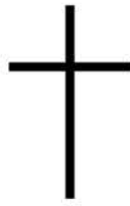


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The kingdom of heaven is like a *treasure* buried in a field,
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– Matthew 13:44



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Mass Schedule & Intentions:

26 Sunday

OLF Sat, 4:30p + Nick Fontana
+ Andrew Scurria
+ Doyle Nelson
+ Pat and John Zagone

JGS Sat, 4:30p + James Bowie
+ Marie Easterling
+ Brenda Carso
+ Jean Zentner
+ Gwen Dunn

OLF 8:00a For OLF Parishioners

JGS 9:00a + Leo Nelson

SL 9:30a + Randall Herbert
+ Karen Danna

JGS 11:00a + Joseph Loc Nguyen

JGS 5:00p For JGS Parishioners

27 Monday

JGS 5:30p + Tommy Canizaro, Jr.

28 Tuesday

OLF 9:00a + Doyle Nelson
+ Pat Zagone

JGS 5:30p + David Cattar
+ Thurman Dickey

29 Wednesday

JGS 5:30p Catherine Ray (S.I.)

30 Thursday

OLF 8:30a + Doyle Nelson
+ Andrew Scurria

JGS 5:30p + Bonnie Bensberg

31 Friday

JGS 8:15a + Sister Maria Smith

OLF 6:00p + Andrew Scurria
+ Ruben Simon

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Sanctuary Candle:

July 26 - July 31

JGS In Memory of L.V. Cascio Family
From The Children

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*If you would like to have the sanctuary candle burn in memory
or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office.*

We Welcome All Visitors!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you want to learn more about our parish
or have questions about the Catholic Faith,
please email NELAcatholics@gmail.com.

We will be happy to answer your questions!

Welcome

The Kingdom of Heaven is a Treasure

*What Truly
Matters*

Dear Friends:

The World Cup is now over. For weeks, millions of people followed every match. Families gathered around televisions. Fans wore jerseys, waved flags, and cheered for their favorite teams. One nation lifted the trophy. The others went home disappointed. And now the tournament is finished.

Years ago, when I played soccer at Centenary College, my coach often reminded us: **"Nothing in sports is eternal."** I never forgot those words. Sports are good. They teach teamwork, discipline, perseverance, sacrifice, and healthy competition. They create friendships and memories that can last a lifetime. But they are not eternal.

Neither is dance, robotics, travel ball, hunting season, fishing tournaments, school activities, or any of the countless things that fill our calendars. All of these things have their place.

None of them can take the place of God and worship of Him as a community of faith.

That brings us to this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus tells the parable of a man who discovers a treasure hidden in a field. Upon finding it, he joyfully sells everything he owns in order to possess that treasure. He does not do so reluctantly. He does not complain about the sacrifice. The treasure is worth far more than everything he gives up.

The question is obvious: **What is our treasure?** What determines our schedule? What receives our best energy? What do we arrange everything else around?

For many people today, faith is expected to fit around everything else. If there is time after sports, recreation, travel, work, and entertainment, then perhaps there will be time for God.

Jesus proposes the exact opposite.

When a person discovers the Kingdom of God, everything else begins to find its proper place. Family matters. Work matters. Recreation matters. Sports matter. But they are no longer at the center. Christ is.

The saints understood this. They enjoyed the good things of life, but they never confused them with the ultimate thing. They knew that trophies tarnish, seasons end, children grow up, careers conclude, and even our strongest earthly achievements eventually fade into memory. Only God remains. Only heaven is eternal.

Every Sunday we gather around the greatest treasure on earth: Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. Long after the score of the final World Cup match has been forgotten, Christ will still be present on our altar. Long after every championship trophy has gathered dust, souls will still be entering heaven through His grace.

So perhaps the end of the World Cup offers a useful reminder. Enjoy the games. Enjoy the activities. Enjoy the many blessings God places in your life. But never forget the treasure. **Because only heaven is eternal.**

Fr. Pat

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FROM THE CATECHISM

CCC 1806 — “Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.”

CCC 1723 — “The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, but in God alone.”

