

Saint Nicholas Parish

August 16, 2026

Seymour, Connecticut



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Church of the Good Shepherd
135 Mountain Road

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass 11:00 am
Weekdays (M,T,W,Th,) 9:00 am
Sat. Confession 3:30 - 4:00 pm



St. Augustine Church
35 Washington Ave

Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Handicap Accessible Side Entrance

Parish Website www.stnicholasct.org
Email - stnicholasct@comcast.net
Telephone 203-888-9243 - Fax 203-888-6016

Rectory Office Hours

Good Shepherd	Mon. to Thur.	9:00am - 3:00pm
	Fri.	Closed

Baptisms

Registration is required.
Please call the rectory office.

Marriages

Please contact rectory office at least
six months in advance.

Office of Vocations

Phone: 860-242-5573
Web site: www.vocationshartford.org

Sick Calls

We are happy and honored to visit the sick
or homebound.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 2026

Good Shepherd	Mass Intentions
Sat. 8/15 4:30 pm	✠ Betty Dahn (Brother)
Sun. 8/16 11:00 am	✠ Angelina Bowen 2nd Yr Anniversary (Mary Ann DeAngelis)
Mon. 8/17 9:00 am	Mass Available
Tue. 8/18 9:00 am	✠ Mary Strubbe (Strubbe Family)
Wed. 8/19 9:00 am	Parishioners of St Nicholas
Thur. 8/20 9:00 am	Mass Available
Fri. 8/21	No Mass
Sat. 8/22 4:30 pm	✠ Margaret Naughton (Peg & Bob Moffett)
Sun. 8/23 11:00 am	✠ Robert Garofalo (Children & Family)
St. Augustine	Mass Intentions
Sun. 8/16 9:00 am	✠ Jon Chontos (Family)
Sun. 8/23 9:00 am	✠ Thomas Love (Jack & Janet Konicki & Jeanne)

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026
 Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday:
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
 Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
 Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

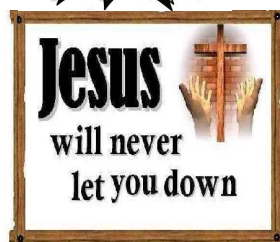
Religious Education Class Registration 2026/2027

More info on Parish Website
<https://stnicholasct.org/religious-education-2/>

August 2026	St Augustine	Good Shepherd
 Wine	Available	In Memory Of Jeremy Patrovich Requested By Martha & Ed Sadowski
 Sanctuary Lamp Good Shepherd	In Memory Of Jachimowski & Gioielli Families Jean E. Jachimowski Kathleen E. Jachimowski Jamaitis Edward J. Jachimowski Requested by Jachimowski Family	
 Hosts	Available	In Memory Of Nancy, Howard & Austin King Requested By Martha & Ed Sadowski

Thank You for your Generosity

August 2	\$5,320
August 9	\$4,356
August 16	
August 23	
August 30	
OnLine Giving July	\$3,768
Fuel Collection	\$1,528
Total Collections	\$14,972
Cathderaticum Fee	\$1,048
Total Stay in Parish	\$13,924



The date for Confirmation 2026 has been verified for Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT at 10 AM. Students and their sponsors will need to be there by 8:30 AM. Please continue to watch the website for more information on all of the Confirmation classes.

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life.



The Assumption of Mary is a Catholic dogma stating that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. This event is celebrated yearly on August 15, and was officially defined as an infallible church teaching by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Mass Schedule

Please know that if you are having the weekend mass said for a certain person or reason and you would like to bring the gifts up to the priest during the mass, please let the ushers know when you come into church that you would like this honor. If no one comes forward, the ushers will find someone to bring the gifts forward.

Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit for:

John L.	Selest L.	Carlos S.	Bobby L.	Lydia B.
Caryn G.	Bridget W.	Deanna B.	Grace F.	Liam H.
Richard D.	Linda A.	Patricia S.	Vivianna R.	Paul S.
Allyson P.				

Please Note:

That we are only reporting first and initial of last name. We ask that if you have a name (1st name and 1st initial of last name) that you would like on the list, you must call the rectory 203-888-9243 - Good Shepherd and resubmit the name. The name will stay on for **2 months** and then be removed unless their name is resubmitted. Using this method we can keep names current. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Prayerful Study of Sacred Scripture

Commencing with the Old Testament and concluding with the New Testament and Letters will be offered from August 2026 to May 2029.

