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JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION:

We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that gathers together to celebrate the mysteries of God's love. We support and strengthen one another in our commitment to the Catholic faith. We serve those in need and share with all the Good News of God's unconditional love.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil:
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily
Masses are **Live Streamed**
on our website
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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am

Rosary - 8:00am

Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
(in church)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am
Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm

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OPEN POSITIONS

Contact Christie, the 2025 Fair Chair, if you're interested!
christieboskovich@gmail.com

THIS YEAR'S COUNTRY FAIR:

**OCT. 3-5,
2025**



Rental Coordinator

Coordinate vendor rentals to keep the fair running smoothly.

- Reorder equipment, tents, and tables, used in past years
- Check with booth chairs about needs or changes
- Optional: consolidate or research new vendors

Supplies Co-Chairs

Critical Booth Support Role!!

- Make sure every booth has what it needs
- Help organize supply distribution during the fair
- **2 Co-Chairs** would be ideal!!

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Abraham questions God about how He passes judgment on people. *What questions do you have for the Lord?*

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the believers in Colossae that through his cross and resurrection from the dead, Jesus united Jews and Gentiles by their shared faith in him. *How does your faith in Jesus bring you closer to others?*

Gospel:

Jesus encourages his disciples to be persistent and bold in praying to God. *Can you think of a time when God answered a bold prayer from you?*

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The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today's readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others.

The First Reading gives us an early glimpse of the extravagance of God's mercy revealed in the very first book of the Old Testament. In this passage from Genesis, we find Abraham testing the limits of God's kindness and patience with His people. God tells Abraham that despite the terrible depravity in Sodom and Gomorrah, for the sake of just a handful of innocent people, He would spare them all. This passage illustrates two basic truths of Christian stewardship: what an infinitely loving God we serve and what a privilege we have in our gift of faith, a gift that we must share for the sake of others.

The Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, reminds us of this stewardship basic: Christ "brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us...nailing it to the cross." Jesus loves us so much that he took on our sins to free us from death and offer us eternal life. What a generous Savior we have who gives us the gift of eternal life. This truth should fill us with overwhelming gratitude, inspiring us to share our lives generously with others as faithful disciples of our Lord.

The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer, offering us both a method of prayer from Jesus Himself and the encouragement to persist in prayer. In this passage, some of His disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

After giving us the Our Father, Jesus shares the funny little story of the man who bugs his neighbor for bread in the middle of the night. The man's persistence pays off. How much more perfectly the Father will answer the prayers of His children when we persist in going to Him with our needs.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more "basic" for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 18:20-32;

Psalm 138;

Colossians 2:12-14;

Luke 11:1-13

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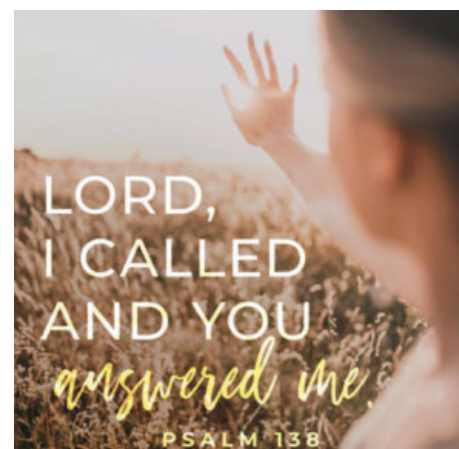
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	7/27	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Mon	7/28	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tues	7/29	Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wed	7/30	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thu	7/31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Fri	8/1	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b; Mt 13:54-58
Sat	8/2	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sun	8/3	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	7/28	8:30 am	Vincent Loffredo †
Tues	7/29	8:30 am	Diane Turk (<i>birthday</i>)
Wed	7/30	8:30 am	Sally Carlson (<i>healing</i>)
Thu	7/31	8:30 am	Bartholomew Ottoboni †
Fri	8/1	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †
Sat	8/2	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †
Sun	8/3	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
		11:00 am	Vincent Baxter (<i>special intention</i>)
		5:00 pm	Alba Laurette Kirkendall †

DAILY EXAMEN

The daily examen is a spiritual practice derived from the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. A Basque nobleman, Ignatius underwent a series of religious conversions as a young man following a wound sustained in the Battle of Pamplona in 1521. His Spiritual Exercises were first published in 1548 and form the basis of what is known today as "Ignatian spirituality." Many different versions of the examen have been developed over the centuries, but all are centered on the same five elements which themselves reflect Ignatius' process of self-review and spiritual discernment.

In completing the daily examen, an individual places himself in the presence of God, prayerfully reflecting on the blessings of the day, the actions he took, and the invitation God has for his future decisions.