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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NEW

OLD

DEVOTIONS & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study — Deacon Tom
JGS 6:30a Moore Hall

Bible Study & Dinner
OLF 6:00p Parish Hall

Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study — Elaine Elias
JGS 1:00p Parish Hall

JH & HS Girls Bible Study
6:30p 3717 Acadian Trce

Thursdays

Divine Mercy Chaplet
JGS 4:45p Church

Rosary
JGS 5:00p Church

Bible Study — Deacon Chris
JGS 7:00p Zoom

Fridays

Divine Mercy Chaplet (followed by
Seven Sorrows Rosary on 1st Fridays)
JGS 3:30p Tabernacle Area



ADORATION

EXPOSITION

Tuesday

JGS 6:00am - 9:00pm

Thursday

OLF 9:45am - 12:00pm

1st Thursday

SL 5:00pm

1st Friday

OLF 6:30pm - 7:00pm



Church Open for Personal Prayer

Monday-Friday

JGS 8:30am-3:30pm

LORD, WE PRAY FOR:

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Jeff Albritton, Mary Ana, Gabriella Armstrong, John Baker, Judy Bell, Darlene Bergquist, Theresa Birden, Pat Blanchard, Travis Breard, Ginger Brown, Lana Caron, Pat Dayton, Donna Calhoun, Jane Calk, Anthony Canizaro, Joyce Chase, Karmann Conlee, JoAnn Crone, Kitty Curry, Theresa Curry, Alison DeRouen, Charlotte Dickey, Elaine Elias, Karen Embanato, Susan Erlemeier, Phyllis Fuller, Helen Geisler, Jordan Gibb, Caiden Giovingo, Russ Givens, Jim Greenlaw, Faith Gremillion, Clint Guillory, Louis Haas, Jane Hattaway, Philip Hayden, Nancy Hemrick, Beau Herlevic, Catherine Hightower, Tim Hudson, J. Michael Inzina, Lee Jacks, Debra Johnson, Jason M. Johnson, Diane Jones, Jane Keifenheim, Danette Keith, Jeri Kelly, Ann King, Helen King, Mercer King, Melissa Kroper, Walter LaRose, Sr., Steve Lawrence, Michelle Lofton, Karen Luneau, Christian Makuch, Marley McClanahan, Bridget Tonore McFerrin, Claudia Mc Guire, Peggy McGuire, Raymond McKinney, Sr., Tobie McKown, Emma Medlin, Ed Miceli, Tommy Miceli, Connie Milam, Jerry Miller, Phyllis Monaco, Gloria Morgan, Larry Mullens, Rosie Nix, Ed Patrick, Dianna Petty, Joey Poland, Vada Powell, Charles Pritchard, Paula Pruett, Florine Robin, Larry & Lex & Lance Runk, William Ronquille, Cammi Shaffett, Mary Ann Sims, J. Randolph Smith, S.L. Southern Alpha Spence, Heather Talley, Doug Tarver, Bill Turnbough, Peggy Turnbough, Joan Vales, Marc VanDerKarr, Teddy Varino, George Walker, Jr., Christopher Weems, Lucy Wren Wilson, Quentin Wuerz, Mary Young

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Our Dearly Departed:

Pat Russell, Bill Wynn, Audury Hawsey, Sally Ditta, Stephen Bourgeois, Ralph McCurdy, Nick D. Fontana, Andrew Scurria, Nadine Odom, Mike Waterman, Doyle Nelson, Pam Bratton

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Congratulations to our parents on the upcoming birth of your child. Call the Church Office at least three months before your baby's birth. We look forward to helping you and your godparents prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism seminar is required.

First Sacraments & Confirmation: We joyfully support families as children prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Preparation includes both catechesis and opportunities for spiritual growth, helping children encounter Christ more deeply through each sacrament.

Matrimony: We congratulate all of our newly engaged couples. Contact our office soon (at least six months prior to your desired wedding date). We look forward to helping you as you prepare to enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Vocations: If you feel that you may be called to the priesthood or sisterhood, please call our office to schedule an appointment with Father Peter.

Anointing of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick:

If you or your loved one is in a hospital, about to undergo surgery, or in a nursing home or homebound and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments, please call or email the church office to schedule.

Funerals: When death is imminent, or upon the death of a loved one, please make the church one of your first calls. We are here to support you.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday JGS	4:00pm
1st Thursday SL	5:00-5:50pm
Friday OLF	5:00pm-5:50pm
Saturday JGS OLF	3:00pm 3:00pm-4:00pm

Or by appointment. Call the church office to schedule.