The gathering will be held on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in The Father Keane Hall, facilitated by Deacon Ken Ewaskie.

All participants are asked to bring a Catholic Bible and to pre-read the scheduled reading of Sacred Scripture for that meeting.

Introduction & Overview - Monday, Aug 31, 2026

Genesis - Monday, Sept. 7, 2026

Exodus - Monday, Sept. 21, 2026

Any inquires, questions, concerns please contact Deacon Ken (203) 888-1641

OUR MONTHLY SHELTER DINNER



Will be held at the Spooner House in Shelton on Thursday, September 3rd.. A sign-up sheet with the menu is in the St. Augustine

vestibule, for anyone willing to provide a portion of the meal.

Meal Items should be brought to St. Augustine Church at 3 pm on that day to permit a timely delivery to the Spooner house.

St. Nicholas Parish has On Line Giving

Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year, and you can change your account preferences and donation amounts at any time. To Sign up and Create your account by entering the link <https://osvhub.com/st-nicholas-ct/giving/funds>. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the Parish Business office 203-888-9243

The Parish Finance Council

Help us make our parish stronger.

If you have a good knowledge of computer programs and have a talent to communicate well, you may be the person we are looking for. The position of bulletin editor and webmaster have opened up. These positions are extremely important to communicate what is happening in our parish to the parishioners. Right now, these are handled by the same person, but they could be done by two differently talented people. They will demand some time and effort each week, but the rewards are immeasurable.

If you think you are interested in helping our parish in these unique positions, let Fr. Tom know. Call the rectory at 203-888-9243 to set up an appointment for more information. The sooner the better!

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

AUGUST 15 - 21, 2026

Archdiocesan Teens Journey Together to Steubenville East Youth Conference

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Parish youth ministry groups from throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford journeyed together for the first time to the Steubenville East Youth Conference in Springfield, Mass., where they encountered Christ through the sacraments, dynamic speakers, Eucharistic Adoration and high-energy praise and worship.

Approximately 300 high school-age teens, chaperones and clergy from 16 parishes attended, boarding buses from Hartford and other points around the archdiocese for the three-day conference, slated July 24 to 26, all heading to the MassMutual Center in Springfield. The conference drew 1,500 attendees from throughout Southern New England.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time the Archdiocese of Hartford organized a trip to the Steubenville East Youth Conference to bring multiple parishes together," says Joshua Kay, associate director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The archdiocese spearheaded this year's trip and invited parishes to join in, recognizing that not all parishes are experienced with travel logistics, Kay notes. So, his office took on that role and freed up parish youth ministers for mission.

"In other words, they got to be a youth minister to their teens for the duration of the trip," Kay explains.

Father Hector Rangel, pastor in solidum for Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven, and Father Daniel Valente, parochial vicar for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the Cathedral of St. Joseph, both in Hartford, accompanied the teens, providing priestly spiritual support.



Teens are moved by praise and worship music during the Steubenville East Youth Conference at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Before leaving town on Friday afternoon, the travelers were treated to a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, followed by a mini retreat that included games and a keynote talk by Kay, titled "Worth the Wait," comparing what the world deems as worthy to what God says is actually worthy.

At the Steubenville East Youth Conference in Springfield, where this year's theme was "Worthy," a number of speakers shared how all are loved in the eyes of God. The teens also took part in Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The conference was an opportunity to experience the wider Catholic Church, grow in personal faith and make new friends.

For Gabriel Cardichon, 15, a youth ministry teen from St. Paul VI Parish in Hamden, this spiritual experience was a first. "This was my first ever time going to the Steubenville East Conference, but it definitely won't be the last. It was one of the best times I've ever had," he says.

The highlight for Cardichon was the Eucharistic Procession, in which priests carried Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament around the stadium for the purpose of Eucharistic Adoration.

"There was a moment where I felt especially close to God, and that was during the Eucharistic Procession on Saturday," Cardichon recalls. "It was probably because Jesus was literally right in front of me and seeing so many people my age get so emotional, which I've never seen before in my life. Usually, I don't cry happy tears, but on that night, I couldn't hold it in. Definitely one for the ages."

