

SUNDAY BULLETIN JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

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Tuesday, July 29—Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7:30 AM - Royanna Mallet+

Wednesday, July 30— St. Peter Chrysologus

7:30 AM - Catherine Gease Family

Thursday, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:30 AM - Dorothy Riley+

Friday, August 1— St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:30 AM - Mike Anderson+

Saturday, August 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli

7:30 AM - No Mass

5:00 PM - Bill Hinkebein+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, August 3—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Al Bonderer+

10:00 AM - People of the Parish

Scripture Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org.

if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC), at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“ LORD, ON THE DAY I CALLED FOR HELP, YOU ANSWERED ME.”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg.

Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent.

The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*—“for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori

At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law by acclamation, at the age of 16, but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing confessions, and forming Christian groups.

He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common

life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Almost as an omen of what was to come later, he found himself deserted after a while by all his original companions except one lay brother. But the congregation managed to survive and was formally approved 17 years later, though its troubles were not over.

Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness. His great fame as a writer has somewhat eclipsed the fact that for 26 years he traveled up and down the Kingdom of Naples preaching popular missions. He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese.

Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories of Mary* is one of the great works on that subject, and his book *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament* went through 40 editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli

Born on the isle of Sardinia, he became a member of the Roman clergy, and is the first recorded bishop of Vercelli in Piedmont in northwest Italy. Eusebius was also the first to link the monastic life with that of the clergy, establishing a community of his diocesan clergy on the principle that the best way to sanctify his people was to have them see a clergy formed in solid virtue and living in community.

He was sent by Pope Liberius to persuade the emperor to call a council to settle Catholic-Arian troubles. When it was called at Milan, Eusebius went reluctantly, sensing that the Arian block would have its way, although the Catholics were more numerous. He refused to go along with the condemnation of Saint Athanasius; instead, he laid the Nicene Creed on the table and insisted that all sign it before taking up any other matter. The emperor put pressure on him, but Eusebius insisted on Athanasius' innocence and reminded the emperor that secular force should not be used to influence Church decisions. At first the emperor threatened to kill him, but later sent him into exile in Palestine. There the Arians dragged him through the streets and shut him up in a little room, releasing him only after his four-day hunger strike. They resumed their harassment shortly after.

His exile continued in Asia Minor and Egypt, until the new emperor permitted him to be welcomed back to his see in Vercelli. Eusebius attended the Council of Alexandria with Athanasius and approved the leniency shown to bishops who had wavered. He also worked with Saint Hilary of Poitiers against the Arians. Eusebius died peacefully in his own diocese at what was then considered an advanced age.

SUNDAY BULLETIN- SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES
AUGUST 2-3**

Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Wyatt Dysart
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Dominic Robinson Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Jameson Marshall Aj Warren Oliver Perry Tanner Kremer Eli Gratton Harry Goad Kale Walker

**LECTOR SCHEDULE
AUGUST 3**

Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Steven Palmer
Sun. 10am	Mary Pauley



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RCIA CLASSES

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will start in September. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please email or call Father Koster (contact information on the front of the bulletin). A preliminary meeting with him is needed before beginning the classes.

You are invited to
Retirement Party
Honoring

Kim Murrell**Saturday, August 9, 2025****Immediately Following****5:00 PM Mass****Bishop Hogan Memorial
School Cafeteria****Light Dinner Provided****No RSVP Needed****RECENT BAPTISM**

Augustin Richard Green, son of Brady and Meredith (Oesch) Green, was baptized on July 20, 2025 in St. Columban Church by Father Ryan Koster.

Congratulations to the family!

**MO SCHOLARS****Transform Your Missouri Income Tax into an Educational Opportunity**

Did you know you can redirect up to half of your Missouri income tax liability to support education? This means that up to half of the taxes you're already paying can benefit students at Bishop Hogan Memorial School! By reserving MOScholars tax credits, your tax dollars can empower Bishop Hogan with significant funding. With your participation, Bishop Hogan could receive more than \$255,000, making a huge impact on our school and community. Both individuals and businesses are eligible to participate.

We invite you to a special reception to learn all about the MOScholars program:

When: Wednesday, August 27 at 6:00 PM**Where: Bishop Hogan Memorial School**

Join Father Koster, Principal Pam Brobst, a knowledgeable tax professional, and a representative from the MOScholars program. They will share detailed information and answer all your questions about how this incredible program works and how you can participate and ultimately benefit Bishop Hogan students.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how your tax dollars can directly contribute to the future of our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Learn how income tax you owe the state can be re-directed to education at no extra cost to you.

MOScholars tax credits could benefit Bishop Hogan Memorial with \$255,000 or more!

You are invited to learn more

Wednesday, August 27-6:00PM

Bishop Hogan Memorial

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