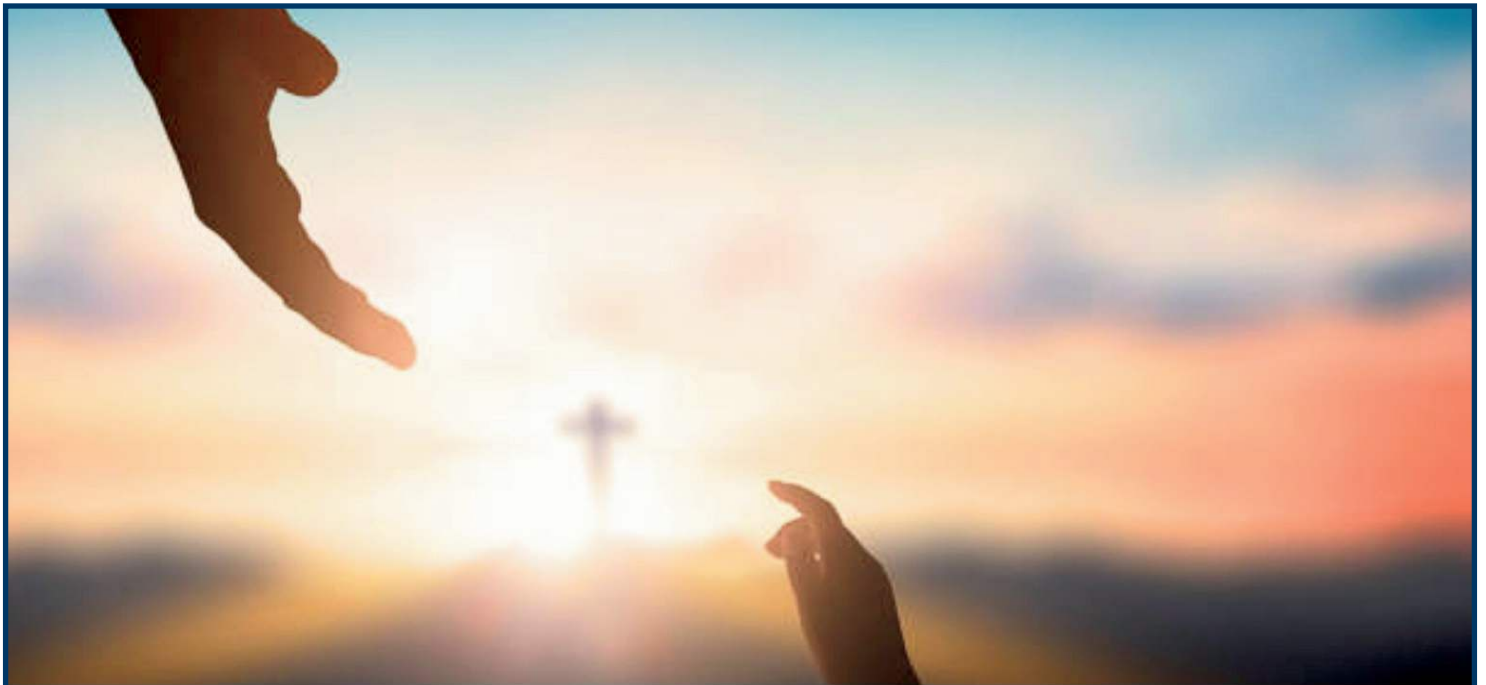




July 19, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Pastor

FrSahd@ssbvm.org

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am
Tuesday: 8:00am
Wednesday: 8:00am
Thursday: 6:00pm
Friday: 8:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: 5:00pm-5:45pm
Saturday: 7:15-7:50am and 3:30-4:15pm

ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

Monday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am-10:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-Noon



**We are part of a
worldwide Church who
loves God and neighbor.**

Fr. Xavier will speak to us
this weekend about how we
can support those who
minister to our persecuted
brothers and sisters.

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RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Xavier Kachappilly, a priest who is from the Trinitarian order, who is here to speak to us about his order's work in difficult areas of the world for Christians.

