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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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JULY 20, 2025, SINXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

It's time for another summer social. We've been doing socials for over a hundred years here at St. Joe. Lots of things have changed through the years. But the humble chicken is still the center piece of our famous fried chicken dinner. Simple put, we think the chicken is one of God's greatest

creations. It is not an exaggeration to say that each chicken, when it is doing what it was meant to be, simply being a chicken, it praises God and is a reflection of God's love for the world.

There was a time when everyone brought a few chickens to butcher on the Saturday before the social. As one of our older parishioners remembers, "if we sold 200 dinners, we thought we had a great social." Now we are set to prepare 2600 carryout meals!

Today you and I continue the tradition of a great summer social. It's been absolutely wonderful to see so many folks working together for our summer social. Some of you have been doing that for over fifty years.

What an incredible witness of service. Now, new families in our parish are beginning their years of service through the summer social. What a blessing it is.

In the years that I have been here, many of the old timers who were instrumental in the work of our social have moved on to the ranks of the faithful departed. I think of them as the patron saints of our social. I imagine them looking down upon us with smiles on their faces. And I have to think that they would look kindly on our efforts as we continue the tradition they were a part of for so many years.

While a lot of our efforts these past few weeks have been on our summer social chicken dinner, other things have been happening as well in our parish. A special word of thanks goes to our faithful mowing crews who have been braving the hot weather to continue to mow the grass on our par-

ish campus. They continue to do such a great job keeping things looking great in our parish.

Thanks as well to the great group of volunteers who braved the hot weather this past Tuesday to clean and repair the chairs in our school classrooms. This job was just the latest of a long list of jobs that have been done with the help of volunteers to get our school clean and ready for the new school year. There help was absolutely essential and so willingly given. There work has gone a long way toward making our school look great.

Finally thanks to all those who have been hard at work at the 4-H Fair. The heat has made this a challenging week for sure, for the



volunteers, the participants and all the animals. Thanks especially to all those who helped work at the the Young Dairyman's Ice cream Booth this past Friday. Great job.

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder



COME HELP AT OUR SUMMER SOCIAL

6 AM Start Frying Chicken
Making Dressing, Dumplings
corn, green beans,
mashed potatoes
9 AM Serving Line set up
and ready to go
10 AM - 1 PM Fill
carryout orders
1-3 PM Clean up
3 PM After Social Party
Grand Raffle Drawing













CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

₹ 5:00 PM MASS: Sr. Rene Wargel, Michael Wooldridge, Melvin Kunstleben, Fran Wig-

ger, Anna Helfrich (1877), George Hoefling (1919), Joseph Frank Sr. (1949), Barbara (1962) & Jospeh Botzum

SUNDAY, JULY 27

SEVENTHEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Robert Reckelhoff, Joe, Esther, Leroy, Charlies, Ronnie & Becky Schroeder, To, & Norms Jean Mehringer, Carolyn Auffart, Cindy Rosbottom, Karia Schroeder, Stephanie Purcell. For the needs of all the people in our parish.

10:30 AM MASS: Shellie Pearl, Rosalie Corn, Dolores & Edwin Goebel, Alfred Glaser, Jeannice Scheller, Anna Helfrich (1877), George Hoefling (1919), Joseph (1949) & Mary Frank

MONDAY, JULY 28 WEEDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Simon Schmitt (1873), T.M. Bender (1888), Agnes Efinger (1892), Bernard Urich (1904), Ed Wolf (1956) Wilfred (2000) & Eileen Will, Jerome (2010) & Estelle Schnieder

TUESDAY, JULY 29 SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS

7:30 AM MASS: Larry Coleman, Alma Berendes (1908), Infant Schapker (1949), Ralph Ritter (1991)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Leona Barrett (1995), Eileen (2007) & Tony Ruminer, Virginia Vollman (2020), Gene (2024) & Marianne Ritter

> THURSDAY, JULY 31 SAINT IGNATIUS

NO MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

7:30 AM MASS: Gertrude Bahl (1862), Theresa Hoefling (1877), John Lambers (1888), Katherine (1961) & Joseph Hillenbrand, Adelaide (1964) & Robert Ubelhor, Mary Lou Coomes (1979), Joseph (1995) & Dolores Elpers, Clara Frank (1998)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

