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AUGUST 23 2026 THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another." One of the many things that St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was fond of saying. I can't think of anyone who would disagree with this. The challenge, of course, is how to do live out this attitude in our daily lives. An even bigger challenge is how do we teach our

young people to realize that "we belong to one another." Belonging to one another means that we have to be aware of others and make the effort to pay attention to them. Pope Leo has continually talked about the need to cultivate real relationships. As we come to know others through these simple encounters, we can then begin to have a sense of belonging to one another.

One way we have tried to do this through our school is through our "Prayer Partner" Program. Each year, our students are assigned a person in the parish that they pray for. This is a simple effort to get our students to "become aware" of another person. Each week at mass we pray for our prayer partners and I take that opportunity to ask the students, "who is your prayer partner." Throughout the year, teachers encourage their students to send a card with a note to their prayer partner. One of the most beautiful outcomes of our prayer partner program was the day that a young person came to the funeral of their prayer partner. It was in the summer and school was out of session. This young student stood out in the crowd and, since most of the family members did not know this young student, they asked me why this child had come to the funeral. When I told them that this student was their deceased mother's prayer partner, you could not help but noticed how deeply touched they were by this act.

Having prayer partners can have some unintended consequences. Sometimes the person that is the prayer partner of our students wants to thank their prayer partner even on the point of giving them a gift. That sounds nice, but what happens when one student receives a gift and their sibling, who also has a prayer partner, does not. Sometimes a student's prayer partner is living in a nursing home or assisted living facility and can't respond to notes. Parents of the prayer partner often feel bad and ask if their child can have a prayer partner who might be to respond or come to our annual prayer partner mass. I've made the suggestion to them that maybe what they could do actually go visit their prayer partner in the nursing home or assisted living community. Wouldn't that be a great thing!

Once again our this year our students will be building relationships with their "prayer partner." I hope we can count on the goodwill and understanding of those who are prayer partners for our students. Your only obligation is to "receive" the prayers and good intentions from your prayer partner. Perhaps, in this simple exchange, we can all learn that "we belong to one another."

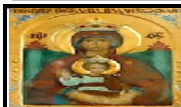
Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY



8 --NOON IN THE GYM

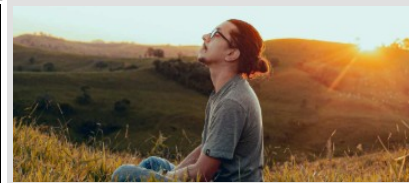


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in the very grain of being;
for the lordless mornings,
the smear of spirit words
intuit and enter,
for all the nightfall neverness
inking into me now,
my prayer is that a mind
blurred by anxiety or despair
might find here
a trace of peace.

Christian Witman





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM MASS: Toni Askins, Hank & Juen Preske, Valentine Schenk (1866), Robert Stevens Jr. (1990), For all the people in our parish,

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Hartman, Dean & Alex Trowbridge, Jim & Dolores Niemeier, Cyril & Wilma Ubelhor, Larry & Stella Ubelhor

10:30 AM MASS: Fran & Bob Happe, Joann Schoenstein, Maria Haberlach (1860), Leonard Effinger (1887), Theresa (1983) & Louis Folz

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**

6:30 PM MASS: Joseph Effinger (1861), John Schmitt (1870), Ludovica Brack (1885), Francis Bernendes (1910), Henrietta (1952) & Wilfred Baehl, Ruth (1993) & Charles Waters (1993), Estelle (2017) & Jerome Schneider

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Connie Hillenbrand, Leoda (2003) & Bill Kempf, Tom, Ron & Bill Kemof Jr., Barbara Ritzert, Chris Clark (2009), Christina Hillenbrand (2025)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Ervin & Jeanne Kuester, Joseph Baehl (1877), John Beyer (1878), Valentine Seib (1878), Anna Beckerle (1887), Al Frich (1904), Daniel Spaetti (2001), Dave Spaetti

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
SAINT MONICA**

NO MASS: Henry Hillenbrand (1952), John Wolter (1970), Lue (2010) & Delores Montgomery, Ruth (2020) & Tom Rice

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
SAINT AUGUSTINE**

7:30 AM MASS: Deceased members of the Marie & Aloys Elpers Family, and Irene & Killian Baehl Family, Bernardin Rexing (1862), Anna Lang (1941), Infant Fechtmeister (1977)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM MASS: Irene Happe, Lee Askins, John Will (1884), Neacie (2020) & Don Singleton, Cathy Luigs

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM MASS: For all the people in our parish, Marie & Aloys Elpers, Harry, Rosalie, Alberta, & Kenny Elpers, Wilam & Joe Gumbel, Jeanette & Orville Hall, Irene, Marie & Killiabn Baehl

10:30 AM MASS: Elisabeth (1924) & Louis Happe, Charles (1980) & Ruth Waters, Sr. Venantia O.S.F. (Catherine Mayer) (1945), Merl (1985) & Dolores Hoefling, Margaret (2003) & Everett Baylor



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are," Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent and treasure with which they have been blessed.