The teen also received a holy reminder that he plans to cherish. "The second-best moment was when I got my tiny saints (the keychains) blessed by a priest," he says. "I'll never be losing those."

Steubenville Catholic Youth Conferences are produced by Franciscan University of Steubenville and hosted by Life Teen.



Upcoming Events



AUGUST 24 @ 6:30PM - 8:30PM
**ENCOUNTER AND MISSION AT THE HEART
OF EVANGELIZING CATECHESIS**
Archdiocese of Hartford Pastoral Center,
Bloomfield

Join us for an evening Workshop presented by Dr. Stella Marie Jeffrey and hosted by the Office of Missionary Discipleship. Register before August 21 to Jason.Rinaldi@aohct.org to reserve your seat! Parish groups welcome! We hear the importance of having an encounter with the Lord. All of us are meant to encounter the Lord and allow this encounter to change and shape us, thus we become children of God, his disciples sent on mission to share this divine love. This workshop will include an exercise in evangelization.



SEPTEMBER 9 @ 6PM **\$25**
**OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS WITH FR. RAY
KELLY | A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR IMMACARE**
Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford

Join Ireland's beloved Singing Priest, Fr. Ray Kelly, for his only CT performance! Enjoy an unforgettable evening of inspiring music, laughter, and heartwarming stories while supporting ImmaCare's mission to serve individuals experiencing homelessness. Inspired by Fr. Ray's Open Road, Open Heart tour, this special concert celebrates hope, compassion, and new beginnings. 100% of proceeds benefit ImmaCare.

Tickets start at \$25. Doors open at 6:00 PM.
For tickets or information contact Teresa Wierbicki
at [860-580-5644](tel:860-580-5644) | twierbicki@immacare.org
or scan the QR Code.



AUGUST 24
FORE FACS GOLF CLASSIC
TPC River Highlands, Cromwell

Join the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools for a day on the green driving for impact! Honoring the legacy of Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, this annual event unites business leaders, families, and community partners to support Catholic education and fund scholarships for children in need. Net proceeds power the FACS mission to transform lives through education. Visit FACSHartford.org or scan the QR code to learn more, register, or sponsor today!



JANUARY 13 @ 7PM
**SAVE THE DATE
REBOOT: A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT**
St. Margaret Church, Madison

This high-energy, 2 hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker Chris Stefanick will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created for you: A life of JOY! Event is perfect for everyone: friends, family, children (12+), and those who may not be actively practicing their faith. Scan the QR code to secure your spot!



SEPTEMBER 8 @ 7AM - 9AM
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HELP AND HOPE BREAKFAST**
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford

Join Catholic Charities for the 2026 Help & Hope Breakfast featuring UConn Coach Dan Hurley. This inspiring morning celebrates hope, resilience, and the power of community while supporting Catholic Charities' mission of providing help and creating hope. Visit www.ccaoh.org/hope for info and sponsorships availability.



SEPTEMBER 12 @ 9AM - 3PM
LOURDES IN A DAY PILGRIMAGE
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford

Experience the grace and healing power of Lourdes right here in CT! Join Archbishop Coyne, Bishop Reidy, Bishop Rosazza, and Fr. MacNeill for a day of prayer and renewal. The event is fully handicap accessible, and a complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP by September 2. Register with Mark Sullivan at lourdesinaday@gmail.com or scan the QR Code.



AUGUST 22 @ 4:30PM **\$15**
**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
HARTFORD YARD GOATS BASEBALL GAME**
Dunkin Park, Hartford

Join YCP Central CT for a night at Dunkin' Park in Hartford for a good 'ol Yard Goats game! YCP Belong Members: Complimentary ticket Non-members: Discount courtesy of YCP Central CT at \$15 per ticket. Gates open at 4:30PM and the game starts at 6:10PM. Email info@ycp-centralconnecticut.org to RSVP.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



Total Goal: \$10M 97.63% as of 8/4/26

\$9,762,837.71 in pledges from 27,021 generous donors

*This figure does not include bequests given to
the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

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www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