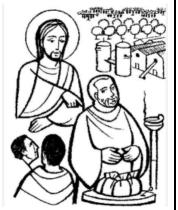
5:00 PM MASS: Viola Martin, Ron Luigs, Lawrence Luigs, Tony & Mathilda (Spahn)) Luigs, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Ludovicus Happe (1878), Caroline Helfrich (1976), Patrick (2012) & Myrna Craney

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN OR-DINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Dave Fehrenbacher, Wilburn & Marian Fehrenbacher, Kenny Fehrenbacher, Margaret & Sylvester Will

10:30 AM MASS: Leroy & Rose Weiss, Leo & Marie Gumbel, Fr. Henry Kuykendal For the needs of all the people in our parish Infant Murphy (1868), Peter Bichler (1873), Catharine Fahrney (1899), Elinna Schenk (1927), Clifford Ten-



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our aifts in service to others.



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JULY 20, 2025	\$ 5,039.50
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 30,167.30
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 46,050.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 4.40

Saluting our young stewards: Peter, Paul, Beatrice, Bernadette and John Reckelhoff

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Your monthly packet of collection envelopes now includes a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

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BETHEL MANOR: Margaret Kafel

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JULY 27: Sydney Alison, Lisa Cook,

Tucker Grossman, Mariah Schneider

JULY 28: Lisa Douglas, Eli Duff, Sally Kempf,

Josh McGehee, Jalene Relleke, Joey Scheller

JULY 29: Barb Rexing, Betty Will

JULY 30: Eve Bilderbach, Glenn Givens, Emily Keil,

Eddie Luigs, Abby Shane, Bryan Trimborn

JULY 31: Julie Byczynski, Marcus Elpers, Heidi Forcum,

Becky Mayer, Cameron Montgomery, Eric Ondash, Bryan Will AUGUST 1: Joanna Egler, Cynthia Massberg, Erin McCauley,

Brett Phelps, Danny Rodriguez

JULY 27: Charlie & Lisa Cook, Jon & Aislinn Gourley

JULY 29: Butch & Susan Gibbs, Tom & Jayne Downs,

Shane & Whitney Ritter

JULY 30: Bob & Martha Baehl, RFon & Donna Miller,

Leo & Terry Zimmer

AUGUST 2: Dan & Kathy Schenk (50 Years!) Bill & Amy Cody



Please remember in your prayers Ron Luigs, the father of Kevin Luigs and cousin of Pauline Elpers, John & Eddie Luigs, Mary Ruth Lasher, and Susie Schaker, who died last week. May God grant him eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families



St. James—August 3 St. Phillip-August 9 & 10



WEEKEND OF JULY 20-21. 3 Fin (L) 1011
Askins, (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, WEEKEND OF JULY 26-27: 5 PM (L) Toni Donna Niemeier, Eric and Karen McDonald

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Lisa Cook, Rodney and Paula Baehl, Darlene Apple 10:30 AM: (L) Chad Martin, (EM) Paul Hillenbrand, Amy Cody, Jena Wessel, Rachael Schanus

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 2-3: 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker (EM) Butch & Linda Feulner, Eric Reffett, Toni Askins 8 AM (L) Terry Drone (EM) Kylie Frey Stephanie Frey, Tom & Dolores Folz, 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller (EM)Becky Dosher Shane Wessel, Steve Jung Al Debes

TODAY IS THE DAY--IT'S CHICKEN DINNER TIME

Today is the day we have been CHAIR COUPLES working for. Special thanks to all the folks who came to help prepare the food for our dinners this past Thursday and Friday. The "St Joe Spirit" of working together was very much in evidence.

If you haven't had the chance to come and help, come by the cafeteria Britt and Patrick today and offer your help with the carryouts (10am - 1pm). Come especially at 1 pm and help us clean up all the dishes, clean the floors and get the tables and chairs back in place so they will be ready for the start of school.

As this bulletin goes to print, it looks like we will have met our goal of 2600 Megan and Chip dinners. Thanks to all those who put in the extra effort to sell dinner tickets. The kind





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of result we are having with our social doesn't just happen. It takes a great deal of folks who are willing to go the extra mile in buying/selling not just the packet of tickets we sent, but to sell more than that. And it means that lots of folks have been spreading the word about our chicken dinners and taking orders from their friends and neighbors. Thanks to all of you who have done your part.