AUGUST 16, 2026	\$ 7,597.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 85,952.16
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 107,450.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 75.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger

HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries

RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: Carl Kempf

NEWBURGH HEALTHCARE: Carolyn Pfaffman

AUGUST 23: Renee Werner

AUGUST 24: Madison Traylor

AUGUST 25: Leonard Elpers, Pat Freeman,
Ella Muensterman, Nathan Vanbibber

AUGUST 26: Imogene Baehl, Alyssa Grigsby

AUGUST 27: Sam Arnold, Jackie Hughes,
Jeff Kempf, Jennie Puckett

AUGUST 28: Isaiah Nisley

AUGUST 29: John Bittner, Maggie Couch, Jake Grentencord,
Jim Heidorn, Melanie Hobbs, Matt Voelker

AUGUST 23: Todd & Kelly Lehman

AUGUST 24: Dave & Donna Dipple, Gary & Debbie Gries

AUGUST 25: Corey & Katie Loehr

AUGUST 26: Steve & Becky Jung

AUGUST 27: Greg & Amy Elpers

AUGUST 28: Vernie & Connie Gries (50 Years!)
Kevin & Kelly Pennington,

Tim & Julianna Voelker, Evan & Megan Brosmer

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Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

Terry Drone Lisa Cook, Rodney & Paula Baehl
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22-23 5 PM (L) Toni Askins (EM) Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchinson, Sis & Kati Jarboe
8 AM (L) Dave Schmitt (EM)

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29-30 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Donald Werner Donna Niemeier, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Diane Woods
8 AM (L) Tom Folz, (EM) Darlene Appler, Jalane Roeleke, Kylie & Stephanie Frey
10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller, (EM), Amy Cody Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus, Becky Doshier

COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS (18-24) Friday, August 28 5:30 pm CATHOLIC CENTER

5:30 PM MASS

6:30 Dinner & Door Prizes

7:30 Yard Games & Social

8:30 Night Prayer

INFO & RSVP



Join the Benedictine sisters at Ferdinand and the monks at St. Meinrad in a Pilgrimage for Creation, a spiritually transformative journey that blends prayer, reflection, and a deep commitment to caring for God's creation that challenges us to take concrete actions for the environment.

Register online at thedome.org/pilgrimage

CONFIRMATION MEETING SUNDAY AUGUST 30 11:30 AM

For students in their sophomore year of high school and their parents concerning the Sacrament of Confirmation. Gather in the meeting room.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Come join us as we explore what it means to be part of our Catholic Faith Tradition. We will meet on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM in the school meeting room. Interested? Got more questions? Contact Fr. Gene Schroeder, (812-499-9074) or Steve Jung (812-760-7681). These sessions are also open to those who are already Catholic but would like to learn more about our faith tradition.

COME CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING SOCIAL/EVENTS

Siena Breakfast—Sts Peter & Paul
 Haubstadt — Aug. 23 7-10 am
 Christ the King (Ferdinand) August 23
 Mater Dei Class of 1966 Reunion Burdette
 Park August 29 Call Becky 812-213-7981
 St. Wendel—September 12-13
 St. Mary (Ireland)—September 13
 St. Bernard (Snake Run)—September 13
 Harvest Fest (St. James)—September 19
 St... John (Newburgh) Fall/Winter Consignment
 Sale September 26 8-12:30 PM

This week we continue reading Pope Leo's letter (encyclical) *Magnifica Humanitas: On the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence*

In Jesus, the mystery of humanity truly becomes clear because his humanity is completely free, open to others, capable of building healthy and beautiful relationships and committed to the total gift of self. children of one Father. In this way, both the proclamation of the Gospel and Christian life, guided by the action of the Holy Spirit, tend to bring about social consequences in the world.

At the heart of the Christian understanding of the human person lies the great biblical affirmation that men and women are created in the image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26-27) of the Triune God. Created for relationship, every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation. Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love. For this reason, the human person always remains the way for the Church and the heart of every authentic path of integral human development.

THE EQUAL DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS

Saint John Paul II stated that this heightened sense of the dignity of the human person and of his or her uniqueness, and of the respect due to the journey of conscience, certainly represents one of the positive achievements of modern culture. This statement follows the line already laid out by the Second Vatican Council, which had noted a growing recognition of the sublime dignity of all persons, their superiority over material things and their universal and inviolable rights and duties. It is important to ensure that this growth in appreciation of human dignity is not obscured by the pressure of new ideologies or very powerful interests in today's world.

Among these ideologies, I consider particularly insidious the one that suggests that every person must earn or justify his or her own worth, to the point of attributing greater value to those who are more efficient or effective. From this perspective, persons end up being reduced to a means of achieving results, a resource to be used and exploited, and are no longer recognized as a proper end in themselves who should never be instrumentalized. The value of persons, however, does not depend on what they achieve or produce. There are rights that apply to everyone simply by virtue of being human, and no human power can legitimately deny or arbitrarily limit them.

When we speak of dignity, we do not always use the word in the same way. Sometimes we refer to moral dignity, namely the way in which a person directs his or her choices and actions. At other times, we think of social dignity, which refers to a person's living conditions and the concrete respect received from society. In other cases, we refer to existential dignity, meaning the way in which a person perceives his or her own worth and the value of life. These aspects of dignity can be enhanced or diminished. In addition to these notions, there is also the more profound and important level of ontological dignity. This is the dignity that belongs to every human being simply by virtue of existing, of having been willed, created and loved by God. No sin, failure, humiliation or exclusion can diminish the profound value of a human life that God has willed and called into being.

The fundamental dignity of each person, therefore, is neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified. The recent Declaration *Dignitas Infinita* offers a summary of the Church's thinking on this subject: Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter — in other words, always and without exception. The dignity of every human being can be described as infinite, as Saint John Paul II stated, for two reasons: first, because the love of God, who calls us to friendship with him, is infinite; and second, his love is absolutely unconditional, in the sense that, even if we search endlessly, we will never find anything that can erase or deny it.

TO BE CONTINUED You can read the whole document at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

On the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence



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