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS OF OLF, SL, CCM, & JGS

Baptism Seminar

- August 4

Engaged Couples Weekend

JGS Parish Hall

Fri 6-8:45pm, Sat 9am-4pm

- October 2 & 3

Email pa@jgschurch.org to register.



NEWS & EVENTS

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Deacon Tom's Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, Parlor Room – 6:30am

Engaged Couples Weekend

October 2 & 3

Elaine's Bible Study

Wednesdays, Parish Hall – 1:00pm

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

2nd & 4th Mondays – 12:00pm

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

Tuesday, August 11 – 6:30pm

Youth Faith Formation | CCD

Sunday, September 13 – 6:30pm

FLOCKNOTE



*Bingo Every Third Thursday
Will Resume September 17*

CHRIST THE KING, ULM

Arts & Crafts Show

August 1, 9:00am-3:00pm

*Our Catholic Campus Ministry Masses
and events are closed for the summer.*

*We look forward to gathering again in
August 2026!*

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Altar Society

3rd Mondays – 5:30pm

Bible Study & Dinner

Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

Catholic Daughters of America

1st Mondays – 5:30pm (Hall)

Rosary

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – 1pm (Church)

Vacation Bible School

July 29-31, 8:00am-12:00pm

FLOCKNOTE



ST. LAWRENCE

Adoration & Mass

2nd Wednesdays – 6pm & 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus

2nd Tuesdays – 6pm (Hall)

Singles Group Lunch

Sundays – 12pm

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- Beanie Weenies (pull top)
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- Cereal
- Small Fruit Cups
- Canned Peas; carrots; potatoes
- Pasta & Sauces
- Vienna Sausages
- Canned Tuna (pull top or packet)
- Canned Chicken (pull top)
- Canned beef (pull top)
- Bottled Water



ADULT FAITH FORMATION CORNER

GROW DEEPER IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Tuesday, August 11 6:30 pm at JGS

Come & See - Welcome! | OCIA

Tuesday, August 18 6:30 pm at JGS

What is Faith? | OCIA

Tuesday, August 25 6:30 pm at JGS

Father, Son, and The Holy Spirit - Trinity | OCIA

Tuesday, September 1 6:30 pm at JGS

The Bible and the Catechism in Practice | OCIA

Tuesday, September 8 6:30 pm at JGS

The Word Handed Down: Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and How the Bible Came to Be | OCIA

TO LEARN MORE SCAN HERE



NEWS & EVENTS

Curious about the Catholic Faith?

You are not alone.

Whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time, returning to faith after many years, considering becoming Catholic, or simply have questions, we invite you to join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

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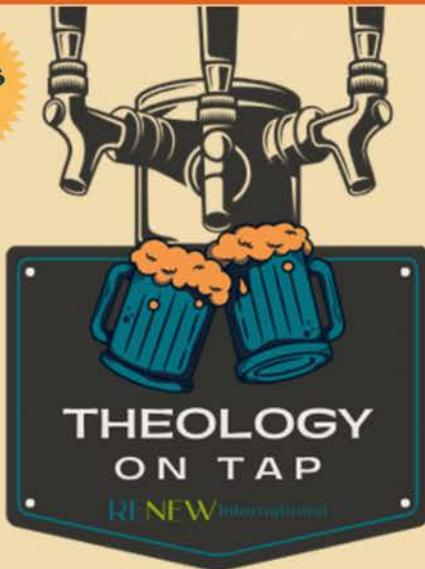
BEGINNING AUGUST 11, 2026

- Optional Mass at 5:30 PM
- Dinner and fellowship following Mass
- Discussion and exploration of the Catholic faith at 6:30 PM

Bring your questions.
Bring a friend. Come and see.

For more information, visit our website to register
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21-39



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FORMATION**

FAMILY KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 13TH

✚ **CCD** PREK4 - 6th grade

✚ **CONFIRMATION** 7th - 8th grade

Train a child in the way he
should go; and even when he is
old, he will not stray from it.
- Proverbs 22:6

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July 11 & 12	\$4,470	\$4,135	\$335
YTD	\$7,542	\$8,269	(\$727)

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	Actual
July 12	\$2,655

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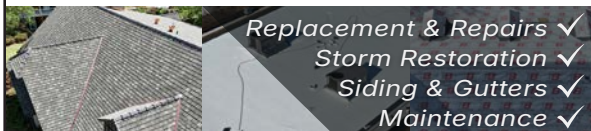


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