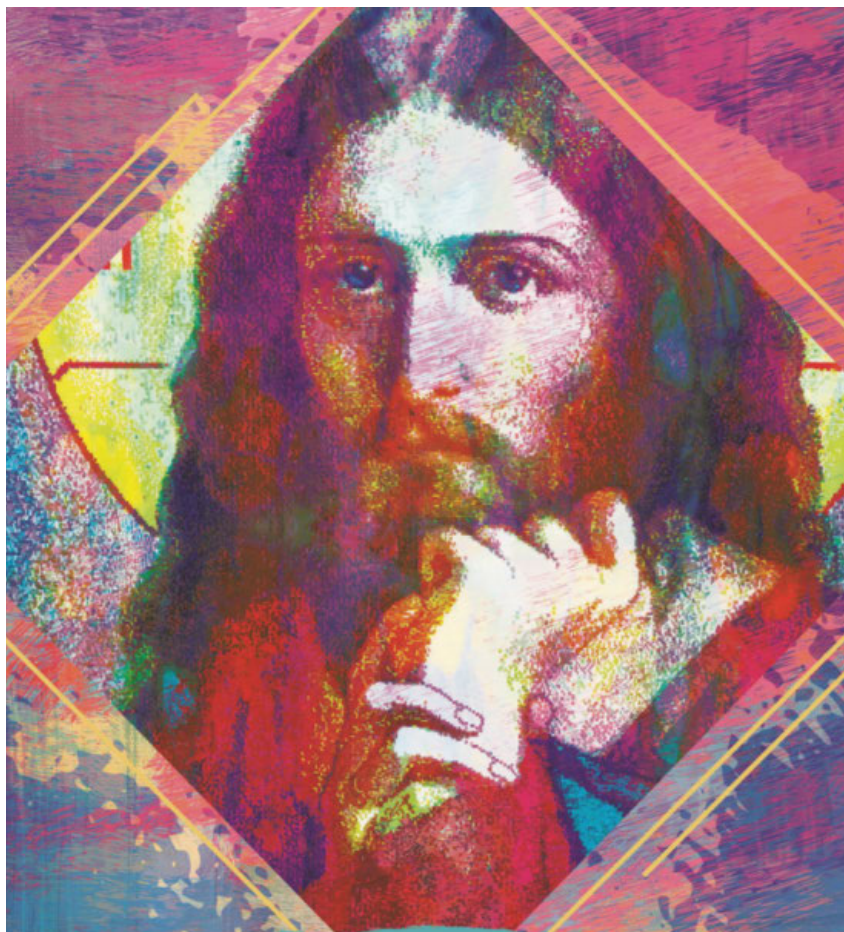




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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:21

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August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

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.

— *Father John Muir*

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Greeter	Gift Bearer	Usher
August 9th Saturday, 4:00 PM	Janis LeChein	Patti Tepen Ivan Tepen	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Kathleen Dinan Terry Starwalt	Mike Louth Anne Louth
August 10th Sunday, 8:30 AM	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	George Mehochko	Kathy Pajares	Lynne Fulte Alvina Tippy	Daniel Broeckling Paul Schwartzhoff
August 10th Sunday, 10:30 AM	Maureen Reed	Dawn York	Pat King	Lois Parent VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Jerry Ahrens Carol Tyler
August 15th Friday, 6:30 PM Assumption of Mary	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Betty Cerulli Jeannette Yelinek	Mary Jo Hanvey Virginia Miller	Lois Parent Alvina Tippy	Kacie Denton Paul Schwartzhoff

Respect Life Corner

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86).

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VOCATION CORNER

“My family taught me the value of sacrifice. As I grew up, watching Mom give of herself to raise us boys and Dad lay down his life to provide for our needs, I observed that true love is sacrificial love. When I left home at 18 to work, I chose to continue to practice my Catholic faith. In addition to attending Sunday Mass, I decided to read sacred Scripture and pray the rosary regularly. Eventually, this led to the discipline of going to daily Mass. That was when I started to fall in love with Jesus in the Eucharist. Over the next several years, my heart began to revolve around Our Lord. Though I desired to be married and raise a family, I wanted more than anything to fulfill the Father’s will. The stage was thus set for the call to the priesthood I received at the age of 28. Though the sacrifice of leaving human ambitions behind was tough, I responded out of love.”

