



— ST. ANN | ST. JOSEPH | ST. MARY —
CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF *Jennings County*

August 23, 2026 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY AUGUST 22

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM 4:00PM +Rob Pennington

SJ 6:00PM +Catholic Church of
Jennings County

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

SA 8:00AM +Al & Marie Kreutzjans

SM 10:00AM +Paul "Ham" Wernke

MONDAY AUGUST 24

NO MASS

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

SM 8:30AM Priestly Vocations

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26

SJ 6:00PM +Clarence Vogel

THURSDAY AUGUST 27

SM NOON +Rosemary Ertel

FRIDAY AUGUST 28

SM 8:30AM +Dr. Larry Brooks

SATURDAY AUGUST 29

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM 4:00PM Kelsey Martin

SJ 6:00PM +Luke Elsner

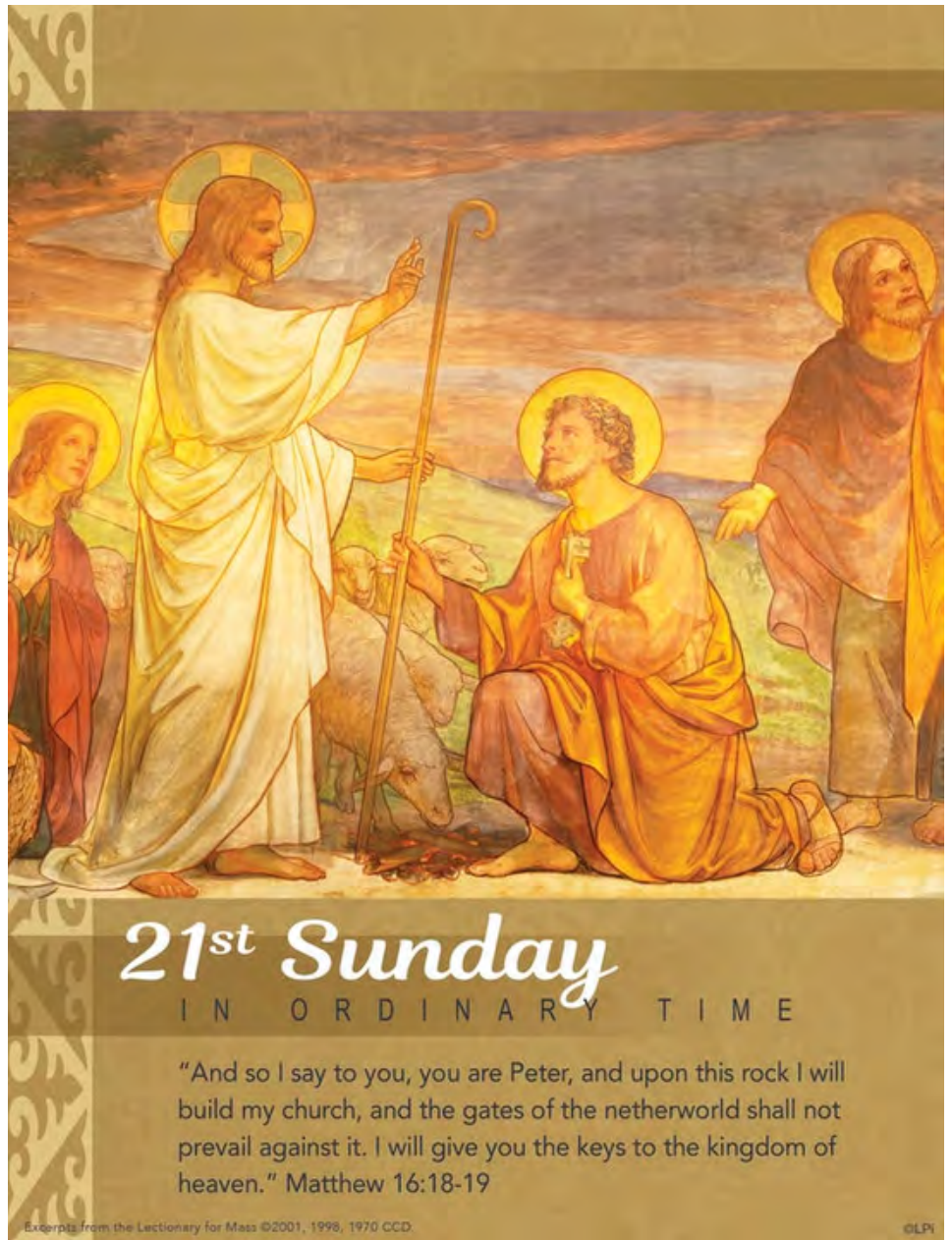
SUNDAY AUGUST 30

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SA 8:00AM +Keith Hill

SM 10:00AM CCJC

***Indicates a change in schedule**



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: SM 3:30PM
 SJ after 6PM Mass
Sunday: SA 7:30AM
Tuesday: SM after 8:30AM Mass
Wednesday: SJ 5:30PM before Mass
Thursday: SM 11:30am before Mass
Friday: SM after 8:30AM Mass

CCJC Parish Office
629 Clay Street
North Vernon, IN 47264
(812)346-3604

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm
Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

**Registered Number of Families
as of September 2025**
St. Ann: 86
St. Joseph: 125
St. Mary: 418
Total Families: 629

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(812)350-4631

Bulletin Submissions
communications@stmarysnv.com



A NOTE FROM FATHER CHRIS

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Then he asked them personally, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." As we come together today may we recognize Christ present to us in the Eucharist, the Word and in one another!

If you have not already signed up to have your photo for the parish directory, please do so. Photos will be taken this next week beginning Monday, August 24th at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. The directory helps us to get to know one another and is extremely helpful to me personally as there are many of you! If for personal reasons you would not like your address or phone number in the directory you have the option at the time of your photo to let us know and we will not include it. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up and to Lisa Vogel for organizing the photos.

For those who would like to enter into the Catholic Church the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd. If you know of anyone interested in joining our faith community, please encourage them to sign up through our parish website or call the parish office.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Chris VF



Virtues, Explained!

Through valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we often associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield - of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming fight.

Parish Giving			
	Weekly Attendance 8/16	Sunday Giving 8/16	Automatic Giving Month of August
St. Ann	8:00AM: 147	\$1197	\$1795
St. Joseph	6:00PM: 138	\$2333	\$190
St. Mary	4:00PM: 201 10:00AM: 220	\$6074	\$2550

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday August 23	7:30am SA Confession
	8am SA Mass
	10am SM Mass
	11am SM KofC Breakfast
Monday August 24	2pm-9pm SJ Picture Directory
Tuesday August 25	8:30am SM Mass
	After Mass SM Confession
	5:45pm Music/Choir practice
	6pm SM Finance Council Mtg
Wednesday August 26	2pm-9pm SJ Picture Directory
	5:00pm SJ Adoration
	5:30pm SJ Confession
	6:00pm SJ Mass
Thursday August 27	2pm-9pm SJ Picture Directory
	11:30am SM Confession
	12:00pm SM Mass
	2pm-9pm SJ Picture Directory
Friday August 28	2pm-9pm SJ Picture Directory
	8:30am SM Mass
	After Mass SM Confession
	2pm-9pm SJ Picture Directory
Saturday August 29	10am-4pm SJ Picture Directory
	11am-4pm SJ Confession
	4:00pm SM Mass
	3:30pm SM Confession

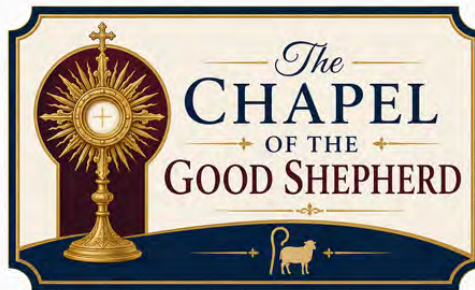


LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE | AUGUST 29 & 30

Mass	Sacristan	Lector	Extradordinary Ministers	Ushers
SM 4:00PM	Jane McLeod	Charlie Weber	Sharlot Ertel Pat Kirchner *Sandi Kirchner	Bill Ertel (need one more)
SJ 6:00PM	Dee Vincent Cari Hauersperger	Jess Bailey/ Sydney Speer	(need two more)	(need two more)
SA 8:00AM	Tricia Maples	Frances Walker	Matthew Maples Katelyn Meadows *Kevin Capes	Adam Capes Matt Capes
SM 10:00AM	Joanne Campbell	Joanne Campbell	Eric Kelley (need two more)	Phillip Brennan (need one more)

*Distributes the Body of Christ

**AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES
CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.**



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Located on St. Mary's Campus
All are welcome!

Please consider committing
to one hour a week.

OPEN HOURS

Wednesday 4AM
Friday 1AM
Saturday 12 AM
Saturday 11PM
Sunday 2AM
Sunday 3AM



<https://adorationpro.org/stmarysnv> or
scan the QR code!
Password: SUBPASS



**We love having you
part of our flock!**

Get important
updates via text.

Text CCJC to 84576
to join.

Bulletin Deadline

Items for the August 30 bulletin will need to be received by Monday, August 24.
Please submit to communications@stmarysnv.com.

Please pray for....

Jim Gasper
Tucker Wathen
Brooke Elmore
Hallie Crane
Juanita McClellan

Kay Bloemer
Bob Howe
Stephen Jansing
John Bott
Fr. James M.T. Connolly

Trent Greene
Doug Reitman
Brittany Pruesz
Dianna Kreutzjans

Makayla Reitman
Adalee Davis
Wanda Maschino
Wendy Reitman

Maribeth Suhre
Jessica Hurley
Naomi Irwin
Bliss Sutton

Submit request to: communications@stmarysnv.com

OUT OF OFFICE

The parish office will have limited hours this week. We will be at St. Joseph Church assisting with the parish directory pictures. Please call or email if you need anything.



2026-2027 OCIA classes begin September 23.
Please register using the online form found on our parish website:
https://www.ccjc3.org/home/about_us/#parishForms
or use the QR code to the right



NEW PARISHIONER

WELCOME to our CCJC Family:

BAUGH
Ronald

LAST CALL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Heading off to college? We want to stay connected! Parents and students, please use the QR code to update your information. We will be sending care packages and updates throughout the year to keep our parish family close to your heart. Please know of our prayer for you throughout this school year.



CONFIRMATION



Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Columbus, Indiana. Classes will begin after Christmas for students entering the 8th grade and above who are baptized Catholics and have received First Communion. Please register using the QR code or this link: https://www.ccjc3.org/home/about_us/#parishForms



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Here's What's New on Formed!



What Catholics Believe About Education

In this episode, Dr. Jeffrey Lehman explores the purpose of Catholic education, the unique mission of Catholic schools, and the role of parents as the primary educators of their children.



Triumph of the Heart

Follow the remarkable true story of the priest whose selfless sacrifice in Auschwitz became a lasting testament to faith, hope, and love.

ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



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ALL ARE WELCOME

EVENTS INCLUDE LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - CARNIVAL RIDES
CASINO NIGHT - BEER GARDEN - RAFFLE
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT & MORE

2026 629 CLAY STREET
NORTH VERNON, IN

FRIDAY SEPT 11
REMEMBERING & CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL HEROES
HONORING LOCAL HEROES
CARNIVAL RIDES
FOOD TENT
BEER GARDEN
LIVE MUSIC
LIVE MUSIC 6-10 PM
FEATURING CAT FLINT

SATURDAY SEPT 12
CARNIVAL RIDES
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
FOOD TENT
BEER GARDEN
CASINO NIGHT
LIVE MUSIC
LIVE MUSIC
FEATURING SOUL STREET

FIND EVENT DETAILS & MORE ON FACEBOOK
REFERENCE # 162626
LICENSE # 002532



MASS
Schedule Change

FOR THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

SATURDAY 4:30 PM at St. Joseph

SUNDAY 8:00 AM at St. Joseph

SUNDAY 9:30 AM at St. Ann

SUNDAY 12:00 PM at St. Mary
for festival workers but all are welcome!



The Adoration Chapel will close at 8am on Wednesday, September 9, due to the St. Mary's Festival. It will reopen Monday, September 14, at 8am.



St. Mary's Parish Festival Split the Pot tickets are on sale in the school office. Current payout for the split the pot is \$2,840.

License Number 002532;
Reference Number 162626

If you have a festival yard sign, please put it in your yard to help promote the event!



We are in need of volunteers for the Community Festival Sweet Shop! Please package cookies, brownies, and similar treats in individual sets of three. Chex mix and trail mix should be packaged in individual bags. Other homemade baked goods are also welcome, including breads, pies, canned jams, and other treats. Items may be dropped off Wednesday evening during set up or anytime Friday after 8:00 am. Please sign up using the QR Code for volunteers below. Thank you!

St. Mary's Community Festival t-shirts can be purchased online. Use the QR code.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Mary's Festival Committee is seeking volunteers for both Friday and Saturday. Please sign up to work using the QR code or this link
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F45A9AC2AA02-57415724-stmarys#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F45A9AC2AA02-57415724-stmarys#/)





iced COFFEE

Support 8th grade

Washington DC trip

\$5.00
20 oz

CASH & VENMO
accepted

EVERY FRIDAY SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
7:15AM-8:00AM IN ST. MARYS BIG PARKING LOT

SAINT ANN'S PLAYGROUND

There will be a short meeting after donuts on August 30 for anyone who would like to volunteer getting our playground ready, assembling equipment, installing mulch etc. there will be photos of different options for playground equipment.



FOUR CORNERS K of C ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Only members, children or a spouse of a current member of the Four Corners K of C, in good standing, is eligible for this scholarship.

The Four Corners Knights of Columbus will be awarding scholarships in the amount of up to \$200.00 to any eligible applicant. Any eligible applicant attending school this Fall is eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications due by the end of August. Please E-mail applications to JimblDr@frontier.com with K of C scholarship in the subject. Include the following: your name, parent's name, school to attend, and future goals of studies.



Chick-fil-A
in
ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT

AUGUST 27
11AM - 7PM
OR UNTIL SUPPLIES RUN OUT!

Support 8TH GRADE
WASHINGTON DC TRIP

EAT ENJOY SUPPORT!

♥ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS! ♥



COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS
Tuesday, September 1
Immediately following
8:30am Mass in Missi Room
All are welcome!



Grades 7-12 UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 6:00-8:00PM Missi Room, St. Mary's Parish Center
September 20 6:00-8:00PM Missi Room, St. Mary's Parish Center

CATHOLIC Q&A

Jesus Is Light of the World

Question:

Why do we call Jesus "the light of the world"?

Answer:

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create light, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun's rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remain. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. "The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race" (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.

*"I am the
light of
the
world."*

JOHN 8:12

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign ups are happening now for the annual **Luke Elsner 5K**. It will be held Saturday, September 5th at the Hayden Elementary School starting at 8am. Sign up online using the link below or by contacting Amber Elsner or Courtney Maschino

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/NorthVernon/LukeElsnerMemorial5KRunWalk>



Loads of JOY
INVITES YOU TO
Join Us for an Inspiring Talk
WITH SPEAKER
BIRDIE MEYER
RN, MA, PMH-C
speaking about
THE EMOTIONAL Rollercoaster OF MOTHERHOOD

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 **12:30 PM** **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
North Vernon, Indiana

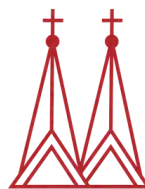
Motherhood is beautiful... and it can be overwhelming.
Join us for an encouraging and insightful talk that brings hope, understanding, and practical support to the emotional journey of motherhood.

FOR MEN, WOMEN, PARENTS, AND PROFESSIONALS SERVING FAMILIES:

- PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
- DOCTORS & NURSES
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- SOCIAL WORKERS & COUNSELORS
- ADVANCE PRACTICE PROVIDERS
- AND MORE!

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
Come for the talk, stay for fellowship!
RSVP: Text 812-350-4631

Spreading JOY • Building Up Families • Creating Stronger Communities



SAINT MEINRAD
GRADUATE THEOLOGY PROGRAM

Deepen Your Faith with Saint Meinrad. Saint Meinrad's Graduate Theology Program offers flexible online and weekend courses for ministry preparation and personal enrichment. Join us for an online Open House on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. CT, or learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/graduate-theology/bulletin.

