into active youth apostolate aimed at providing moral and religious education to youths.

Orphanage Ministry: Ministering to orphans and vulnerable children occupies a very important place in our charism. We have orphanage centers where we provide shelter, food, clothing, and sound education to homeless, orphans and indigent children.

Caring for Retired Priests/Religious & Elderly People: We also extend our apostolate to priests and religious who are retired or inactive due to their health conditions or other reasons, and elderly people whose family members are not able to care for them.

Home Visitations: Through our house-to-house visitation apostolate, we are exposed to the needs of the community that we serve. By having healthy interactions with the people, we stand a better chance of getting to know them and the needs they have.

Parish Work: We are also open to running as many parishes as assigned to us by the local ordinary. At our parishes, we strive to be priests and servants to the people of God. In other words, the spiritual and the pastoral needs of the parishioners are our topmost priority.

† Mass Intentions †

Mon. (Aug.17)	8:00am	No Mass
Tues. (Aug.18)	8:00am (St.G)	No Mass
Wed. (Aug.19)	8:00am (IC)	Communion Service
Thur. (Aug.20)	8:00am (St.N)	No Mass
Fri. (Aug.21)	8:00am (IC)	No Mass
Sat. (Aug.22)	4:30pm (St.N)	† Tony & Virginia Vosholler —Int. of Ralph & Paul Goestenkors
Sun. (Aug.23)	8:00am (St.G)	† Perry Knackstedt — Int. of Brenda Knackstedt & Family
		† Cara Stearns — Int. of Brenda Knackstedt & Family
		For the People of St. Gertrude, St. Nicholas & Immaculate Conception
		† Gayle England —Int. of Lowell & Denise Wellen
		† Kevin Korte —Int. of Gerry Korte
Sun. (Aug.23)	10:00am (IC)	

★ GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER & JOIN THE FUN! ★

YOUTH KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

PIC PARK
208 Edward's St
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★ AGES 12-17 • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN ★

TEAM INFO
COED – EVEN BOY & GIRLS
8 PLAYERS PER TEAM
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IC Collection	8/9/26
Envelopes/Loose	\$2,575.25
Sister Parish	\$40.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Candles	\$57.00



Community book sale in Staunton – Find grade school textbooks, curriculum materials, children’s books, classic literature, young adult books, & other educational resources at the Community Book Sale. A free-will offering is accepted. The sale will be held at St. Michael’s Gym, 500 E. North St., Staunton, on Saturdays, Aug. 15 & 22, 2:30–5:30 pm.; Sundays, Aug. 16 & 23, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.; & weekdays from 9a.m.–2p.m. Whether you’re a teacher, homeschool family, student, parent, or simply a book lover, you’ll find something for all ages. For more info. call 618-635-3140.



In imitation of you, O my Jesus, in honor of and in union with the same love which led you thus to accomplish all things for yourself and for all your brothers, members, and children, and for all creatures, I henceforth desire in all my functions and activities to render to you all the honor and glory I can, for myself and for all Christians, who are my brothers, and members of the same Head and Body.

Saint John Eudes
(from the meditation for August 19)

**August HACSM
Pantry Needs:**
Toilet Paper &
Brownie Mix

**Pocahontas Food
Pantry Needs:**
Canned veggies,
spaghetti & sauce,
canned meat, ravioli,
cake mix & icing,
cereal. All donations
are appreciated!



There is a table set up in the hallway at IC Church. Please bring fruit & veggies from your gardens that you would like to share with the church community.

Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

97th Annual Convention

Thursday, September 3, 2026
Theme: *Handmaids of the Lord: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*
Featuring **Teresa Tomeo**



Teresa Tomeo is a nationally known Catholic author, EWTN media personality and speaker