Fr. Bryce Lungren; Diocese of Cheyenne;
Columbia Magazine March 2025

Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds, I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given. Help me to use them, then, as You would have me. Help me to live according to Your invitations. Amen. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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?
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Readings Week of the

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

Observances for the week of August 3, 2025

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

SUN 8/3	8:30 AM	Harold James Galvin
	10:30 AM	For the People
MON 8/4	8:00 AM	Judith Marchand
TUE 8/5	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
WED 8/6	8:00 AM	Wayne Adams
THUR 8/7	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
FRI 8/8	8:00 AM	SVDP Members, Donors, & Volunteers
SAT 8/9	8:00 AM	Catholic Extension Intentions
	4:00 PM	For the People
SUN 8/10	8:30 AM	Adrienne Garcia
	10:30 AM	John Rensing

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

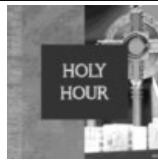
And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.
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You can find flyers with MORE information about bingo's, picnics, quilting, dinners, and other activities happening throughout our diocese on the bulletin board in the church's vestibule.



Holy Hour, Explained!

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at [usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion).

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Holy Days of Obligation

Friday, August 15, 2025

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Solemnity of All Saints

Since this Holy Day falls on a Saturday, the obligation is suspended.

Monday, December 8, 2025

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Patronal Feast of the United States of America

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illnesses. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

Anita	Debra	Jim
Ann	Dennis	Joan
Barb	Dina	Kayla
Bev	Don	Lee
Bill	Dorothy	Mary Ann
Carol	Dottie	Mike
Carolyn	Frances	Reed family
Cathy	Gina	Robin
Charlie	Heather	Rosemary
Chris	James	Scott
Colleen	Jane	Tom
David	Jim	

Please keep in your prayers all who are ill, specially those listed above, their families and their caregivers.

To add names to the Prayer List, please contact Carol Lesko by phone at 618-698-5838. If she unavailable to take your call please leave a message.

Names will be published for 4 weeks unless we are notified to retain them longer.



****All parish support listed is from the week's collections, mailed in, and online donations.****

July 27, 2025

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August 3, 2025

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass

Monday - SVDP Mtg 9:00 am

Tuesday - CLC Mtg 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Eucharistic Exposition
2:30-4:30 pm

Thursday -

Friday -

Saturday - 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday - 8:30 am Mass
Live Stream Mass 8:30 am
- 10:30 am Mass



The Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either email to the church secretary sthenryc@peaknet.net or drop a slip of paper in the collection basket with the number of rosaries they prayed this week. (started February 12, 2023)

Weekly	Year to Date	Grand Total
122	4,208	14,246



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St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council Office
8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am-2:30 pm

Or

SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen
3 718 State Street, East St. Louis
Monday-Friday -- 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday -- 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted as well. For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. If you are unable to donate, we humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients. Thank you and God bless you for enabling St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

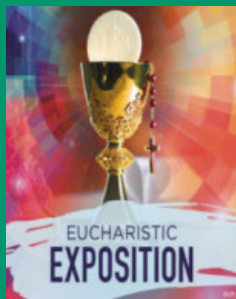
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Any Questions?
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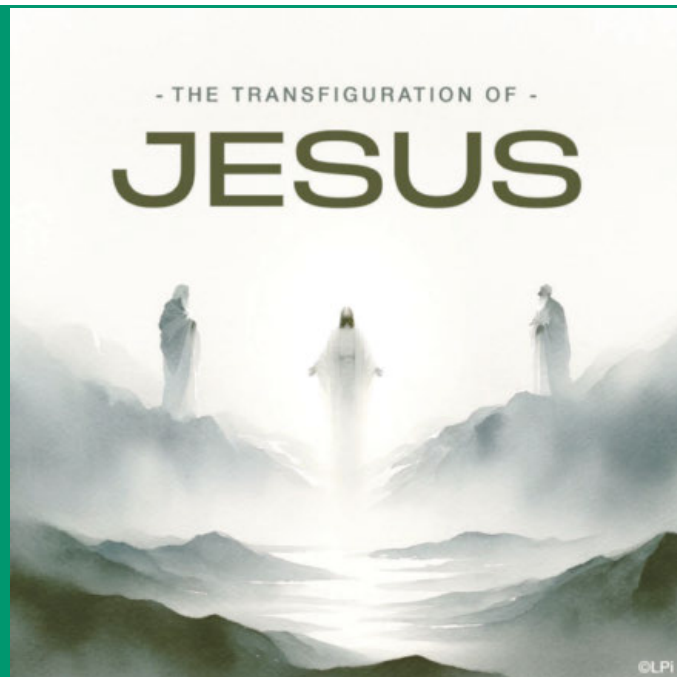
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Maurice Gammon Jr 08/05	James Lovatto 08/08
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Watching Mass on TV

Question:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

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