



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Wed. 9:00 am - Noon; 2:00 - 8:00 pm
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Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed, Thurs, & Fri - 7:15 am
Rosary at 4:35 pm Saturdays
& 8:05 am Sundays

Confessions:

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 6:30-7:00 am
Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm
Tues - 5:00-5:30 pm (St. Catherine)
Thurs - 5:00-5:30 pm; 6:00-7:00 pm (St. Catherine)

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Other Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Parish Contacts:

Funeral Dinners: Linda Dieker (620) 475-3567
Cemetery: Steve Redeker (620) 475-3255
K of C: Danny Schneider (620) 794-5889
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Finance Council: Kevin Flott (620) 412-3275
Pastoral Council: Kim Irwin (620) 475-3295
Religious Ed: Lindsey Ratcliff (214) 732-3813

Sacristan 09/21/26 - 09/27/26

Karen Hayes

Weekend Servers

09/19: Caydence & Griff Studer
09/20: Rowan & Maybelle Krueger,
Sarah Soyez
09/26: Brylee Johnson, Daniel Coughlin
09/27: Chloe Arndt, Bexley Smith,
Cooper Banhart

A reminder that if your child is unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

09/19: Donna Bolen
09/20: Cass Coughlin
09/26: Jana Redeker
09/27: Greg Markowitz
Trish Markowitz - EMHC

Gift Bearers

09/19: Dave & Karen Kehres
09/20: Michael & Carol Soyez Family
09/26: Doug & Laurie Schmidt
09/27: Wade & Hannah Schmidt Family

**There will be no confessions
or morning Mass
this Friday, September 25th.**

**Fr. Mersmann will be gone
September 28th - October 2nd
There will be no sacraments or
adoration that week.**

St. Joseph Prayer List

Collins Baldwin	Daniel Markowitz
Linda Barnard	Debbie Markowitz
Isla Barnhart	Jaxson Markowitz
Maya Bishop	Brian Martin
Danny Broyles	Sylvia Miller
Sheila Broyles	Jenna Moyer
Jeanette Reed	Shea Muetting
Copeland	James Nunley
Donna Dains	Olivia Pimpl
Vicki Dickson	Mrs. Ken Redeker
Kauffman Dieker	Norma Redeker
Sherry	Ken Schade
Elmenhorst	Richard Scheve
LeAnn Eberle	Danny Schmidt
Norman Geiger	Jackie Schmidt
Susan Haag	Greg Schonhardt
Sylvia Haag	Vicki Stark
Darren Heins	Audra Steen
Delores Heins	Carl Lee Stueve
Kurtz Family	Carol Taylor
Kenneth Langley	Mike Wecker



United States Army:

SGM Matthew S. Richter
Sgt. Austin Burenheide
Grant Fath
Lt. Colonel Jacob Haag

Navy:

Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

Megan DePauw
Brayden Lienemann

Air National Guard:

Sgt. Mason Harmon

Mass Intentions:

Sat.	09/19:	5:00 pm	+Gary Trear
Sun.	09/20:	8:30 am	For the Parish
Wed.	09/23:	7:15 am	+Erwin Eberle
Thurs.	09/24:	7:15 am	+Imogene Schmidt
Fri.	09/25:	7:15 am	+Duane Schmidt
Sat.	09/26:	5:00 pm	Special Intention for Doug & Laurie Schmidt's 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sun.	09/27:	8:30 am	For the Parish



THIS Sunday, September 20th, is the monthly donuts and beverages in the Parish Life Center following Mass. It's a great time to mingle with friends and family and share a light breakfast. We hope to see you there.



We're looking for one or two more people to help lead the rosary on Saturday evenings before Mass. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for parish service and spiritual enrichment. Please contact Kathy Stevenson at 620-481-0734 if you are willing to help out.

Knights' News

NEXT Sunday, September 27th, we will be serving our hot biscuits and gravy breakfast at the Knights' Hall. Please join us for good food and great fellowship.

