



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget \$3,425.00
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**Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by
 anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to
 proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to
 build community.**



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for
 the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each
 Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

August 06	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Force	814-787-4151
August 20	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569

St. Joseph Church 22nd Annual Picnic will be held next Sunday, August 9th, following the **10:00am Mass**. We will have coffee & donuts right after Mass, along with some music. The meal will be served at 12:00 NOON. There will be raffles, games, 50/50, and music! If you would like to bring a dish to share, please call either Vanessa or Barb to let them know what you will be bringing. We are also looking for some non-refrigerated desserts to share. See the insert in the bulletin for information and also the reservation form. RSVP by August 3rd!

A Family Perspective: The Apostles were likely being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds" so they could buy food. However, Jesus knew that when we place our trust in the Father, there is always enough, even with just five loaves and two fish. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

Marriage Moment: All married couples disagree at one time or another. Remember this rule for "fighting fair": Feelings are neither right nor wrong, they merely are. (Marriage Encounter) Accept your spouse's feelings, even if you don't share them. Share your own feelings without anger.

THE 12 APOSTLES (Part 2)

As we continue to learn about the Twelve Apostles, it is important for us to remember that these men were the ones whom Jesus our Lord called to be the first taught by Jesus about the Kingdom of God. This was Jesus' Mission and then to ultimately die on the cross and rise from the dead for the salvation of all people.

These ordinary men carried out Jesus' Mission when at His Ascension, Jesus told them to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28: 19) The pope, bishops, and cardinals of the Catholic Church are successors of the first apostles, so that, Jesus' Church and Teaching will prevail until the end of time.

I continue to introduce each of the Twelve Apostles in alphabetical order. Next are the two apostles named Saint James.

SAINT JAMES, SON OF ALPHEAUS: The first of these apostles is Saint James, the son of Alphaeus. The important things to know about this St. James is that along with being Alphaeus' son, he is also referred as "the brother of the Lord." As I mention St. James being the "brother" of the Lord Jesus, he would actually have been the cousin of our Lord Jesus. In Jesus' time, cousins were often referred to as brothers. Extended family, as we see cousins in our time today, were as close in proximity and in relationship in Jesus' time as ones immediate, or actual brothers and sisters, with the same parents.

The other things we know about St. James, son of Alphaeus, is that he was the leader of the church in Jerusalem, and it was there where he suffered martyrdom. St. James also was present at the "council of Jerusalem" and helped to settle disputes concerning Gentile Christians and gave further directions about "abstaining from pollutions of idols and from unchastity, and from what is strangled and from blood" concerning meat from animals, according to the Law of Moses. (Acts 15: 20) *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* His Feast Day is May 3rd.

St. James, son of Alphaeus, pray for us!

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We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 03, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dolores Floravit	Rita Fenice	Weekday	Jer 28: 1-17 (407) Mt 14: 22-36 (408)
Tuesday, August 04, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mike Chiodo	Denny & Miriam Pane	Saint John Vianney, Priest	Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Mt 14: 22-36 or Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14 (408)
Wednesday, August 05, 2026 No Mass			Weekday <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>	Jer 31: 1-7 Mt 15: 21-28 (409)
Thursday, August 06, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Pauline Lovenduski	Phil Regulski	Transfiguration of the Lord	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1: 16-19 Mt 17: 1-9 (614)
Friday, August 07, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Helena Lear	Barb & Dave Lease	Weekday <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>	Na 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7 Mt 16: 24-28 (411)
Saturday, August 08, 2026 No AM Mass			Saint Dominic, Priest	Hb 1: 12--2: 4 Mt 17: 14-20 (412)
Saturday, August 08, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 09, 2026 10:00 am Mass Church Picnic today!	William (Bill) and Kathy Tyler	Lamont & Frances Gray	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33 (115)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
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DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

ST. JAMES, THE SON OF ZEBEDEE: St. James, along with being the son of Zebedee, was also the older brother of St. John. Both were fishermen when Jesus called them to follow Him. (Mt 1: 19-20)

Two important experiences that St. James had with our Lord Jesus is being present also with St. John and St. Peter on the Mountain of Transfiguration (Mk 9: 2-8) and also he was present during Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk 14: 32-42). He, himself, was the first of the Twelve Apostles to suffer martyrdom and was buried in Jerusalem. His Feast Day is July 25th. (The information of both of these saints was taken from Butler's Lives of the Saints)

St. James, son of Zebedee, pray for us!

God Bless,

Father Mark

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