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# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.  
For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."  
- Luke 11: 9-10*



## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAYS

MONDAY 6:30pm (2nd-5th)  
TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7:45am  
1st SATURDAY 7:45am, with  
confessions following

The Rosary is prayed after daily Mass. For a full listing of daily Mass devotional prayers, please visit our website or call the office.

### WEEKENDS

SATURDAY 4:30pm  
SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:00am  
Confessions 9:15am

### PRAYER LINE

The parish has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intentions on the Prayer Line, please call Carol (244-4817).

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PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY  
JULY 27TH  
2025

Dear Friends,  
Shortly after the Israelites left Egypt and began their sojourn in the desert, it did not take them long to forget all that God had done for them to bring them to safety: He made the heart of Pharaoh obstinate, and because of that obstinacy, Pharaoh gave chase with his chariots and charioteers.

As the Israelites were being pursued, God drew back the mighty waters of the Red Sea so they could pass from one side of the sea to the other in safety. When the Egyptians reached the same place, the waters returned and swallowed them up. This story can be found in Exodus 15, and is known as the Song of Moses. We sing this hymn at the solemn Mass on Easter night as we recount God’s mercies to the Israelites and the wondrous things He did for them.

Quick to complain

One would think that these mighty acts would remain fresh in the hearts of God’s people for generations, and would not ever be lost. Yet, a short time after all these things took place, we find the Israelites complaining because they didn’t have food to eat. They were even so crass as to say that, in Egypt, at least they had provisions for food.

If you really spend time with the book of Exodus, you’re left with one thought: how could the Israelites even ponder the thought of complaining to the Lord after all He had done for them? They had been given so many good gifts, and their very lives had been saved from the grasp of the Egyptians, and still, they found the need to complain against the Lord. As the book of Exodus goes on, one will find that there are many more complaints where this

one came from.  
As we look at our own lives, friends, I think we can see some close comparisons between the Israelites and our own spiritual disposition (or lack thereof, as the case might sometimes be).

Many good things happen to us and we rejoice in the Lord, but as soon as something goes awry or we’re put in a difficult place, the moaning and groaning begins. We might even have fits of anger against the Lord and rage against Him, and that might manifest itself in distancing ourselves from the Church, not going to Mass, not going to confession, not receiving the Eucharist. Just days or weeks prior, we were singing the Lord’s praises as we floated about on cloud nine, and now, despair has gripped us tightly. It happens to all of us - your pastor included. ☺

Stay close to the Lord’s love

The moral of the story? We cannot ever forget the mercies of the Lord, and the fact that He went to the cross for the sake of our salvation. So much was His love for us that He is present to us in every way: not just the things that we rejoice in, but also in the situations that can cause great challenges.

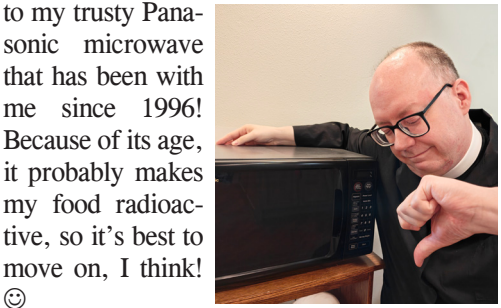
When the cross is before us, could I suggest that we strive to become like Job, who had a calm serenity about him when calamity after calamity besieged him. We remain joyful in the Lord through all that life brings to us, and when the evil one tempts us with anger and despair, we turn to the cross. There, we are quickly reminded that the Lord is with us, and His love will allow us to persevere and remain close to Him.

Construction updates

I’m happy to report that I am now living in the new apartment in the rectory ... for the most part. ☺ Everything is finished, save a bit of electrical and the bathroom. I do have a toilet, but the shower is forthcoming. Cabinetry should be received soon, and that will complete the apartment. It’s a beautiful space. My favorite part is the many windows which let in a lot of light. It should be wrapped up by the end of August.

Appliances have arrived, including a new microwave. I have decided to bid farewell

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- Fr. Michael



Drywall on the first floor is almost complete, and paint will commence next week. Flooring and ceilings will follow. The spaces are coming together very nicely.

Work continues in the church on the floor, with a special emphasis on the sanctuary floor at this time. It’s starting to come together!

Prayers of thanksgiving

We’ve had some great advancements in the fundraising over the past few weeks ... please join me in offering

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OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

2024-25 OFFERTORY BUDGET	
Envelopes.....	\$370,000.00
Loose (Cash).....	\$ 75,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$445,000.00
NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00	
OFFERTORY:	
July 20, 2025 (Week 3 of 52)	
Envelopes.....	\$ 1,354.00
Loose.....	\$ 669.30
Outreach.....	\$ 20.00
Mission.....	\$ 110.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,153.30
OFFERTORY PROGRESS:	
Collected to date.....	\$14,617.30
Needed to date.....	\$25,674.00
Surplus / (Shortfall)...	(\$11,056.70)

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prayers of thanksgiving for all our donors and for their intentions. All our donors have been incredibly generous in offering sacrificial gifts for the completion of our campus. This is a wonderful sign of unity as many in the diocese come together to support our spiritual home and that of all the faithful. With love in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr . Michael



**MAZZUCHELLI PILGRIMAGE 2025**

Sunday, August 10, 2025  
7:30 am Saint Augustine in New Diggins  
10:00 am Mass at Saint Patricks  
11:00 am Lunch  
12:00 - 1:30 pm Venerate Gravesite, Museum, Prayer, Testimony