Day's Events
Hosted by the Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women
8:00 AM: Rosary, followed by Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 2223 St. Anthony Rd., Quincy, IL 62305
Main Celebrant: Reverend Monsignor David J. Hoefler
After Mass, travel to The Ambiance Banquet Hall, 5225 Kochs Lane, Quincy, IL 62305.
Doors will open at 9:30 AM: Registration and Program, including Morning Snack and Lunch. (Gluten-Free lunch and morning snack items will be available)
Program includes two Teresa Tomeo Presentations:
Morning Talk (11:00 AM): *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace: Discovering Your True Dignity by Following in the Footsteps of Saint Francis and Saint Clare*
Afternoon Talk (1:30 PM): *Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Catholic as a Handmaid of the Lord*
She will also be available for "Meet and Greets," Q&A Time, and Book Signing.
Time is allowed to visit Silent Auction tables and shopping at vendors in the morning and after lunch. Dismissal around 3:30pm.
Use the Registration Form with this email or pick one up at your parish.
Questions? Contact Susan Asher, QDCCW President at 217-653-5074 or email asherte@yahoo.com or Gina Wolf, QDCCW Treasurer at 217-257-9966 or email g.wolf@cospq.org, or, Kristi in Holy Family Parish Office.

Save the Date -



KIRCHENFEST
"Where the Fun is In-Tents!"
AUGUST 21 - 23
<https://stnaukirchenfest.com/>



**AUGUST 22
The Queenship of Mary**
This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.



Pray For Our Seminarians
Deacon Padrick Mulligan
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary



PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for our future priests

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 15 & 16, 2026



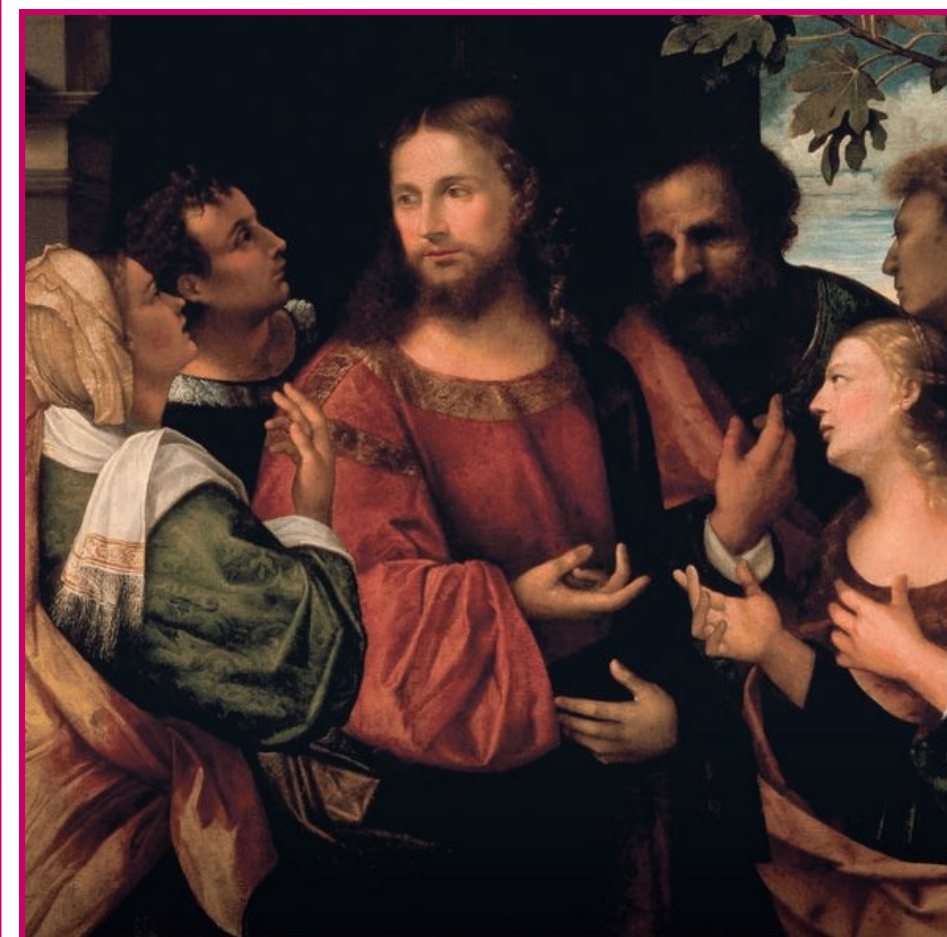
Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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Mass Times
Immaculate Conception
Wed. & Fri. —8:00am
Sunday —10:00am

Saint Nicholas
Thursday — 8:00am
Saturday — 4:30pm

Saint Gertrude
Tuesday — 8:00am
Sunday — 8:00am