

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

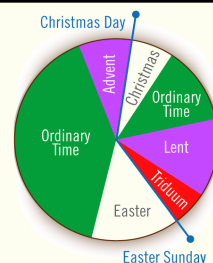
Sep 07....Patty Schmidt

Sep 14....Seth Fawns

DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church.

Ask an usher.



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A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, September 7, 2025

After last Sunday's remarkable confession of my email to the Bishop, today's Gospel warning, of not sitting down and calculating the cost before doing so, struck home with real impact. Indeed I did not calculate if I had enough wisdom to complete what my email had offered the Bishop, namely my retirement as pastor. The Bishop, inevitably kind and wise, offered me a meeting to discuss our shared options. As I write this- last Monday, I don't know what that meeting has resolved; but I trust God's good graces will have prevailed.

Many who have undertaken a path of doing great things for God- in my case, a request of being a pastor in the Lexington Diocese- have realized that doing so is one thing but honoring it is quite another. Such a scene confronts us in today's Gospel. God's call to hate life, family and possessions goes against our natural instincts. I know, however, that these attachments can not take priority over our attachment to Jesus.

As Jesus' blood kin can also be disciples, so can our families. But as Jesus asks, they must be willing to embrace as kin others not related by blood, who are different by whatever markers that potentially can cause tension and even rupture in one's biological family. A disciple needs to be forewarned of this difficulty and be prepared to confront it. As Paul implores Philemon, we must embrace our non-biological siblings as family and equals. Let us then build up our resources to accomplish the great things to which God has called us.

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am—English
12pm—Spanish

Please see calendar at
stpatrickmtsterling.com
for midweek masses.

Religious Ed

(Fall thru Spring)

Sundays 9-10:15am

Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Marriage Prep: Notify priest at least
6 months in advance

Baptism: by appointment

New or Returning to Our Parish?

Need to update info?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text

Text SJSPSA to
84576

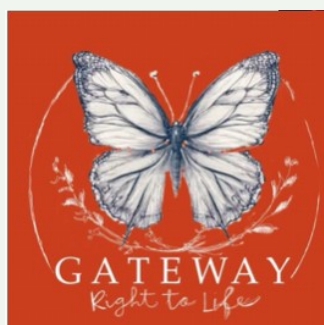
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“God’s Love Unites Us”

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Weekend with us! Your annual commitment to our parish through our “God’s Love Unites Us” renewal program will continue to bring life to our community. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Patrick Catholic Church!

Thank you to David Enouch for trimming the parking lot fenceline!



National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 @11am
St. Thomas Cemetery
Pastor Neil Savaterra officiating.
Everyone Welcome.

**Pray the Rosary
Wednesdays @ 4pm**



SEPTEMBER requests:
EVERYTHING (except green beans)!

**A box has been placed
in back of church for
collection.**

**THANK YOU for all the
donations last week**



Birthdays (Sept 7th-13th)

09/08...Iridian Hernandez
09/11...Anthony Mongarro
09/12...Hannah Baker
09/12...Dale Musson



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education will start Mid-September. Applications available now!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is Wednesdays at 7pm and it just started, so join us if interested!



WHY do we care for OUR COMMON HOME?

Please bring in your pictures of kids and pets for our corkboard at the back of church. We would love to see yours!

“Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor.”

- Saint John Chrysostom (349-407),
- Patron of Public Speaking,
- Feast Day September 13

