

# St. Cecilia's Catholic Church

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

### Calendar

**7/28/25 Monday**  
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34  
Mt 13:31-35

**7/29/25 Tuesday**  
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9,28  
Jn 11:19-27

**7/30/25 Wednesday**  
Ex 34:29-35  
Mt 13:44-46

**7/31/25 Thursday**  
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38  
Mt 13:47-53

**8/1/25 Friday**  
Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37  
Mt 13:54-58

**8/2/25 Saturday**  
Lv 25:1, 8-17  
Mt 14:1-12

**8/3/25 Sunday**  
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11  
Lk 12:13-21

### No Mass

8:30am  
**Assumption**

8:30am  
**Assumption**  
5:30pm  
St. Cecilia's

8:30am  
**Assumption**

8:30am  
**Assumption**  
9:45am  
**Care Center**

5:00pm  
**Assumption**

9:00am  
**Assumption**  
10:30am  
**St. Cecilia's**

### Mass Intentions

Gabel Family

+ Joy Dockter  
For an End to Abortion

+ Elaine Kava

+ Tim Cayler  
+ Jerome Nicklay

+ Joseph & Klotylda Kava

+ Bette Ann (McDunn)  
Bossart  
For the People

### Liturgical Ministries

#### August 3

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Jeff W., Arlen K., Bryan K.

##### Lector:

Steve H.

##### Altar Servers:

Evan, Sam

##### Sacristans:

Jacob V.

##### Money Counters:

Bryan K.

#### August 10

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Mike B., Tami H., Steve H.

##### Lector:

Mary Lou T.

##### Altar Servers:

Cooper, Taylor

##### Sacristans:

Bryan K.

##### Money Counters:

Rose B

#### August 17

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

May Lou T., Curt S., Karen O.

##### Lector:

Renee W.

##### Altar Servers:

Sam, Evan

##### Sacristans:

Steve H.

##### Money Counters:

Bryan K.

#### August 24

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Jeff W., Arlen K., Bryan K.

##### Lector:

Amanda V.

##### Altar Servers:

Claire, Hailley

##### Sacristans:

Jacob V.

##### Money Counters:

Rose B.

##### Ushers for July

Jeff W., Dave K.

### Congratulations

Congratulation to Matthew Stubstad on his reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. May the Spirit of God be with him always.

### **"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9**

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

### Vocations

"Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,"

Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Talk to Fr. Todd or Fr. Michael Arey (the Diocese's Vocation Director) at (218) 236 5066 or via email at marey@crookston.org. You can also find more information on the Diocese of Crookston website: [www.crookston.org/vocations](http://www.crookston.org/vocations).

## Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

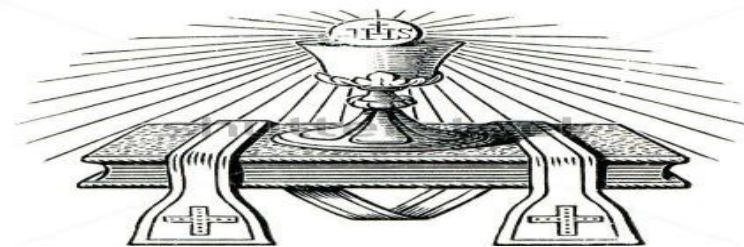
This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. The growth of God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while washing or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or going to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope..

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:  
http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html



### Mass Intentions: What is a Mass Intention?

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to the rubrics the Church provided for how to say the Mass. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. This second intention, commonly called "the intention of the Mass", are special intentions offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving in and through the Eucharist. (University of St. Thomas, Minnesota)

Anyone wishing to have a Mass said for someone living or deceased can make that request via the collection plate or dropping it off in the office. Masses are a donation of \$10.

## Life

Mike B.	8-2
Julie K.	8-5
Fran B.	8-5
Stetson S	8-7
Kelan B.	8-8
Adam J.	8-11
Phil K	8-13
Lloyd H.	8-14
Renee W.	8-15
Jon K	8-20

## Love

Jeff & Renee W.	7-28-90
Phil & Sue K.	8-15-98
Robert & Kathy D.	8-16-75

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### Calling All Cursillistas!

Who will you invite to experience the transformative Cursillo weekend this fall? Now is the time to begin praying about who God is calling you to invite.

The **Women's Cursillo** will be held September 25-28, and the **Men's Cursillo** is set for October 23-26.

Ask the Lord to place someone on your heart— someone you've seen seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, someone whom you can see God already at work. Making a Cursillo can be a powerful milestone in their faith journey.

Christ is counting on you! Registration forms are available at the parish office or by contacting Deacon Paul at St. Joseph's in Moorhead.

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PRAY

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us. We appreciate your participation. If you would like to join our parish community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to St. Cecilia's, PO Box 52, Sabin MN, 56580

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