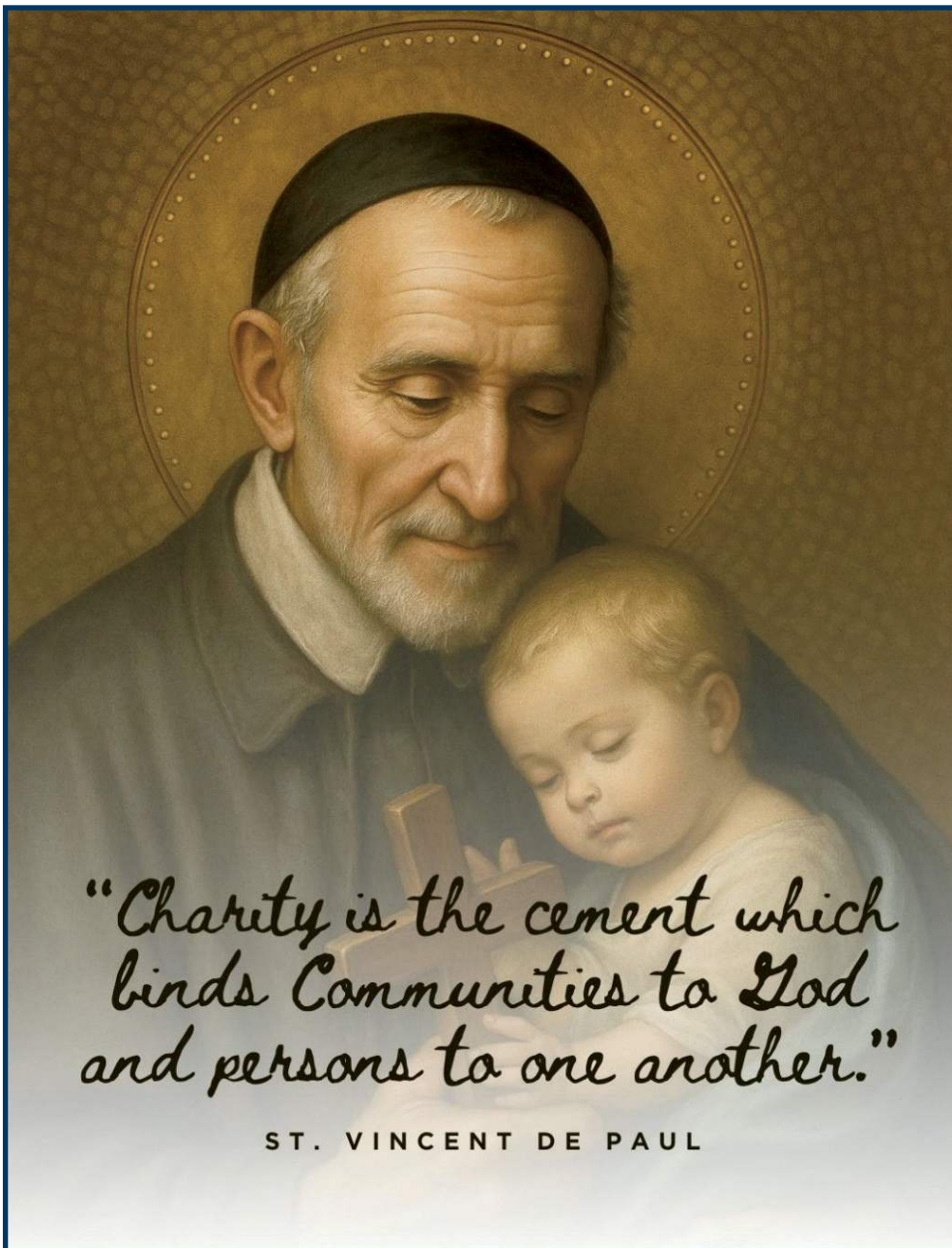




"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 9:00am-10:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-Noon

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of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

July 26, 2026

St. Vincent de Paul (1581–1660) was a French Roman Catholic priest known as the "Apostle of Charity". Born into a poor peasant family, he dedicated his life to serving the underprivileged, and establishing hospitals, orphanages, and charitable organizations globally.



Did you know?

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry at Seven Sorrows brings help directly to neighbors in need. If you want to support our work, you can make a secure contribution online, or place your offering in the poor box located under the portrait of Jesus in the Narthex.

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for welcoming Fr. Xavier last weekend to our parish. He and his Order's work bring the Faith to places that are unwelcoming to Christians, in India, the Middle East, and Africa.

We have such a hard time imagining the dangers that come with living as a Christian. We take for granted that we can walk into a church, at any time, and worship our Lord as we please. Our toughest choice is whether we'll attend Saturday or Sunday night, or Sunday morning!

For many in the world, there is no ability to worship freely. Fr. Xavier was telling me about the underground Church in Saudi Arabia. It is not permissible to worship Jesus in the Catholic Church publicly there. That is the case elsewhere in the world.

When I was growing up, I learned about the early Church, and all of the martyrs that came from that time. But there are many more martyrs around the world today than there were then.

The work of the Trinitarians, Fr. Xavier's Order, is helping bring Jesus and the Catholic Church to many who would not be able to know Him otherwise. Thank you so much for your prayerful and financial support for this great work!

Vacation Churches

The week before last, I was away on vacation with my brother. We visited several churches for Mass during that time, including St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Studio City, CA and the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles.



St. Charles Borromeo

Both were awesome places, but very different. St. Charles Borromeo was built in 1950, but very traditional and beautiful.

The Cathedral is more modern, and dedicated in 2002. Still, it is beautiful in its own right, including wonderful tapestries of the saints.



Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Other parishioners, while on vacation, visited St. Henry's in the Adirondack Mountains in Upstate NY. What a beautiful church!

God bless you, and I pray you have a wonderful week!
Fr. Sahd



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Albert Schneltzer

10:30 am +Gerry Guy

6:00 pm Our Parish Family

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

8:00 am +Paul Steere

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

8:00 am +Mario Lanni

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026 **Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

8:00 am +Jim Benson

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026 **St. Peter Chrysologus**

5:15 pm - 5:45 pm **CONFESSION**

6:00 pm +Joseph Burns

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026 **St. Ignatius**

8:00 am +Ray Mauger

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026 **St. Alphonsus Liguori**

7:15 am - 7:50 am **CONFESSION**

8:00 am +Thomas Fischer

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm **CONFESSION**

4:30 pm Our Family Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Barbara and James Hirsch

10:30 am +Winifred O'Connor

6:00 pm +Louis Russ Sr.



DAILY READINGS

Sun. July 26	1 Kings 3:5,7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Matt 13:44-52
Mon. July 27	Jer 13:1-11 / Matt 13:31-35
Tue. July 28	Jer 14:17-22 / Matt 13:36-43
Wed. July 29	Jer 15:10,16-21 / John 11:19-27
Thu. July 30	Jer 18:1-6 / Matt 13:47-53
Fri. July 31	Jer 26:1-9 / Matt 13:54-58
Sat. August 1	Jer 26:11-16,24 / Matt 14:1-12
Sun. August 2	Isa 55:1-3 / Rom 8:35,37-39 / Matt 14:13-21



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Cameron James Carney

(child of Kenneth and Megan Carney)

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.

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.



SUNDAY OFFERING

July 19, 2026



Scan for Online Giving

Sunday collection \$14,953.00
Online giving 5,449.48
Total \$20,402.48

Missionary Co-op \$4,442.00

2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (DAC)

Goal: \$177,793

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

Capital Campaign

Looking Toward the Horizon

As we approach the end of July, we remain humbled by the outpouring of support for our capital campaign. We are well on our way to realizing our vision, and we are grateful to every family who has stepped forward to contribute. If you have not yet had the chance to participate, there is still time to join our campaign efforts.

We look forward to sharing more updates with you soon. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your pledge, please contact Campaign Manager Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com. Thank you for being a vital part of Seven Sorrows!



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

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**

MONDAY JULY 27

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY JULY 28

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

THURSDAY JULY 30

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #3**

FRIDAY JULY 31

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

10:30 am Parish Playroom **Church Basement**

11:30 am Children's Rosary



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Ruth Fackler

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

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
GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
CPT	Luke Mrakovich	Marines
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AG1	Stephen Boyland	Navy
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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

M & H Railroad - Sunday, August 2. Meet at 12pm at the 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.

Check out our "Faith, Friendship & Fun" Newsletter -(in the Narthex Flyer Rack)

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Registration forms are in the flyer rack in the Narthex.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Annual Summer Trivia Night- Saturday, August 15, from 7pm-10pm in the School Gym. This year's theme is "Decades," featuring questions from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s. The cost is \$25 per team (up to 6 players) and includes snacks, soda, and water. Plenty of amazing raffle baskets will also be available to win. Contact Matt Sheaffer at 717-319-9065 or sheaf418@comcast.net. Please see the flyer on the KOC table or in the flyer rack in the Narthex.



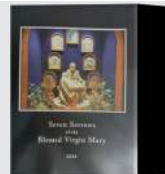
NEED TO KNOW



Children's Rosary

All children and parishioners are invited to pray in the church after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month (August 2) ANY CHILD can voluntarily lead a decade of the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join in prayer to support the children.

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



Cleaning Volunteers

We are looking for a couple more volunteers that would be able to help with cleaning the church once a month. Cleaning takes place on Thursday morning at 8:30 am for approximately an hour and half. You would be responsible for helping once a month. If interested please call Sue Dussinger 223-797-0032.

The Christian non-profit, Feed My Starving Children, invites you to learn about their mission to feed the bodies and spirits of God's hungry children around the world.

Learn more about July 28th & 29th engagement sessions at their Middletown warehouse at:

<https://give.fmssc.org/journeyofameal>



Aid and Support After Pregnancy.

Our commitment to life does not end with the birth of the child.

Morning Star is in need of: new boys and girls clothes (0-3 months & 2T), baby wash, and large diapers (sizes 5 and up) for the families it serves. Please place your donated items in the Knights' bassinet in the Narthex.



Consider spending a quiet, uninterrupted hour in the physical presence of Jesus Christ this summer.

Praying before the consecrated Host helps to deepen our spiritual intimacy with God, find interior peace amidst daily distractions, and seek healing, guidance, or simply express gratitude.

Anyone interested or with questions may contact Anna at annajdale@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus Council 3501 sincerely thanks our parishioners, community members, and local businesses for making our **Hydrate Our Heroes** program a tremendous success. Because of your extraordinary generosity, **each of our seven local fire departments, received 40 cases of bottled water.** We also donated **35 cases** to the Harrisburg Diocese for **Camp Kirchenwald**, a residential summer camp serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We are especially grateful to GIANT, Karns Foods, Greiner Industries, Guernsey Inc., Bobby Rahal, an anonymous donor, and all who contributed. Your kindness reminds us that when a community comes together, even the simplest gift can make an extraordinary difference. **Thank you for helping us serve those who serve others.**

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#SummerCamp [invent.org/mylocalcamp](https://www.invent.org/mylocalcamp)

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 treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort.

If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to Father Sahd or reach out to Father Weaver at the Vocations Office at Frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org

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