

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 23, 2026

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS

1:15 PM ENG

2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date
of baptism through the
Rectory office after
the birth of your child

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory
for an appointment at
least six months prior
to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAYS

4:00 to 4:45 PM and

THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.

1ST FRI. DEVOTION

7:30 to 10 PM

1ST SAT. DEVOTION

AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

3RD FRIDAY MASS

Mass for Vocations 7:30 PM



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you
bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose
on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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LITURGY OF THE EUCCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM

SATURDAYS 8:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENINGS

VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM,

10:30 (Polish) 12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon

& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES

1ST SAT. AFTER

8 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY

1ST WED. 6:30 PM

(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,

SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

YOUTH GROUP

2ND & 4TH MON. 6 PM

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is Yours, and You call us to serve You by caring for the gifts
that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to
work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—AUGUST 23, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

- 5:00 pm Intentions of Carmen and Marie Iannotti
+ Mary Jane Kelly
+ John Karpinski
+ Edward Sujecki
+ Philip Schmitt /+ Louis Mayle
+ Alexander Zultoski & Dec'd Family Members

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 23, 2026

- 8:00 am + Alex Sydlowski, Sr. (7th A)
9:15 am + Barbara Van Riper (A)
10:30 am The People of the Parish Living and Deceased
+ Kamil Wnorowski
+ Janina and Henryk Dominiak
+ Jan Suchta / + Vicky Czaplick
12 noon Dec'd Members of the Altar Rosary Society

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

- 7:00 am + Schuyler Van Kurin

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

- 7:00 am Intentions of Deacon Mike and Reina Bonocore
+ John L. Rutkoske

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 2026

- 7:00 am + Albert Stepnoski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

- 7:00 am + Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

- 7:00 am Safe Travels for John and Michael Weber

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

- 8:00 am + Sheena Alterio
5:00 pm The People of the Parish Living and Deceased
+ Elizabeth Strebel
+ Philip Schmitt
+ Dec'd Members of the Grodski Family

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 30, 2026

- 8:00 am + Chester Friszolowski, Sr. and Jean Tuthill
9:15 am + Stephen Leslie, Sr.
10:30 am + Kamil Wnorowski
+ Andrzej Wroblewski
+ Jadwiga Lesniowska i Kazimierz Lesniowski
Blessings for Antoni Szlejter
12 noon + Marie Calandra



*God could have established His Church under supervision of Angels that have no faults or weaknesses. But who can doubt that as it stands today consisting of and under the supervision of poor sinners—successors to the “poor sinner fishermen of Galilee;” the Church is a more outstanding miracle than any other way?
~ Bl. Solanus Casey*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

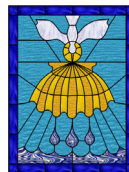
THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 24, 2026

No Youth Group tonight

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 PM to 2 PM



BAPTISMS

We welcome:

*Emma Kupiszewski
Callie Marzec*

Thank You

The Outreach deeply thanks the **Knights of Columbus** for their very generous check donation to our pantry. This helps us buy items when on sale to keep our shelves stocked. We also wish to thank the **Moose Lodge** for the wrapped rolls of toilet paper and refrigerator meat, items everyone needs! And as always, we thank those **anonymous donors** who so generously give—some weekly, some monthly without whom our pantry cannot do what we do.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Billy Ryan * Kimberly Herzog * Adrian Weber * Regina Semon * Amanda Kells * Jean Machalski * Przemyslaw Golembowski * Margaret Lombardo * Valerie Ainsworth * Mary Jane Macarthur * Nancy Kruszon Walters * Joanne DeMarco * Sandra Kuhlman * Richard Abbott * Beverly Bullock * Joseph O'Shea * Baby John Krepps * Dottie Bugdin * Jadwiga Luniewska * Wanda Tuminska * Etta Jean Otis * Richard Anderson * Eric Frak * Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles J. Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth * Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * James Gibson * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Pernicario * Sammy * Brodie * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Grodski Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Jeffrey Clark * Tom Wisniewski III * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Greffe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darnody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

ATTENTION PLEASE!!

