



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Sunday:

7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &

6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

Sunday July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sat. July26, 4:00 pm Deborah Mula

Peter Vallelungo Gary Boihem Herman Abry Billy Yochum

David Colomb, Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Flick—intentions

Jessica Kister Kathleen Murray Cook

Patsy Cotton Roger Smith
Vivian & Bob Fishel Corey Adams
Pat Meyer—Intentions Tommy O'Neill

Sun. July 27, 7:30 am Dale St. John Sr.

9:30 am Charlie French

Monica Flick David Chapman
Billie Roman Keith Matherine
John Weichman John Bel, Jr.

Alvin Castay Sr.— Healing

Otis Philip Guichet, Jr.

Paul Wang, Sr.

Bobbie Adams Satterlee

Eric Wang—healing

Kathleen M. Cook

Thomas James Puglia Sr. Adele "Tudy" Nunez

Pat Crawford—healing

11:30 am Dominic Le : One Year Anniver-

sary

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. July 28, 7:00 am Hilda Orgeron

8:30 am Lorraine Pachankis

Tues. July 29, 7:00am Charles Ray Daunis, Jr.

8:30 am Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Pitfield

Wed. July 30, 7:00 am Margaret Sedita

8:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Thurs. July 31, 7:00 am Fr. Steve Bruno—intentions

8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Victor A. Marsiglia Sr.

Fri Aug. 1, 7:00 am Mark Barrette- Healing

8:30 am Grace P. Palmisano

Sat. Aug. 2, 8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Victor A. Marsiglia, Sr.

Scripture Readings For the Week of July 27, 2025

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-

14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt

13:31-35

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,

12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11;

Mt 13:47-53

Friday Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,

10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and

17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited,

so is God's love and care for us unlimited. In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing in food, for utility

and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Weekly Collection Totals

July 13

July 20

\$9,605.00

\$10,279.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Thank You for your continued contributions



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Sunday July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Church office Hours: 9:00 am—2:00 pm Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm

Sun. July 27

2:30 pm Regia

Mon. July 28

Tues. July 29 6:00 pm St. Vincent Wed. July 30 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. July 31

Fri. Aug. 1

9:00 am Holy Hour

10:00 am Legion of Mary

Sat. Aug. 2

Calling all Juniors

This is your Confirmation Year **Informational Meeting – Teens & Parents** Join us on Monday, August 25th at 7:00 PM in the Community Room

for an important informational meeting You may register online or download the registration form at www.stritaharhan.com. Please bring the completed form, registration fees, and a copy of your baptismal certificate to the meeting. Additional details will be shared at that time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Suzanne Unger, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Leslie and Al Mendoza, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Paige Brock, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Louella Lange, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Marilyn Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Sylvia Belile, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Gerry Gelpi, Patricia Touro, Ronald & Kathy Livaudais, Judith Cavalier, Nydia Pastor, John Hayes Theis, Travis Jacob

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

Registration 2025-2026 Religious **Education program** is now open!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your children to deepen their faith and become an active part of our loving community.

Parent and Information Meeting

Join us on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 10:30 am in the Community Room for an informational meeting. This is a great chance to learn more about the program and ask any questions you may have.

Classes Begin

Mark your calendars! Classes start on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 10:45 am.

Registration Deadline

Be sure to register by **September 21, 2025** to secure your child's spot.

How to Register

Find more information and registration forms on our website: www.stritaharahan.com.

You can also pick up a form in the back of the church or at the church office.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our program! May this school year be a time of grace and growth

A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Sunday July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTIONS Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke I:I3). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

—James Field

SAINT MARTHA (first century)

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as "second-class" Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

—Peter Scagnelli

Sunday July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





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Across

- 2. Used for writing; and has an eraser.
- Used for sticking things together, usually in art class.
- 7. Playtime on the playground.
- 9. What you read and learn with.
- 10. Painting, drawing, coloring
- The bag students use to carry belongings to and from school.
- Popular fruit given to a teacher as a gift.
- Large green area on the wall of a classroom.
- The school room where all the books are.
- The adult who helps you learn throughout the year.
- The yellow vehicle used to take children to and from school.

Answers: Across (2 pencil) (6 glue) (7 recess) (9 books) (10 art) (11 backpacks) Down (1 apple) (3 chalkboard) (4 library) (5 feacher) (8 schoolbus)

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THANKYOU

Gratitude for a Joyful ACTS Reception

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who generously hosted the reception following our recent parish event. Through your thoughtful planning, cheerful service, and gracious hospitality, you created a space where fellowship flourished.

Every detail reflected the love and dedication you bring to our community. You turned a simple gathering into a meaningful celebration of faith, family.

Special appreciation goes to Sandra and Jerry
Duhe, Ricky Esteves and Tommy Flick for their thoughtful
planning and coordination. We also recognize Bereavement
committee, Legion of Mary, Men's ACTS participants for
refreshments and serving and Dad's Club, Knights of
Columbus and Scouts for their generous hospitality and
gracious service throughout the event. Each of you helped
create a space of warmth, fellowship, and celebration that
truly reflected our parish's spirit.

From beautifully prepared refreshments to the cheerful presence of every volunteer, this gathering was a testament to the love and dedication you bring to our community. We are grateful beyond words. All your work did not get over looked by a gracious retreatant that took the time to send a special THANK YOU!

"I was an ACTS retreatant last week which ended in the Mass and reception at your church. I don't think I can put into words how impressed I was by the very ability of the parishioners to rise to the occasion and feed us so well and cheerfully. It absolutely blows me away to imagine how you could so generously take on such a task when you had no idea how many folks would be attending, as there was our group of almost 60 and then our family and friends, which could have been any number and then the parishioners themselves. I thank you, all from the bottom of my Heart. God Bless and Keep" Mary Caro







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