FATHER SAMUEL

Even if you cannot walk the pilgrimage, you are most welcome to join St. Patrick Parish in Benton for Mass, lunch, and the other activities. Registration is required by Aug. 4. Visit the Google Form at <https://shorturl.at/VSwmk> to sign up, and contact Kayla at [kayla@saint-maryplatteville.com](mailto:kayla@saint-maryplatteville.com) or 563-542-4461 with questions.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, July 28th		Weekday
The 17th Week in Ordinary Time		
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 ✕ Ps 106 ✕ Mt 13:31-35		
5:45pm	Confessions	
6:30pm	Open Intention	
Tuesday, July 29th		Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus (M)
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 ✕ Ps 103 ✕ Jn 11:19-27		
7:45am	Richard Trace †	
Following	Rosary	
Wednesday, July 30th		St. Peter Chrysologus (m)
Ex 34:29-35 ✕ Ps 99 ✕ Mt 13:44-46		
7:45am	Joan Gillitzer †	
Following	Rosary	
Thursday, July 31st		St. Ignatius of Loyola (M)
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 ✕ Ps 84 ✕ Mt 13:47-53		
7:45am	Open Intention	
Following	Rosary	
First Friday, August 1st		St. Alphonsus Liguori (M)
Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 ✕ Ps 81 ✕ Mt 13:54-58		
7:45am	L/D members of the Larson & Scovill Families & June Courtney-Brazy †	
Following	Rosary	
First Saturday, August 2nd		BVM
Lev 25:1, 8-17 ✕ Ps 67 ✕ Mt 14:1-12		
7:45am	Open Intention	
Following	Litany of the IHM & Confessions	
Sunday, August 3rd		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 ✕ Ps 90 ✕ Col 3:1-5, 9-11 ✕ Lk 12:13-21		
4:30pm (Sat.)	Pro Populo	
8:00am	Elisabeth Handojo †	
9:15am	Confessions	
10:00am	Sooil Kim †	
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING		

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in honor of an:

Anonymous Donor

Each week our bulletin will feature the names of those who made a donation toward our bulletin, which is now published in-house. For more information, contact the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your support!





## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### August 1, 2025

The following information is reprinted with permission from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org):

Today is the Memorial of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787), a great preacher of the Gospel to the poor. He sent his Redemptorists into the countryside and the market towns and villages to announce the Kingdom of God. For his great works on Moral Theology he has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

### St. Alphonsus Liguori

Alphonsus Liguori, born in 1696, was the son of an ancient Neapolitan family. His father was an officer in the Royal Navy. At the age of sixteen, Alphonsus received his doctorate in both canon and civil law and for nearly ten years practiced at the bar. When he found that one of the legal cases he was defending was not based on justice but on political intrigue, he gave up the practice of law and dedicated his life to God.



Ordained to the priesthood in 1726, St. Alphonsus Liguori joined a group of secular priests dedicated to missionary activities. He involved himself in many kinds of pastoral activities, giving missions and organizing workers, and had a part in the founding of an order of contemplative nuns.

### Founded Redemptorists

In 1732, he founded the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers, to work especially among the country people of Italy who often lacked the opportunity for missions, religious instruction, and spiritual retreats. Strangely, his first companions deserted him; but Alphonsus stood firm, and soon vocations multiplied and the congregation grew.

The Redemptorists were approved by Pope Benedict XIV in 1749, and Alphonsus was elected superior general. In 1762, he was appointed bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti and as bishop he corrected abuses, restored churches, reformed seminaries, and promoted missions throughout his diocese. During the famine of 1763-64, his charity and generosity were boundless, and he also carried on a huge campaign of religious writing.

### Doctor of the Church

In 1768, he was stricken with a painful illness and resigned his bishopric. During the last years of his life, problems in his congregation caused him much sorrow and when he died on August 1, 1787, at Pagani, near Salerno, the Redemptorists were a divided society. He was beatified in 1816, canonized in 1839, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

—Excerpted from the *The One Year Book of Saints* by Rev. Clifford Stevens

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### SCRIP CARDS ON SALE JULY 26 & 27



SCRIP cards will be on sale after Masses on Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27. SCRIP orders for August are due to the Parish Office by Monday, Aug. 4, and will be processed on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.

### SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to attend a Silver Rose Prayer Service with the Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm on Monday, Aug. 4, at the Cathedral of St. Bernard. The prayer service honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirms dedication to the sanctity of human life.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRAT STAND AUGUST 8 & 9



Come and enjoy some delicious brats and hot dogs sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Friday, Aug. 8 and Saturday, Aug. 9. Our drive-thru opens at 10:00 am and closes at 2:00 pm each day. \$6.00 will get you a brat or hot dog, bun, chips, soda, and condiments. An extra brat or hot dog is \$4.00. If you need more than 10 orders, please order in advance by contacting Tim Zeier at 608-513-6358.

### CONFERENCE FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS AUG. 22-24

Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado! (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship, and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register.



### PLEASE NOTE MONTHLY CALENDAR NO LONGER PUBLISHED



Please note that beginning with August, we will no longer be publishing a separate monthly calendar insert. Instead, we will include upcoming Cathedral dates of importance as needed, as shown below.

## CATHEDRAL DATES AT A GLANCE

**Thursday, Aug. 14th, 6:30pm, Vigil Mass**  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, Aug. 15th, Noon, Mass**  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