To all who have charitably placed their loved one on our prayer list, please let us know the status of their condition. Names will be periodically removed if no updates are received.

Thank you.

CEMETERY NEWS

There is and will be no water at the cemetery for the rest of the summer season due to mechanical failure of the submersible pump. The cause of the failure is not known and the cost of pulling the pump is not worth it due to its age and the age of the underground piping. A completely new system is under evaluation but will not be operational until next year.



Uwaga

Ostatnimi dniami doszlo do awarii pompy na cmentarzu. Musi ona byc calkowicie wymieniona na nowa. To moze troche potrwać. Prosimy o cierpliwosc, bo wody moze nie byc az do pazdziernika albo listopada.

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:



Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns,
Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming,
Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec,
Andre DeRosa, Garrett Bracht

FAITH LESSONS FROM ST. MONICA AND ST. AUGUSTINE

(Feasts -August 27th and 28th)



The Power of a Mother's Persistent Prayer

Behind nearly every great son is a great mother. Many parents worry when their children drift away from God or make poor decisions. Some pray for years without seeing any change and begin to lose hope. The inspiring story of **St. Monica and her son, St. Augustine**, reminds us that God hears every sincere prayer and answers in His perfect time. St. Monica never stopped praying for her son, even when he rejected the Christian faith and lived a sinful life. Her patience, perseverance, and trust in God eventually led to one of the greatest conversions in Christian history.

Who Was St. Monica?

St. Monica was born in North Africa around **332 AD**. She was a devoted Christian wife and mother who remained faithful despite many family difficulties. Her husband, Patricius, had a difficult temperament and was not a Christian for much of his life. Through her patience and example, she eventually witnessed both her husband and her mother-in-law embrace Christianity.

The Story of St. Augustine

Monica's greatest sorrow was her son, Augustine. Although highly intelligent, Augustine abandoned the Christian faith and pursued worldly pleasures for many years. He joined false teachings and ignored his mother's advice. Instead of giving up, Monica continued to pray and weep for him every day. A bishop once comforted her with these famous words:

"The child of so many tears shall never perish."

Those words strengthened Monica's faith. Years later, Augustine encountered **St. Ambrose**, Bishop of Milan, whose preaching deeply touched his heart. Finally, Augustine surrendered his life to Christ and was baptized in **387 AD**. He later became a bishop, a Doctor of the Church, and one of Christianity's greatest theologians.

LESSONS WE CAN LEARN

Never Stop Praying—God may not answer immediately, but He always hears faithful prayers.

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thessalonians 5:17

God's Timing Is Perfect—Monica waited many years before seeing the answer to her prayers.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage." — Psalm 27:14

No One Is Beyond God's Mercy—Augustine's dramatic conversion reminds us that nobody is too far from God's love.

"With God all things are possible." — Matthew 19:26

PRAYER FOR PARENTS

Heavenly Father,
through the intercession of St. Monica,
strengthen all parents who are praying for their children.
Give them patience, hope, and unwavering faith.
May their prayers bear fruit according to Your holy will,
just as St. Monica witnessed the conversion of St. Augustine.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Victory Through Suffering

(The Catholic Thing—Fr. Thomas Kuffel)

Nike, the shoe company, not the ancient Greek goddess, famously said, “Just Do It.” But why is the company called “Nike,” and what does the word mean? *Nikê* is the Greek goddess of victory in war – and life. Battles bring victory, and she brought victory to Zeus, supporting him in his wars. Taking note, Nike became the shoe company that brings victory to athletes. St. Paul, too, noted this mythology and reordered it to Christ: “*In all these things we are more than conquerors (hyper-nikomen) through him who loved us.*” (Romans 8:37–38) Victory is ours because Christ intercedes, not Nike. Jesus is the one true God. He gives us victory not in mythical battles, but real, spiritual battles with Principalities and Powers, evil spirits, trying to conquer us through temptation and suffering.

