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JULY 26, 2026
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

(All times are Central Daylight Times (CDT) unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday: 7:30 AM St. Nicholas (SN)

Wednesday: 7:30 AM St. Joseph (SJ)

Thursday: 7:30 AM Mary, Help of Christians (MHC)

Saturday: 5:00 PM St. Nicholas

Sunday: 7:00 AM Mary, Help of Christians
[Livestreamed on our YouTube]

9:00 AM St. Joseph

11:00 AM (Spanish/Español) St. Joseph

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*God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*
—Psalm 68:36

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*
--John 8:12

*At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
—Phil 2:10-11

Picnic Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you praise and thanksgiving for all that you have given us. We look forward to a day for worship, work, fellowship, and good times. Our prayer at this time of year, when we come together for the Picnic, is to ask you to bless our gathering with your beautiful sunshine. We pray for a good response from our workers, parishioners, and your whole community of faith. We ask you to guide us to do the very best to make the picnic a success. We place our faith in your hands, through Christ our Lord, Amen!

SFA Parish Calendar (CDT Times)

July 26 (Sunday) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJ PC Event

July 28 (Tuesday) Weekday
SJ Confraternity Room Event

July 29 (Wednesday) Weekday
St. Martha, St. Mary, and St. Lazarus
Quilting at MHC PC and SJ PC
Spanish Choir Practice at SJ Church, 6 PM

July 30 (Thursday) Weekday
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

July 31 (Friday) Weekday
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
MHC PC Event

August 1 (Saturday) Weekday
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
MHC PC Event

August 2 (Sunday) 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
MHC PC Event

Have a blessed week!

Dear brothers and sisters:

This past June 16 we had to say goodbye to a dear parishioner, Donna R. Hagedorn. And honestly, in moments like that you really come to appreciate what truly matters. I got to see her family up close—her three sons, Phil, Jason, and Aaron, with their wives, children, and grandchildren—and it was moving to see them together, leaning on their faith and on each other in such difficult times. I'm sure Donna left them the greatest treasure anyone could ever inherit: love for family and faith in God. May she rest in peace.

And just this Sunday, in the Gospel, Jesus tells us something very similar: *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."*

It makes you wonder: what is that treasure for me? God? My family? My job? They're all important, but they don't all hold the same place. And more importantly, how much real time do we actually give to each one? Because in the end, as Jesus says, *"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Maybe today is a good time to pause and ask ourselves: what am I really putting my heart into?

Getting to Know the Bible: The Gospel of Matthew

This week I invite you to read the first two chapters of Matthew's Gospel—kind of like the prologue. This Gospel was written with Jewish converts to Christianity in mind, which is why Matthew takes such care to show them that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, the one the Old Testament prophecies spoke about.

To start, he gives us the list of Jesus' ancestors (1:1-17), connecting Jesus to David and Abraham. Then, narrates when Joseph finds out Mary is expecting a child, wants to quietly call off the engagement, but an angel appears to him in a dream and changes his mind. One interesting detail: in Matthew, we don't see the angel's visit to Mary—only to Joseph. The chapter ends with the birth of Jesus and emphasizes that Mary was a virgin (1:18-25).

Then in Chapter 2, we get the more familiar stories: the visit of the wise men from the East (2:1-12), the flight to Egypt (2:13-15), that sad massacre of the innocent children (2:16-18), and the Holy Family's return to Nazareth (2:19-23). In these early chapters, we see how the author emphasizes that in Jesus, the prophecies promised to the people of Israel are fulfilled, often using phrases like "to fulfill what the Lord had said."

I hope the Bible becomes one of those treasures you hold dear and want to dive deeper into. It's truly worth it.

A fraternal embrace in Christ,

Padre Martin Estrada

Ministry Schedule

Saturday August 1, 2026 SN 5:00 PM

Eucharistic: Joanie Cassell, Francie Wagner
Sacristan: Anna Ward, Brenda Hagedorn
Lector: Mary Zuzzio
Ushers: Bill Cherolis, Bob Grundhoefer,
 Rob Oxley, Chad Schnieders
Servers: Victoria Kroll, Keith Kroll
Greeters: Charlene Peters, Carol Northenor

Sunday August 2, 2026 MHC 7:00 AM

Eucharistic: Bryce Denning, Leslie Begle
Sacristan: Rose Pund
Lector: Tammy Keller
Ushers: John Becher, John Kern,
 Brandon Hanloh, Brian Hanselman
Servers: Tyce Winchell, Teagan Winchell
Greeters: Erick Taylor, Chris Schlachter
Rosary: Marilyn Woebkenberg

Sunday August 2, 2026 SJ 9:00 AM

Eucharistic: Katrina Cochenour, Cody Weyer
 Nolan Weyer, Madison Ebert
Sacristan: Tina Gehlhausen
Lectors: Lori Tischendorf
Ushers: Mark Schaefer, Roger Kern,
 Phil Wahl, Daryl Kast
Servers: Molly Tempel, Jacob Tischendorf
Greeters: Emily Kuegel, Lisa Helming
CLOW: Natalie Tempel, Katrina Cochenour

Sunday August 2, 2026 SJ 11:00 AM

Eucharistic: Guillermo Pozos, Amelia Marmolejo
Lectors: Volunteers
Ushers: Aleida Sandoval, Keyla Lopez
Servers: Cruz: Alex Rodriguez
 Altar: Joey Dubon
 Libro/Campanas: Jizel Dubon
Sacristan: Gela Lara

Prayer

Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof;
 only say the word and my servant will be healed. Amen.
 --Mathew 8:8

In Need of Your Prayers

*(Names will remain in bulletin for 3 weeks,
 please call the office after that if more time is needed.)*

Jessie (Kern) Neireiter	Mary Becher
Johnny Leffert	Gary Johnson
Jerome Hildenbrand	

Stewardship of Treasure from 7/12/26

Parish Envelopes: 117

Collection at all Sunday Masses: \$20,066.75

Mail Drop: \$971 Online: \$440

IRA: \$0.00

Week Total: \$21,477.75

Budget amount needed \$10,000.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Attendance

SN 5:00 PM: 161

MHC 7:00 AM: 184

SJ 9:00 AM: 220

SJ 11:00 AM: 137

Diocese Charities Collection This Month

(Purple Envelope)

The **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters in natural disasters and famine. Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

For more information, visit: <https://www.crs.org>

Mass Intentions

Sat., July 25 (5 PM) † Jerome Meunier

Sun., July 26 (7 AM) † Edward Hurst, Doretha Boeglin

Sun., July 26 (9 AM) † Julie and Alayna Schnell

Sun., July 26 (11 AM) Las Almas del Purgatorio and
 Cristina Martinez

Tues., July 28 (7:30 AM) † John Haegert

Wed., July 29 (7:30 AM) † Kurt Philipps

Thurs., July 30 (7:30 AM) † Rick Demuth

Sat., August 1 (5 PM) † Tom Zuzzio

Sun., August 2 (7 AM) † Hilbert Gogel, Dave and Elaine Burress

Sun., August 2 (9 AM) † Marilyn Harper

Sun., August 2 (11 AM) Las almas benditas del purgatorio

*If there is a funeral,
 the weekday Mass will be canceled for that day.
 Please call the office to reschedule your Mass intention.
 ** Masses will only be scheduled 3 months in advance.
 Also, please limit Masses to 3. Thank you.
 † = Deceased*

Thank you from Fr. Crispine Adongo

Dear SFA family,

Thank you so much for your kindness, prayers, and support. Your thoughtfulness has been a true blessing and a reminder of God's love. To see so many people coming to say thank you last Sunday for my 8 years as your pastor and goodbye was humbling. I feel loved.

I am grateful to have been part of such a caring community. Your presence means more than words can express, and I pray God blesses each of you for the love you have shown. I will always remember my time at St. Francis of Assisi. I carry you in my heart with me.

With heartfelt thanks,
Fr. Crispine

Church Sign Messages

We are looking for a volunteer to put weekly messages on the church sign at Mary, Help of Christians Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 812-937-2200.

Picnic Workers List

This SFA/Mariah Hill Picnic workers list was emailed out to parishioners on July 16. There are a few copies in back of church. If you have questions, please contact Dionne Hanselman.

Pope's July Intention

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Parents and High School Class of 2026!

Connect your students to Catholic college ministry as they move to the next phase of life. Newman Connection is a nationwide ministry that connects students to a Catholic campus ministry. By registering, campus ministries will reach out directly to students in the fall to help them get connected to faith resources on their particular campus. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/seniors-newman-connection. Questions? Email Sharon Shumate at sshumate@evdio.org

Upcoming Picnics

St. Boniface Church in Fulda Annual Summer Picnic

August 2

9:30am—2:30pm CDT

Delicious Food—Music—Bingo—Fun & Entertainment

Christ the King Church Picnic St. Ferdinand Campus August 23

Pray for Vocations



Please pray daily
for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and
encourage parents to discuss vocations with their children.

**I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.**

—Philippians 4:13

