



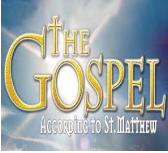
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/08/2026 — 08/16/2026

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



The Gospel According to Matthew...



There are 28 chapters in the Gospel of Matthew. This week we begin our study of Chapter 18. The answers to these questions are found in Matthew 18:1 — 12.

Circle the correct answer to each question and cut this section out of your bulletin. Sign your name on your entry and put it in the collection basket during Mass. Last week's winner was **Carol Ann Barker**. Congratulations Carol Ann!

1. Who did Jesus say would be the greatest in the kingdom?
 - A. One with faith like a child
 - B. One who believes but has never seen
 - C. One who humbles himself like a child
 - D. One who serves others
2. How is it better to enter into life than be thrown into eternal fire?
 - A. As a child
 - B. Lame and crippled
 - C. As a leper
 - D. Unable to speak
3. Who always sees the face of the Father in heaven?
 - A. The angels of the little ones
 - B. The fatherless and orphans
 - C. Those who have nothing
 - D. Those who believe
4. How many sheep did the shepherd leave to go after the lost one?
 - A. Nine
 - B. Eleven
 - C. Forty-nine
 - D. Ninety-nine

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1. Christ's face shone and his clothes became white during the Transfiguration. (C)
2. The voice that said "This is my Son" on Mt. Tabor came from a cloud. (A)
3. The disciples asked Jesus why the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first. (C)
4. Jesus said that his suffering would be the same as Elijah's. (A)

NAME: _____



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

August 1st & 2nd 2026

Envelopes:	\$ 4,235.00
Loose:	\$ 2,501.00
eCatholic:	\$ 510.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,246.00

Vocationist Seminaries: \$ 2,013.00
Weekly Budget Expenses: \$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus: \$ - 3,510.00



There is a special collection **NEXT** weekend for **Insurance**. Thank you for your continued generosity to Mater Dei Parish.

THANK YOU
for donating

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

Reynold & Fran Sicotte

as they celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary

August 14, 1976 — August 14, 2026

Where there is love...

there is the blessing of God.

Where there is joy...

there is the presence of God.

Where there is peace...

there is the grace of God.

May God continue to bless you and your family with love, joy and peace.

MATER DEI RAFFLE WINNERS

and the winners are...

1st Prize — \$3,000.:

Dr. Frank & Mary Pinard

2nd Prize — \$1,500.:

Meagan Schorenbrock

3rd Prize — \$1,000.:

Rev. Roger Charbonneau



and our five \$100 winners:

Ted Rybak Danny Decelles

Fr. Leo Antony, SDV

Mater Dei — donated by Cosmo Tedone

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Thank you especially to **Danny Decelles** who donated his winnings back to our parish and to **Cosmo Tedone** who purchased raffle tickets in Mater Dei's name.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for your support of Mater Dei Parish!

With deepest sympathy...
*Please pray for the repose of the soul of † **Albert Goulet** and for his grieving family.*





Totus Tuus: "Totally Yours"

Our children and youth had an amazing week of Totus Tuus learning, singing, playing games, praying and growing with 5 missionaries from all over the country, with one from Vermont! We had 33 Totus Tuus participants between the day and evening programs! The morning session focused on the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and on the 10 Commandments in the afternoon.

I want to thank all the families who brought their child/children to St. Edward's to participate in Totus Tuus. The children were excited to get started every day, and the missionaries kept them active, engaged and smiling all day! Many families provided snacks for our morning and afternoon breaks. Thank you!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our beloved priests—Fr. Benny and Fr. Anil—who were available for Confessions, celebrated Holy Mass every day and Adoration each evening. Brother Hery and Brother Eze also joined us as well! They helped with many odd jobs and tasks that required strength and precision.

This week could not have happened without the help of many wonderful volunteers. Donna Barry was in charge of the kitchen. She organized the snacks, cut up fruit and made it all come together effortlessly.

We also had high school helpers during the day. These girls stayed all day and supported our children in the classrooms, in church during Mass and on the playground for recess. Katelyn, Finley, Emma and Arianna were amazing every single day! They were also part of the High School program, so they came back at St. Edward's for dinner and to work with the missionaries each evening.

The missionaries ate very well all week thanks to the generous and talented chefs in our parish. Megan Thompson, Nancy Cook, Lou LaBelle, Kathleen Carter, Theresa Forbes, Louise Fortin, Janet & Peter Gratton, Mary Kay Fortin and Lane Shea — your meals for lunch and dinner were delicious and enjoyed by everyone!

Paul & Neila Decelles opened their home for a BBQ and Pool Party for the high schoolers final night. A banquet of Hors D'oeuvres, fruit, cheeses hot & cold dips, beverages, burgers & hot dogs, salads, was served....with an amazing blueberry dessert that completed the evening and made our last night together very special and memorable.

I would also like to thank Knights of Columbus Council 7943 from St. Andre Bessette Parish in Troy for covering the cost of the children who attended Totus Tuus from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. May God bless you for your generosity.

God is Good! All the Time!

Many Blessings, *Donna Cheney/PCL*



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

"O my God and my All"

GOD OUR FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR CALLING MEN AND WOMEN TO SERVE IN YOUR SON'S KINGDOM AS PRIESTS, DEACONS AND CONSECRATED PERSONS. SEND YOU HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP OTHERS TO RESPOND GENEROUSLY AND COURAGEOUSLY TO YOUR CALL. MAY OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH SUPPORT VOCATIONS OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE IN OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS. WE MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

When you offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you share the blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. When you give, you act in support of raising critical funds needed by our statewide ministries, services, and programs at the heart of the mission of our Diocese. You also support the dedicated workers within these ministries who compassionately respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families through emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling, spiritual retreats, lay formation programs and Catholic education.

To learn more or to make a gift, visit vermontcatholic.org/bishops-annual-appeal



ST. EDWARDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Edward's is looking for someone to clean the Church. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact the parish office (802) 334-5066 or (802) 487-9881.



WELCOME BACK!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Fr. James Butts SDV

Fr. Jim is visiting us this weekend and is celebrating Saturday's 4:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's. Fr. Jim celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination on June 2nd. Congratulations, Fr. Jim!! May God continue to bless your holy priesthood.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Mater Dei sincerely thanks **Gina Cirelli** for donating a guitar to our parish. The guitar will be used by the Youth Choir. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.