



Nineteenth 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, 6:00pm Assumption Vigil

Saturday: 9:00am Assumption of Mary

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 4:30pm

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

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: 5:00pm-5:45pm

Saturday: 8:15-8:50am 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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SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

August 9, 2026

The Assumption of Mary

The Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed
body and soul into heavenly glory.

Friday, August, August 14th @ 6:00PM

Saturday, August 15th @ 9:00AM/Confessions 8:15am-8:50am

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has been two full months since we've begun our capital campaign for our renovated gym and cafeteria. And I have to say that I am blown away by your goodness!

As you see elsewhere in our bulletin, we are making huge progress toward our initial \$2.5 million goal, as you have pledged **85%** of that total already!

I didn't know what to expect when we first started this, but I did know that this parish family would be generous. I didn't expect that you would be **THIS** generous, **THIS** soon.

We appreciate any help you may give if you have yet to participate. We are not out-of-the-woods, by a longshot. The total cost of the project is \$3.7 million, so we have a long way to go, but I am convinced we are well on our way, especially if all of our parishioners who can participate, do. Thank you so much for your consideration!

During this time, the architect and engineers are working on the structural challenges of renovating our cafeterias and rebuilding our gym, with the wish list of things we'd like to add. Storm water issues and other structural issues will complicate matters, and will likely add to the cost, so we want to be economical, but smart, in all of the choices that we make.

But with your extreme goodness in the fundraising, this project is becoming more real by the day. Thank you so much for your love of our God and His parish!

How Corn-y

I was out for a walk last week, and I noticed that the corn in this field looked ready to pick. But it seemed that others had already helped themselves to it.

The deer, and a few birds that I saw, were tearing into a hefty portion of the crop.



It doesn't seem fair. Obviously, the wild animals don't know about property boundaries. They see food, they eat it. But really, it's not theirs. The farmer is losing out, and he can't really do anything about it.

Our God really is like a benevolent farmer. He created all of heaven and earth, and He allows us to raid it for our wants and needs. He even allows us to "steal" heaven, as St. Dismas did when Jesus told the thief on the cross that he would be with Jesus in heaven "today."

And our loving Father is not worried about what is fair. He just loves us so much that He wants us to have everything of His. How could we not love Him in return!

Where in the World Are Our Parishioners?

Take a look at these four churches that our parishioners have visited in the last two weeks. They are, in order, St. Matthew in Boynton Beach, FL; St. Martin of Tours in New Hope, PA; St. Michael, Absarokee, MT and St. Monica in New York City. Each is beautiful in its own way, especially because our Lord is physically present in the tabernacle!

Keep the pictures coming! Our parishioners love seeing where we're all worshipping our God! God bless you!
Fr. Sahn





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am Our Parish Family

10:30 am +Joseph Stago

6:00 pm Special Intentions of Brenda and Mark Artman

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 St. Lawrence

8:00 am +Nancy and Dale Pilsitz

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026 St. Clare

8:00 am +Angie Auerbeck

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 am +Robert Potochick

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 St. Pontian

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

6:00 pm +Audra Henderson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026 St. Maximillian Kolbe

8:00 am +Carolyn Jacobs

6:00 pm +Thomas Facchine

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:00 am +Mario Corradi

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

4:30 pm +Gans Popick Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Ray Zanzinger

10:30 am Our Parish Family

6:00 pm +Sun O'Hare



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Aug. 9	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Matt 14:22-23
Mon. Aug. 10	2 Cor 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26
Tue. Aug. 11	Eze 2:8-3:4 / Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed. Aug. 12	Eze 9:1-7, 10:18-22 / Matt 18:15-20
Thu. Aug. 13	Eze 12:1-12 / Matt 18:21-19:1
Fri. Aug. 14	Eze 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Matt 19:3-12
Sat. Aug. 15	Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Luke 1:39-56
Sun. Aug. 16	Isa 56:1,6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matt 15:21-28



BAPTISM

Our Parish Family rejoices and welcomes

Rylie Marie Fails

(child of Zachary and Nichole Fails)

who was baptized by Water and the Spirit.



SUNDAY OFFERING

August 2, 2026

Sunday giving \$14,408.00

Online giving 7,169.25

Total \$21,577.25

Scan for Online Giving



2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

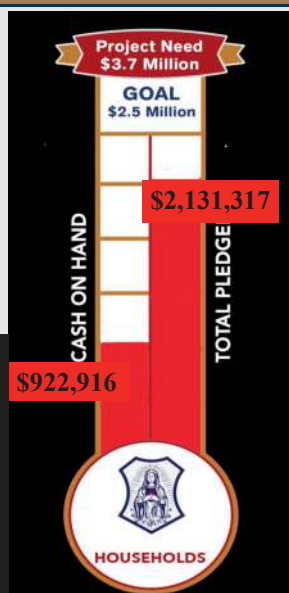
Collected & Pledged: \$156,882(88%)

Capital Campaign

If you have questions, please reach out to Campaign Manager Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com.



Thank you for your continued dedication to Seven Sorrows!



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

8:00 am Land of Peace **Narthex** (after all Masses)

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

MONDAY AUGUST 10

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

6:00 pm Senior Ministry Meeting **Drexel Room**

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

6:15 pm Off the Streets Meeting **Library**

5:45 pm Anchored Meeting **Drexel Room**

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

8:30 am Church Cleaners **Team #1**

FRIDAY AUGUST 14

SATURDAY AUGUST 15

4:30 pm Off the Streets Donation House **Narthex**

7:00 pm KOC Trivia Night **Gym**

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

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

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



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Dana Hunter
(sister of Pat Fraley)

Stephen Malicek
(cousin of Ken and Linda Durbin)

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

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
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 - August 27. 6 pm Mass then games until 8:30 pm in Upper Cafe.

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park - September 3. Meet at 7:45 am in church parking lot for carpooling.

Brunch in the Park - September 27. Potluck signups September 5-6 & 12-13 in the Narthex. More details in the newsletter in flyer rack.

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.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

God didn't remove the
Red Sea, He parted it.
God doesn't always
remove your problems but
He will make a way for
you to get through them.



NEED TO KNOW



Land of Peace - THIS WEEKEND

Noel Alshomali from Land of Peace, a not-for-profit organization will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land.

Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem.

These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance.

We encourage you to join us and support this meaningful cause. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org

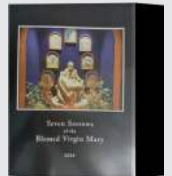
Can't make Mass?

The Holy Eucharist is vital to our Faith and our Spiritual, physical and emotional well being.

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass for a short period of time or extended time, due to recuperation, age or housebound, please call the Church Office.

We have Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist dedicated to this Ministry who will call to schedule a convenient time to visit and bring the Eucharist for as long as needed.

Photo Directories are in and will be available for pick up in the Parish Office for those parishioners who had their picture taken.



There is an opening for a scheduled adorer for Tuesdays 3-4 PM, beginning September 1st.

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.



Fall Women's Study at Seven Sorrows

September 19, September 26, October 10, October 24, and October 31.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Noon

Cost of book: \$16.95 **The Rosary, Your Weapon for Spiritual Warfare**. by Johnnette S. Benkovic Williams and Thomas K. Sullivan

For more information please contact Chris Arnold at carnold@womenofgrace.com or 717-379-6041 (leave a message).

RAISING DISCIPLES

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- Preschool through 8th Grade
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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"Take courage it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you?

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

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