Suffering is a profound problem and breaks many people. Suffering people weaken and, in their weakness, forsake the fullness of life. They give in to temptations, trials, and tragedy. In the abyss of suffering, despair arises, and sin suffocates hope. Yet St. Paul, a man who suffered intensely while living and preaching the Gospel, replies: “*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*” (Romans 8:35)

Moses warned of these seven woes, telling the Israelites that if they broke the covenant with God, these curses would occur, not as a condemnation but as a correction. **Corrections cause suffering, but the sufferings are curative, not harmful.** Yet many see suffering as vengeful, criticizing God, saying that He causes suffering and cannot, therefore, be all-loving and all-good.

In contrast, the wise see suffering as God’s way to stop people from sinning and losing their lives. Sin destroys us. It separates us from Christ, as St. Paul tells us, “I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:21)

What things? “*Immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like.*” (Galatians 5:18–21)

Sin, not suffering, separates us from God. Separated from Him, the spiritual battle is lost (though the larger war is not yet over). Sin impedes the Holy Spirit from working in our lives. God, however, intervenes and sends His Son. In His death (ironically) and resurrection, Jesus is victorious. He defeats the Powers and Principalities, and restores us to life with his grace.

Grace, partaking in God’s life, changes sins into victory and sufferings into triumph. Any victory costs. It entails suffering, but the suffering we endure has a purpose. It is not worthless. In fact, St. James tells us, “*Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.*” (James 1:12)

Yet many people see their sufferings as meaningless. They live in the here and now, not in the eternal hereafter. St. John Paul knew this. In his great work *Salvifici doloris*, he writes:

Suffering seems to belong to man’s transcendence: it is one of those points in which man is in a certain sense “destined” to go beyond himself, and he is called to this in a mysterious way.

That call asks us to go beyond our present self and discover the great experience of encountering God. Through suffering, Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection become alive in us. And through our own cross, we conform our wills to the Father’s as did Jesus. **In other words, suffering embraced saves.**

Instead of seeing suffering as a way to God’s victory, many reject God’s will, thinking suffering is foolish. Christ dismisses that thinking, telling us to take up our cross daily and follow Him.

Following Jesus, at first, leads us into the desert. Alone, hungry, and lost, Jesus speaks to us. He gives us Himself not just in words and miracles, which many, while He was still on earth, came out to see. But the wonder Jesus wanted to give is communion with Him. Giving us His body, blood, soul, and divinity. In the Breaking of the Bread, we commune with Him and have true victory.

Hunger is a longing not only for food, but also for life. Knowing our struggles with sin and death, Jesus feeds us with Living Bread, Himself. He does not perish but offers eternal life. In the miracle of Feeding the Five Thousand, Jesus takes the bread, blesses, breaks, and gives it to the people. During the Last Supper, He does the same. He takes bread, blesses, breaks, and gives it to his disciples, declaring: This is my body and blood of the New Covenant.

What He did at the Last Supper is what we do at Mass. We enter into communion with the divine to break free from sins and their cause, Satan and the Powers and Principalities. It’s there that we have victory over both.

Pope Benedict affirmed this in *Sacramentum caritatis*:

The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus’ death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in Him a supreme act of love and mankind’s definitive deliverance from evil.

Christ’s love is radical. It destroys the powers of evil, Lucifer, and his fallen comrades. It conquers sin through forgiveness and defeats death by the offering of His life.

Hence, Jesus is truly the God Who triumphs. He destroys death and restores life in one single act, His greatest miracle. All His other miracles foreshadowed this miracle, which reveals that Jesus is not a false goddess like *Nikê*, but the true God of heaven and earth, Who brings total victory: “*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.*” (Ephesians 1:6–8)

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