



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Pastor:**

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
 Sunday - 8:30 am
 Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 7:25 am
 The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @
 4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on
 Sunday mornings

Confessions:

Saturday - 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
 Upon Request

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm in the Church

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker, (620) 475-3567
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Sacristan 07/21/25 - 07/27/25

Alan Nuessen

Weekend Servers

07/19: Daylen & Maylee Ballinger
 07/20: Volunteers Needed
 07/26: Volunteers Needed
 07/27: Kamryn Temeyer & Brailey
 Schmidt

Weekend Offertory Gift Bearers

07/19: Volunteers Needed
 07/20: Volunteers Needed
 07/26: Volunteers Needed
 07/27: Temeyer Family

Weekend Lectors/Ministers

07/19: LeAnn Eberle
 07/20: Greg Markowitz
 Trish Markowitz - Minister
 07/26: Jana Redeker
 07/27: Rosemary Martin
 Aaron Cole - Minister

**St. Joseph Prayer List**

Collins Baldwin
 Linda Barnard
 Maya Bishop
 Jeanette Reed Copeland
 Vicki Dickson
 Kauffman Dieker
 Susan Haag
 Sylvia Haag
 Darren Heins
 Kenneth Langley
 Debbie Markowitz
 Brian Martin
 Sylvia Miller
 Shea Mueting
 James Nunley
 Todd Orear
 Twyla Owen
 Olivia Pimpl
 Mrs. Ken Redeker
 Yvonne Rossillon
 Richard Scheve
 Danny Schmidt
 Jackie Schmidt
 Greg Schonhardt
 Mike Wecker
 Clara Young

United States Army:

SGM Matthew S. Richter,
 Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
 Grant Fath,
 Major Jacob Haag

Marines:

Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Navy:

Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

Megan DePauw

Army National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat. 07/19: 5:00 pm +Herbert & Lorene Haag and
+Alfred Redeker
Sun. 07/20: 8:30 am For the Parish
Mon. 07/21: 11:30 am Priest's Intention
Tues. 07/22: 11:30 am Priest's Intention
Wed. 07/23: 11:30 am +John Markowitz
Thurs. 07/24 11:30 am +Louis & Bertha Trear
Fri. 07/25: 11:30 am +Ida Joy Brown and
+Ricky Hammond, Jr.
Sat. 07/26: 5:00 pm +Cody Cole
Sun. 07/27: 8:30 am For the Parish

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes (29)	\$ 1,802.00
Plate	421.00
Capital Improvements	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,258.00

TOTUS TUUS

It's not too late! Totus Tuus is this week!!

We are so excited to get to host the program at our parish this year. It is a wonderful program with lots of activities for all age groups. For our school age kiddos, this replaces the annual kids camp this summer. There is no charge to families for this program.

SCHOOL AGE:

Who: Students 1 -6 grade (incoming school year)

When: July 21-25, 9:00a-3:00p, kids to bring sack lunches; snacks will be provided

Location: Parish Life Center

TEENS:

Who: Students 7- 12 grade (incoming school year)

When: July 20-24th, 6:30p-8:45p, dinner provided

Location: Parish Life Center

If you have not yet registered your child please bring your registrations on the first day of the program.



Welcome

Totus Tuus Missionaries

We're so glad you're here.
Have a wonderful week!

This Weekend is Hole-y Donuts Sunday



This weekend we welcome our Totus Tuus missionaries with a light breakfast, coffee, juice, and milk in the Parish Life Center after Sunday morning Mass. Please join us and make our missionaries feel welcome while also enjoying good conversation with fellow parishioners.

Volunteers needed

We are in need of more Virtus-trained adults in our Parish. At this time we need Virtus-trained adults to help chaperone retreats like Prayer and Action, Confirmation, Totus Tuus, substitute teachers for CCD and help CCD teachers driving students to events.

Please prayerfully consider stepping up to help make our Parish **Virtus Strong**. Sign up to go to training at Sacred Heart in August.

More information will come in the coming weeks when the sign up link is available on the Virtus website. Contact Kay Schmidt if you have questions. 620-340-5638

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The help I needed for the lectionaries and the luna holder was quickly covered.

Thank you all a ton, and thanks be to God!

If you feel like you missed out and you're still looking to contribute to something in the sanctuary, you are always welcome to reach out to me. I'm open ears to specific ideas you all have, as well.

Thanks again!

Fr. Anthony Mersmann



Anyone taking the Eucharist to the home-bound

If you regularly or even occasionally take the Eucharist from St. Joseph to a relative nearby, please reach out to Fr. Mersmann at your earliest convenience. I need to be aware of when the Eucharist is being taken outside of the church, and I would like to have a list of who needs the Eucharist brought to them. I plan to visit them myself with some regularity.



If you are currently home bound or need a visit from the priest, please reach out any time. My email or the rectory phone number are the quickest ways to reach me.

ST. JOSEPH BBQ checklist

- ✓ ***Have you decided what level you would like to donate in? Many thanks to all those who have donated thus far---we appreciate your generosity. We will still be taking donations until August 5, so you have several more weeks to decide what level you would like to participate in!!***
- ✓ ***Have you purchased a ticket? For ONLY \$50, you get a DELICIOUS BBQ BEEF meal, all the beer you can drink, and dancing to the Live Band BRICKHORSE!***

Contact one of the following committee members ASAP to donate and/or purchase tickets or go to the St. Joseph Church website to purchase:

Dave or Debbie Cole
Colby Nuessen
Derek Nuessen

Alex Kuhlmann
Kay Schmidt
Wade Schmidt

Doug or Laurie Schmidt
Les or Donna Farr

We would sure love to have you join us—whether as a donor or by attending. Your support is VERY important to the viability of our Family Life and Religious Ed programs!

Introduction:

The central themes of today's readings are the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The only way really to learn that lesson is to spend some time every day, "*sitting at the feet of Jesus.*"

Scripture lessons:

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 15) "***He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord,***" reminds us of our intended final destination.

In the second reading, Paul declares that he has been commissioned by God to minister to the Church as the revealer of the *mystery* of salvation and the preacher of the word in its *fullness* (v. 25). He invites believers to open their hearts and minds and to show their hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. Paul also challenges us to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ.

Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha, a genuine child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for him (while her sister Mary spent her time in talking to Jesus and listening to him). This story invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer – listening to God and talking to God – as Mary did. We can minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into in our hearts and minds.

Life Messages:

1) We need to recharge our spiritual batteries: We should put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may also recharge our spiritual energy by means of our personal and family prayers, our meditative reading of the Bible and our participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

2) We need listening Marthas and serving Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world and our parish churches need such dynamic and generous men, women, boys and girls. We need them to sing in the choir, to help in the Church, to teach in the Sunday school, to visit the sick and the shut-ins and to serve in all other ministries of the parish community.

3) We need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Active and busy as we are, we must find time every day to listen to God, to our spouse, kids, and neighbors. Listening and quiet caring are essential for the success of married life, of family life and of the rearing of children with love, affection, and a gentle, firm discipline. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening.