

August 16, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

August 15 – August 23, 2026)

St. John the Apostle

Saturday	8:30 am	Holy Souls
	5:00 pm	
Sunday	7:30 am	Souls of Deceased Priests
	9:15 am	For the People
Monday	8:30 am	+ Dr. Marshall "Bubba" Poor
Tuesday	5:30 pm	+ Austin Chaney
Wednesday	8:30 am	+ Violet & Bernard Goodman
Thursday	5:30 pm	+ Sam & Marlene Cotner
Friday	8:30 am	+ Wayne & Elenore Smith
Saturday	8:30 am	
	5:00 pm	+ Francis Xavier Dias
Sunday	7:30 am	+ Edwin Pfeiffer
	9:15 am	For the People
	5:30 pm	Misa en Español

St. Jude the Apostle

SUNDAY	11:00 am	Pat Kollman
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Suzanne Sullivan
Thursday	9:00 am	

Pray the Rosary

St. John Parish: 30 minutes before every Mass

St. Jude Parish: Sundays at 10:15 am

Sacraments:

Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Reconciliation:

St. John: Saturday 4:30 pm, 30 minutes before all other Masses, or by appointment.

St. Jude: Sunday after Mass, 30 minutes before Wednesday Mass, or by appointment

Marriage: Contact Parish Office

(The Church requires 6 months preparation)

Anointing of the Sick:
Contact Parish Office
if hospitalized, suffering
acute or long-term
illness, serious injury,
or surgery, life-threatening
text Fr. Dennis at
(812) 578-8596

*See Holiday World
opportunity on p. 4*



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ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Parish Picnic last weekend



Happening This Week

Sunday, August 16

10:30 am Apologetics

After 9:15 Mass--Religious Education Classes

Parents and students meet in gym.

Mondays 12:30 Ladies Game Day

Tuesday 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 19 6:30pm King's Men

Thursday, August 20 Women's Group meet in

the St. Catherine Room the theme is

"Garden Bounty" and BINGO.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

BEGIN TODAY AFTER 9:15 MASS

Students and parents will meet in the gym for a mandatory meeting along with coffee & donuts. These classes are for anyone P-K - high school.

Apologetics Classes

We start a new program today. Come join us after the 9:15 Mass.

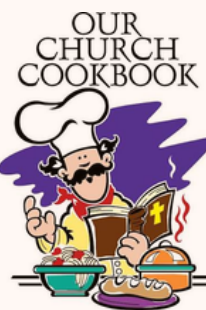
OCIA Classes on Tuesday

If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith contact Lee or Gwen Blandford or Scout Denny.

Adult Religious Education Classes are on the first Thursday of the month following the 5:30pm Mass.

St. John's CookBook

We need your input for our cookbook that we are putting together as a fundraiser at the 2026 Craft Show. Please send us your favorite recipes as soon as possible.



Stewardship--

July 12-15, 2026

\$9,809.

St. John's appreciate your generous support to keep our parish going and growing.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's Assumption into Heaven

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into Heaven. This year it fell on a Saturday, so it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Nonetheless, it is a very special Solemnity that is fitting for the Mother or God. The Church from the very beginning has taught that Mary was Assumed into Heaven.

Archaeology has revealed two tombs of Mary, one in Jerusalem and one in Ephesus. The fact that Mary lived in both places explains the two tombs. But what is inexplicable apart from the Assumption is the fact that there is no body in either tomb. And there are no relics. Anyone who peruses early Church history knows that Christian belief in the communion of saints and the sanctity of the body—in radical contrast to the Gnostic disdain for “the flesh”—led early Christians to seek out with the greatest fervor relics from the bodies of great saints. Cities, and, later, religious orders, would fight over the bones of great saints.

This is one reason why we have relics of the apostles and so many of the greatest saints and martyrs in history. Yet never was there a single relic of Mary's body? As revered as Mary was, this would be very strange, except for the fact of the assumption of her body.

Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1950, stipulating that “the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory” (*Munificentissimus Deus* 44).

What exactly does that dogmatic definition mean? As regards the Assumption, it means that—unlike each of us at the end of our “earthly life”—Mary never experienced the separation of body and soul. Her body and soul are both in heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary was free from sin. That's why the definition cited above speaks of “the Immaculate Mother of God.” So, never having sinned, neither must she suffer the rupture of body and soul. She was ready for total salvation, body and soul.

Apologetics is when the faith needs some defense from other points of view. We have an apologetics class at St. John's defending and explaining the faith for that very reason.

There was no apologetics about the Assumption, simply because the people that lived at the time did not need to defend this belief. It was common knowledge.

The Tabernacle of the Word Made Flesh received her Salvation by Jesus at the time of her own conception. Therefore, it is only fitting that when it was time for her departure from this world, it is logical to note that she went body and soul. This has been the realization since her assumption.



Rest in Peace Jean Fitzgerald

Jean passed away August 3. Please pray for her husband, Pat and her family including her sister Sharlene Myers. Both Pat and Sharlene were long time members of the D of I.

Funeral plans are pending. Probably next week.



St. John's Youth Group End of Summer Trip!
Labor Day Monday, Sep. 7



Open to all youth 13+ and families of all ages.

\$37 group rate. Bring friends!

Buffet can be purchased for \$17/ person.

To sign up or if you have questions
contact Dean @ 812-360-5716 or

YouthGroup@sjabloomington.org

Deadline to order the buffet is Aug 15.

Deadline to order tickets only is Sept 4.

Adult Drivers are needed.

How to Become a Member of St. John or St. Jude...

It is easy to register! At St. John's, there are yellow registration forms in the bookrack at the entrance or at the Information Table. At St. Jude, there are small half cards on the back table near the side entrance. Registration forms may be put in the collection basket or given to the office or Father. We are excited for you to become a part of our spiritual family.

Daily Readings

Cycle A

Monday

August 17, 2026

Ez 24: 15-23

Mt 15: 21-28

Tuesday

August 18

Ez 28: 1-10

Mt 19: 23-30

Wednesday

August 19

St. John Eudes, Priest

Ez 34: 1-11

Mt 20: 1-16

Thursday

August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Ez 36: 23-28

Mt 22: 1-14



Friday

August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 37: 1-14

Mt 22: 34-40

Saturday

August 22

The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43: 1-7ab

Mt 23: 1-12



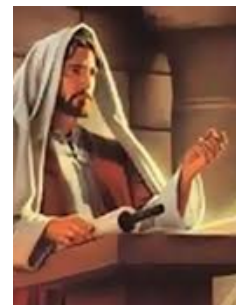
20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 23

Is 22: 19-23

Rom 11: 33-36

Mt 16: 13-20



There is Power in Your Prayers! Let's pray for:

Suzanne Sullivan, Sue Hawthorne, Shirley Schooley, Dolores McClure, Sidney Sullivan, Stephanie Worland, Sandy Lively, Ellen Ross, Carol Heerdink, Deborah Vandercook, Maureen Farwick, Jimmy & Margaret Owens, Kevin McClure, David Schneider, John Nordhoff, Dick and Maribeth McKaig, Andy Anzer, Patricia Hooten, Inez Fleming, Ruby Hendricks, Carol Hahn, Laura Thorson, Denise Sawyer, Maggie Garst, and Nancy Fuhs. Let us remember all the sick in our prayers. You may also go to: prayer@sjabloomington.org to request prayers. St. Jude's prayer list email the office or email Suzanne at: smariasullivan304@att.net

For those in nursing homes, may they be strengthened by our prayers, especially for those without family.

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Attention Men of the Parish

We are at the beginning stage of a brand new Men's Club.

Chad Crosby has been diligently working on this beginning phase.

There will be an initial meeting on August 30, after Mass in the Hall. All men 18-up are encouraged to attend.



St. Jude's 75th Anniversary Countdown

More upgrades are planned for our dear parish before our 75th Anniversary on October 11. The restrooms of the church will get new stall partitions and the floors will be stripped and rewaxed. The plans are coming along. Thanks for all the input and help we are receiving to make this a deserving event. It's time to start sending in your RSVP's so that we can get a nice count for our dinner. Also a special invite to any and all of our past parishioners and to our St. John's sisters and brothers. Just let us know if you can make it.



Altar Server Room Door

The door has been repaired.

Now, now, boys let's try to keep the place in one piece for now on. If you are folding your hands in prayer, then you won't use the door as a jungle gym.



Garden Helpers Needed for St. Jude's

Update: Sarah Volrich has just donated her handywork at weeding. Thank you to all that are able to give us your time and energy for our gardens.

Meditation

"Our Lord's love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest . . . Just as the sun shines equally on the cedar and the little flower, so the Divine Sun shines equally on everyone, great and small. Everything is ordered for their good, just as in nature the seasons are so ordered that the smallest daisy comes to bloom at its appointed time."

St. Therese of Lisieux, p. 4-5 The Story of a Soul

Josh Kennedy

Thank you Josh for helping with the computer issues to get St. Jude and St. John synced. Josh also donated a brand new laptop to help keep us connected.

Thanks Josh.



Advice from the Saints

"A man who governs his passions is master of his world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil."

St. Dominic de Guzman

August 9, 2026 Stewardship

Regular Collection.....	\$1,806.
Capital Improvements.....	110.
Religious Education.....	100.
Food Ministry.....	300.
Angel Jar.....	708.
NCYC Youth Conference.....	35.
Gift to the Parish(75 th Anniversary) in Memory of Bob Price....	250.

God Bless Our Parish and Benefactors!



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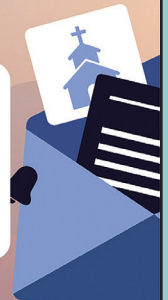
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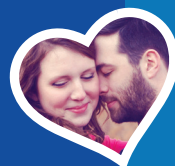
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