For more information on the examen and to find different variations of it, visit ignatianspirituality.com. ©LPI



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

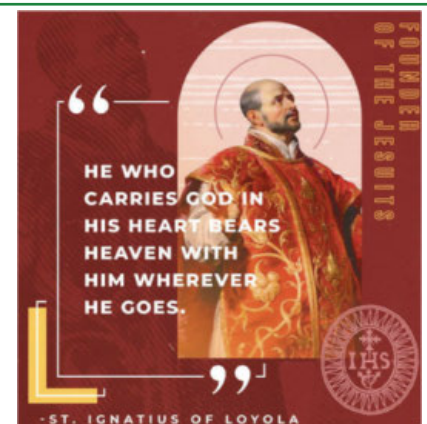
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start.

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POPE LEO XIV's UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: AUGUST *For mutual coexistence :*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Mary Elen Fox; Magdolma O'Brien; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Frederick Cunningham III; Rose Arnaudo; John Thomas Armstrong; Charli Joan Blackwell; George Bommarito; Bruce Welch

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



AUGUST 2 & 3

5:00pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 9:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 11:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 5:00pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

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Managing God's Gift To Us

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Week Ending July 13, 2025

Sunday Collection

\$ 11,749.00

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

AMERICANS ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD - *multi-part series*

Nearly 100 American men and women from the United States are currently being considered for sainthood. And many Catholics hope that Pope Leo XIV, the first U.S. born pope, will soon beatify or canonize some new American saints — perhaps even the first African American saint. In the coming weeks, we will take a look at some of these holy American men and women and the status of their sainthood causes.

SERVANT OF GOD JOSEPH VERBIS LAFLEUR

Remembered for his heroic service during World War II, Father Lafleur was born on Jan. 24, 1912, in Ville Platte, Louisiana. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lafayette on April 2, 1938, and became a military chaplain.

He was deployed to the Philippines and spent two and a half years as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. He ended up on a ship with other Japanese POWs that was torpedoed by an American submarine that did not realize the ship was carrying POWs.

Father Lafleur was last seen Sept. 7, 1944, helping men out of the hull of the sinking ship, for which he posthumously earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star and a second Distinguished Service Cross for his acts as a POW. His body was never found, but a shrine and monument exist at St. Landry Catholic Church, where he grew up. Each year Mass is celebrated in honor of his life around the date of his death.

Bishop Douglas Deshotel of Lafayette opened Father Lafleur's cause for canonization in 2020.



Jonah McKeown - National Catholic Register

COUNTRY FAIR 2025



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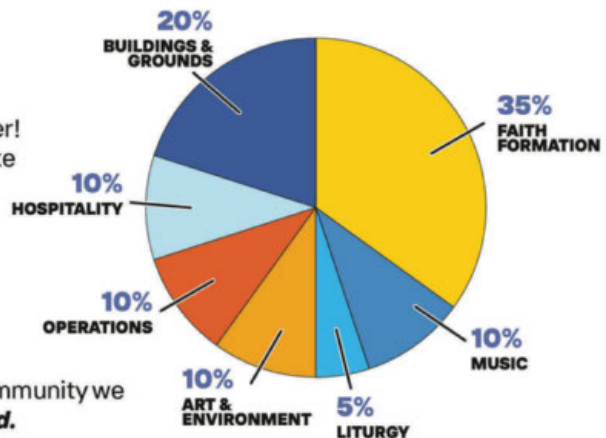


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TK ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Our littlest Cougars made bear costumes, brought their stuffed buddies from home, and paraded around campus spreading smiles. They wrapped it all up with a sweet picnic featuring (what else?) Teddy Grahams! Such a cute tradition!



AROUND THE DIOCESE

JULY 29-31: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG WOMEN A women's retreat for young Catholic women to deepen their faith and seek God's call in their lives. CityTeam Camp MayMac, 9115 E Zayante Rd., Felton, CA 95018 Register at dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/fiat/fiat-registration/

ILM - NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2025. The ILM offers a 3-year course of study for lay leaders in the Church. Responding to their baptismal call, ILM graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, and others. Find more about the ILM at bit.ly/ilm_eng

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY MINISTRY
The Institute for Leadership in Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Adult Spirituality and Family Life, is pleased to offer an Introduction to Family. **The course consists of two sessions per week over three weeks, followed by one Saturday session focused on how to establish a parish team.** Visit bit.ly/Intro_Family_Ministry_Course

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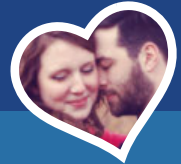
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