

Mass Schedule

Monday, 6:30am
 Tuesday, 6:30am
 Wednesday, 6:30pm
 Thursday, 6:30am
 Friday, 8:00am
 Saturday, 8:00am
Saturday, 5pm
Sunday, 8am
Sunday, 10:30am

CCD—PK 12 Classes
 9:00am to 10:20am

Confessions

30 min. before Sunday
 and Holy Days Masses
 20 minutes before Daily
 Masses and by appt.

Exposed Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 7pm to 8pm.
Benediction at 7:50pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday during Lent
 7:00pm



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June 27, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”

Mark 5:35

Jun 28 Mon: **Irenaeus, bp, mt M**
Gn 18: 16-33/ Ps 103: 1b-2. 3-4. 8-9. 10-11/ Mt 8: 18-22

Jun 29 Tue: **PETER AND PAUL, APS S**
Acts 12: 1-11/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 17-18/ Mt 16: 13-19

Jun 30 Wed: *Gn 21: 5. 8-20a/ Ps 34: 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Mt 8: 28-34*

Jul 1 Thu: *Gn 22: 1b-19/ Ps 115: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/ Mt 9: 1-8*

Jul 2 Fri: *Gn 23: 1-4. 19; 24: 1-8. 62-67/ Mt 9: 9-13*

Jul 3 Sat: **Thomas, ap F**
Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/ Jn 20: 24-29

Jul 4 SUN: **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Independence Day.**
Ez 2: 2-5/ Ps 123: 1-2. 2. 3-4/ 2 Cor 12: 7-10/ Mk 6: 1-6

Mass		June 26-27	July 3-4	July 10-11	July 17-18
Sat. 5:00 pm	Reader	Diana McCown		Joe Vinton	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	Scott Osterhaus	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins
	Server	Mason Henn	Logan Wilken	Nate Eisenbarth	Dawson Burenheide
	Server	Bryson Clements	Wyatt Fortner	Max Zavala	Easton Burenheide
	Usher			Scott Clements	Scott Clements
	Usher			Robert Braden	Robert Braden
	Offertory	Clements Family	Oberg Family	Wilken Family	Sara Flanagan Family
Sun. 8:00 am	Reader	Janet Ragland	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke	Janet Ragland
	Acolyte	Tony Sullivan	Pat Milke	Pat Milke	Chris Hytrek
	Server	Andrew Oelke	Eli Van Brocklin	Mason Eickmeier	Ryland Hochstein
	Server	Austin Oelke	Max Jacobson	Carson Eickmeier	Reed Hochstein
	Usher	Cam Oelke	Cam Oelke	Blain Johnson	Blain Johnson
	Usher	Mike Mitchell	Mike Mitchell	John Vrbka	John Vrbka
	Offertory	Hochstein Family	Holloway Family	VerMaas Family	Jeff Sullivan Family
Sun. 10:30 am	Reader	Larry Etmund	Karl Gramann	Shirley Yates	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Myron Heusinkvelt	Ron Boden
	Server	Carson Louch	Simon Robinson	Hayden Nielson	Sam Troxel
	Server	Brady Troxel	Sam Robinson	Nolan Nielson	Ty Troxel
	Usher	Karl Gramann	Ron Boden	Neil Dominy	Neil Dominy
	Usher	Ed Zach	Ed Zach	Don Hinds	Don Hinds
	Offertory	Gramann Family	Troxel Family	Boden Family	Jerry Vrbka Family
Collection Counters	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Kassie E. / Susan Van Brocklin	Randy & Colleen Eickmeier / Amy Argo	

Companions on the journey - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to attend our Monastic Experience July 16-22, 2021. We hope to give participants a more in-depth experience of our way of life. Those who come will experience our rhythm of prayer, work and recreation. There will be daily input on prayer, monastic life and discernment, as well as time for personal prayer and faith sharing. There is no cost to attend. Participants must be fully vaccinated before attending. To learn more, please visit www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or email vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Diocesan Canoe Trip is open to high school youth and college students. Adults are also invited along as sponsors/drivers. Join us in a couple of lazy days along the Niobrara River, along with fellowship, Mass and a lot of fun! Hurry, because space is limited: July 13-15, 2021.

Steubenville High School Youth Conference

Steubenville Conferences are specialized to address the needs of today's Catholic youth. With an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters, the High School Youth Conferences challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend and Savior, and to show them that faith to the world.

Expect a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Students entering 9th grade through just graduated seniors are able to attend. <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/04-ym-2021-steubenville-conference>

Steubenville STL Mid-America

When: July 16-18, 2021

Location: Missouri State University, Springfield MO

Are you longing for an encounter with Jesus? Do you need the space to pray and worship the Lord? “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). Jesus is yearning to meet you in your longing for Him. Join us as we pour our hearts to the Lord in adoration and worship during IMF's (International Missionary Foundation) nights of prayer and praise. All are welcome to one or more of the nights at John XXIII Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Boulevard. The dates are July 2 and August 6 from 8:00-9:30pm.

Date Night Series co-hosted by the Emmaus Institute on "Marriage in Scripture". These free nights will have appetizers, drinks, a short talk, and time for couples to discuss. July 22nd from 7-9 (talk is at 7:30) No RSVP required.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 25-27, 2017 call 1-800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web

NOTES FROM FATHER DIETRICH...

When I was little, we would be given a “fireworks allowance” (this much could we spend, and no more), and so we had to be rather prudent. No setting off packages of “Baby Gorillas” like those kids two blocks down were allowed to do. We had to (carefully) light them and toss them one by one and we would sit on the curb doing so. Not as glorious a bang but it did make them last longer.

It’s been a long time since I’ve held a firecracker in my hand and most likely the only ones I’ll be holding in my hands this year will be packages that I’ll either be stocking or running through the cash register. The other night we blessed the fireworks tent in Cortland, mostly for protection from the storms which threatened to roll in that night, but the blessing was more comprehensive than that. The blessing invokes protection not only for the property but especially for the workers and the customers, that they may be preserved from any injury or harm and that the whole enterprise will bring about goodness in and for our community.

As we enter the days before Independence Day, I have three particular prayers along with the prayers for protections from strong storms. First, I pray for the safety of all those who work the stand, and especially for those who purchase from the stand. May God watch over and keep safe everybody who enters and leaves that tent. Secondly, I pray that the profits of the stand will bring about the intended fruits, mainly, that they help the Pro-life movement, and ultimately, result in an unborn child who is being targeted for death, to be given life instead. Third, I pray that those who purchase and set off the fireworks remember the true meaning of them. I gave it little thought when I was younger. But the whole concept of fireworks to celebrate our nation’s independence is well summarized by the Star Spangled Banner: “And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.” Neither the song nor the firecrackers are meant in any way to glorify war; but they are meant to help us recall that image of those fleeting moments of battle during which the brief lights going off in the night assured them that the flag WAS still there, a reminder of the noble, human cause of freedom.

I don’t expect anyone to remember all of these things with each little firecracker that goes off, but it is my prayer for one and for all during these coming days: Be safe, be purposeful and be grateful for our freedoms. Our physical well-being and our freedoms have this in common: we tend not to appreciate them all that much until they are lost. May God keep us safe, and may God keep us free.