Congratulations to the following:
Knight of the Month: Terry Taylor
Family of the Month: Rollie & Rosemary Martin
Thank you for your commitment and service to our parish and community!

Sincerely,
~ Danny Schneider, Grand Knight

Last Week's Collections:

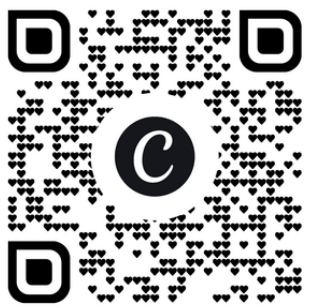
09/12-13/2026:	
Envelopes (31)	\$ 1,230.00
Plate	179.50
Capital Improvements (3)	55.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,464.50



Women's Bible Study

Women's bible study will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 14th, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center conference room. The book that will be used is "Keeping in Balance" by Lisa Brenninkmeyer and is part of the Walking with Purpose series.

Please use this QR code to register no later than September 30th. We hope you'll join us!





If you had your picture taken for the church directory in Summer 2024 and have not yet received your copy of the directory, please stop by the parish office or call Diana and she'll get one to you.

If you did not have your picture taken or you're new to the parish and would like one, we have a few extras. First come, first served. Thank you.

The parish office will be closed from October 1st - 9th. Fr. Mersmann will be around the week of October 4th for anyone who needs to meet or needs other assistance. His office and rectory phone numbers are on the first page of the bulletin.

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Join us October 16-18, 2026, at Prairie Star Ranch.
For more information, please see our website:
<https://psrcatholic.org/calendar/womens-retreat>.



Father's Corner



From a sermon On Pastors by Saint Augustine, bishop

(Sermo 46,13: CCL 41, 539-540)

On weak Christians

You have failed to strengthen the weak, says the Lord. He is speaking to wicked shepherds, false shepherds, shepherds who seek their own concerns and not those of Christ. They enjoy the bounty of milk and wool, but they take no care at all of the sheep, and they make no effort to heal those who are ill. I think there is a difference between one who is weak (that is, not strong) and one who is ill, although we often say that the weak are also suffering from illness.

My brothers, when I try to make that distinction, perhaps I could do it better and with greater precision, or perhaps someone with more experience and insight could do so. But when it comes to the words of Scripture, I say what I think so that in the meantime you will not be deprived of all profit. In the case of the weak sheep, it is to be feared that the temptation, when it comes, may break him. The sick person, however, is already ill by reason of some illicit desire or other, and this is keeping him from entering God's path and submitting to Christ's yoke.

There are men who want to live a good life and have already decided to do so, but are not capable of bearing sufferings even though they are ready to do good. Now it is a part of the Christian's strength not only to do good works but also to endure evil. Weak men are those who appear to be zealous in doing good works but are unwilling or unable to endure the sufferings that threaten. Lovers of the world, however, who are kept from good works by some evil desire, lie sick and listless, and it is this sickness that deprives them of any strength to accomplish good works.

The paralytic was like that. When his bearers could not bring him in to the Lord, they opened the roof and lowered him down to the feet of Christ. Perhaps you wish to do this in spirit: to open the roof and to lower a paralytic soul down to the Lord. All its limbs are lifeless, it is empty of every good work, burdened with its sins, and weak from the illness brought on by its evil desires. Since all its limbs are helpless, and the paralysis is interior, you cannot come to the physician. But perhaps the physician is himself concealed within; for the true understanding of Scripture is hidden. Reveal therefore what is hidden, and thus you will open the roof and lower the paralytic to the feet of Christ.

As for those who fail to do this and those who are negligent, you have heard what was said to them: *You have failed to heal the sick; you have failed to bind up what was broken*. Of this we have already spoken. Man was broken by terrible temptations. But there is at hand a consolation that will bind what was broken: *God is faithful. He does not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it*.



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