We are so comfortable in our faith in this country that we can't imagine the real hostility against Christians and Catholics that happens very regularly in other places.

In some parts of India, where Fr. Xavier is from, Catholics represent 3 or 4% of the population, and are regularly attacked for their Faith. In these areas, Catholic priests put their lives at risk by offering the Sacraments, other spiritual strength, and give hope to those who desire to live their Christian Faith despite their fear.

Your support of the Trinitarians will help them educate seminarians to do this work as priests, and to care for Catholics and Christians who are in danger, because they are a huge minority in these parts of India.

As Catholics, we often take for granted the religious freedoms we have in this country. We feel these freedoms of religion slipping away on the edges. Our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are no different than us except for the fact they live in much more hostile territory, deserve the same freedom to worship. They don't deserve to have their lives threatened because they see Jesus Christ as their Savior, and live their Catholic Faith.

Feel helpless about this task? You can help Fr. Xavier and the Trinitarians minister to these Catholics. Thank you for donating to this important cause. You may place your donation in an envelope, which is available on the back tables, in the collection in the next few weeks. God bless you!

Welcome, 13 Total New Catholics!

Last Saturday night, we welcomed seven new Roman Catholics into our parish! Please welcome, from left to right, Brittany, Hope, Robin, Alexa, Bryanna, Mathew and Kevin.

They were baptized previously, but wanted to join our Faith! We had a summer session for baptized Christians who wanted to join the Church, and these seven, along with six others who have or will join the Church soon, signed up!

If you feel called to become Catholic, we will be starting our OCIA sessions in September. Please don't be afraid – there are so many who are joining us! You are not alone!



Vacation Churches!

Here are just a few churches that were visited over the last two weeks in our parish! Please take a picture of a church you have visited on vacation, so that we can see the beautiful places you found Jesus while away this summer!



The Sheaffer family (and many others!) were “down the shore” at Cape May, where they worshipped our Lord at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

And some other parishioners visited the basilica at San Juan Capistrano in California. It is a beautiful church!

God bless you,
Fr. Sahd





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Teresa Speitel
10:30 am Our Parish Family
6:00 pm +Jean robinson

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026 St. Apollinaris

8:00 am +Micheal Veet Sr.

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026 St. Lawrence

8:00 am +Deceased Members of the Nauss
and Jennings Families

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026 St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 am +Joe Sullivan

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026 St. Bridget

5:15 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**
6:00 pm +Anna Dudas

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026 St. Sharbel MakhluF

8:00 am +Francis Barbato

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026 St. James

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**
8:00 am +Richard Baril
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**
4:30 pm +Vince Varankar

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Albert Schmeltzer
10:30 am +Gerry Guy
6:00 pm Our Parish Family



DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 19	Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Rom 8:26-27 / Matt 13:24-43
Mon. July 20	Mic 6:1-4, 6-8 / Matt 12:38-42
Tue. July 21	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 / Matt 12:46-50
Wed. July 22	Song 3:1-4b / John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thu. July 23	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Matt 13:10-17
Fri. July 24	Jer 3:14-17 / Matt 13:18-23
Sat. July 25	2 Cor 4:7-15 / Matt 20:20-28
Sun. July 26	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Matt 13:44-52



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Leroy Carlson
Owen O'Hara
Mary Ann McDonald
(sister of Michael Mason)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.



SUNDAY OFFERING

July 12, 2026

Sunday giving \$13,814.00
Online giving 4,301.25
Total \$18,115.25



Scan for Online Giving

2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793

Collected and Pledged: \$154,594 (87%)

THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY JULY 19

8:00 am Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**
(after all Masses)

8:00 am KOC Blood Drive **Gym**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**

MONDAY JULY 20

11:30 am Rosary and Prayer Group **Church**
6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JULY 21

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

THURSDAY JULY 23

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #2**
6:30 pm Senior Ministry Game Night **Cafeteria**

FRIDAY JULY 24

SATURDAY JULY 25

4:30 pm Smiles for Abby **Narthex**

SUNDAY JULY 26

8:00 am Smiles for Abby **Narthex (after all Masses)**
10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**
11:30 am Parish Rosary Making **School's Art Room**



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Dominic Renaldi Jordan II
(child of Dominic Jordan and Alexis Horetsky)

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar this weekend are
dedicated to

ALL of the families of the parish.
May they always know the family is where life begins and
love never ends.

Altar Flowers may be placed in the sanctuary for special
occasions or in memory of a loved one. For more details
call Deborah Breon at 717-986-1959.

Remember Our Military In Our Prayers

We would like to keep our parishioners and loved ones on active military in our thoughts and prayers. Please provide the following information & call the parish office.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
LT. Col	Sam Herbert	Army
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	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
CPT	Luke Mrakovich	Marines
SSG	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
AG1	Stephen Boyland	Navy
CPT	Andrew T. Lavelle	Army
1st Lt.	Mark E. Lavelle	Army
CPT	Phillip Bertovic	Army
Lt Col	Todd Campbell	Air Force
CPT	Edward C. Stene	USAR
1st Lt	Nicholas Campbell	Marines
ACI	Trey Kephart	USAF
MGST	Daniel Brought	Marines
A1C	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Mass & Game Night - July 23 in the school cafeteria after mass until 8:30pm.

M & H Railroad - Sunday, August 2. Meet at 12pm at Rail Station. Text/Call Augie Spadone at 717-877-4131 by July 27 to reserve a seat. Special Price \$15, payable at M & H Station.

"Faith, Friendship & Fun" Newsletter -(in the Narthex Flyer Rack) Includes Events/Activities through December.

OFF THE STREETS



Jak Frost

**Thursday
July 30**

4pm - 9pm

**15 % of all sales
will benefit OTS**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL



Blood Drive

Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Seven Sorrows School Gymnasium.

To schedule an appointment, please visit 717GiveBlood.org and click on

Donate Now

Appointments are recommended to help reduce wait times, but walk-ins are welcome. Thank you for helping save lives through the gift of blood donation.

NEED TO KNOW

Capital Campaign Investing in Our Future

The Our Faith, Our Future campaign is about more than just construction; it is about securing a vibrant space for future generations of our parish family. We are making steady progress toward our goal, and we invite those who have not yet pledged to join us in this meaningful effort. Richie Musser and Harry Holt from Kirby-Smith will be reaching out to see if you have any questions. Together, we can ensure our parish remains a home where faith continues to grow.

Please reach out to Campaign Manager

*Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or
rmusser@kirbysmith.com with any questions.
Thank you for your commitment to our parish!*



Parish Rosary Making

Join us to make Rosaries for the Missions in the school Art room Sun July 26 anytime from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

If you make two for the Missions, you can make one for yourself! Adults are welcome.

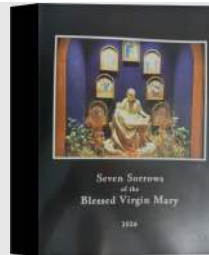


Photo Directories are in and will be available for pick up in the Narthex next week after all Masses for those parishioners that had their picture taken.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

IMAGINE JESUS SITTING

RIGHT BESIDE YOU,

saying, "Fear you not; for I am with you;
be not dismayed; for I am your God."

Isaiah 41:10



God's strength doesn't come in huge waves.

It comes in gentle, quiet whispers that carry you moment by moment.

RAISING DISCIPLES

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Looking for a fun summer camp for your preschooler or kindergartener? Is your child ready to explore, discover, get wet, make friends, and have fun? Then look no further than Seven Sorrows Summer Camp! We offer an 8 week, full day camp here at Seven Sorrows School! Registration can be completed online at <https://www.sevensorrowsschool.com/summer-camp>. Questions can be directed to Megan Zapcic at mzapcic@ssbvm.org. See you this summer!

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." (Matthew 13:31)

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart?

Talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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