Remember that it is not to late to get your grand raffle tickets in. The raffle is, by far, the biggest source of income for our social. So, far about 69% (356) of our parish families have purchased/sold their packet of raffle SUNDAY 3 PM tickets and raised \$68,710. We are very IS YOUR NAME grateful for this effort.



DRAWING IN THE POT?

Finally, be sure to join us today at our "after Social" party at 3 pm. We'll have some drinks, chips, burgers and hot dogs to enjoy, compliment of the Men's Club. We will also have the drawing for our grand raffle winners!

> Thanks to the following families who have returned their tickets

Bill & Melissa Gillenwater Alan & Jennifer Hoffman Charlie & Monica Voelker Louis & Crystal Meridith Kevin & Keri Hartz Tom & Sarah Glaser Jerad & Jennifer Muensterman Tm & Julianna Voelker Andy & Andrea Backas Mike & Julie Frocum Brian & Michelle Elpers Leo & Terry Zimmer Rodney & Star Lincoln Matt & Sydney Kelly Paul & Chris Schapker Matt Voelker

Ron & Margaret Angermeier Greg & Katie Barnes Doug & Cindi Klueh Mark & Lesa Raben Cale & Rachel Schnaus Catherine Schmitt Denny & Hanna Rodriguez Mary Scheller Paul & Sarah Fischer Nick & Tania Gries Troy & Autumn Link Michael & Caroline Coughlin Keith & Carrie Fehrenbacher Ben & Lindsey Mehringer Evan & Stephanie Freeman Tony & Theresa Tenhumberg Fr. Ted Temple

THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

We continue reading from Pope Francis' recent letter to the church "On the Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ."

Saint Francis de Sales was particularly taken by Jesus' words, "Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart" (Mt 11:29). Even in the most simple and ordinary things, he said, we can "steal" the Lord's heart. "Those who would serve him acceptably must give heed not only to lofty and important matters, but to things mean and little, since by both alike we may win his heart and love... I mean the

acts of daily forbearance, the headache, the toothache, the heavy cold; the tiresome peculiarities of a husband or wife, the broken glass, the loss of a ring, a handkerchief, a glove; the sneer of a neighbour; the effort of going to bed early in order to rise early for prayer or communion, the little shyness some people feel in openly performing religious duties... Be sure that all these sufferings, small as they are, if accepted lovingly, are most pleasing to God's goodness".



Ultimately, however, our response to the love of the heart of Christ is manifested in love of our neighbour: "a love that is firm, constant, steady, unconcerned with trivial matters or people's station in life, not subject to changes or animosity... Our Lord loves us unceasingly, puts up with so many of our defects and our flaws. Precisely because of this, we must do the same with our brothers and sisters, never tiring of putting up with them".

Saint Charles de Foucauld sought to imitate Jesus by living and acting as he did, in a constant effort to do what Jesus would have done in his place. Only by being conformed to the sentiments of the heart of Christ could he fully achieve this goal. Here too we find the idea of "love for love". In his words, "I desire sufferings in order to return love for love, to imitate him... to enter into his work, to offer myself with him, the nothingness that I am, as a sacrifice, as a victim, for the sanctification of men".

The desire to bring the love of Jesus to others, his missionary outreach to the poorest and most forgotten of our world, led him to take as his emblem the words, "lesus-Caritas", with the symbol of the heart of Christ surmounted by a cross. Nor was this a light decision: "With all my strength I try to show and prove to these poor lost brethren that our religion is all charity, all fraternity, and that its emblem is a heart". He wanted to settle with other brothers "in Morocco, in the name of the heart of Jesus".

In this way, their evangelizing work could radiate outwards: "Charity has to radiate from our fraternities, as it radiates from the heart of Jesus". This desire gradually made him a "universal brother". Allowing himself to be shaped by the heart of Christ, he sought to shelter the whole of suffering humanity in his fraternal heart: "Our heart, like that of Jesus, must embrace all men and women". "The love of the heart of Jesus for men and women, the love that he demonstrated in his passion, this is what we need to have for all human beings". TO BE CONTINUED

FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 11:30 -12:15

There will be a parent meeting concerning First Reconciliation and First Communion for parents of children in second grade. The meeting will be held in the school meeting room. Childcare will be available at school during this meeting.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 9-9:45 AM

There will be a Parent Meeting for students in their sophomore year of high school concerning the sacrament of Confirmation. The meeting will be held from 9:00-9:45 in the school meeting room.

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