

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

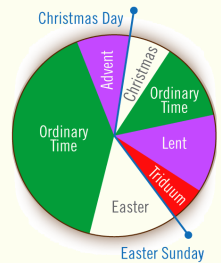
August 3, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 03....Dick Lane
Aug 10....Seth Fawns

DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church.
Ask an usher.



A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, August 3, 2025

The gospel today shows us in parable form what the "greed that is idolatry" looks like. The rich man with the bountiful harvest is shown to be isolated, oblivious of both God and his fellow human beings. In a world of limited goods, his solution is shocking: he will tear down his barns and build bigger ones, where he will stockpile his goods for many years. In contrast, first century Palestinians did not operate within a system of capitalism. They considered all goods limited, so that if one person acquired more, it necessarily meant that others went without.

Hoarding for Palestinians was a clear sign of greed, the vice most destructive to community life. The rich man's self-centered plan is interrupted by a startling apparition by God. "You fool" comes the accusation, with the notice that this very night his "life will be demanded." The critical question is, All "the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" The clear biblical answer comes from Psalm 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's and all that it holds." Everything belongs to God; even life itself is given to us on loan.

Jesus's parable cuts two ways. To those who are blessed with abundance, hard questions are posed about its legitimate use, greediness, and just distribution of resources for the common good. To those on the underside of privilege, there is encouragement to unmask vicious greed and to engage in efforts to bring about economic justice, while warning against violence in doing so.

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 6+mo. in adv.

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

OR go to this
QR code:





On August 3rd Ashraf and Samia Saed a Catholic couple from the Holy Land will be visiting our Parish Hall to market Olive Wood carved religious articles made by the Christian Artisans in the Holy Land.

www.holylandart.org
Checks and credit cards welcome.

**Pray the Rosary
Wednesdays @
4pm**



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Maynard
Reinhardt!**

We will be celebrating his new journey to seminary during 10:30 mass today.



AUGUST requests:

Cereal, canned fruit, condiments, & canned soup.

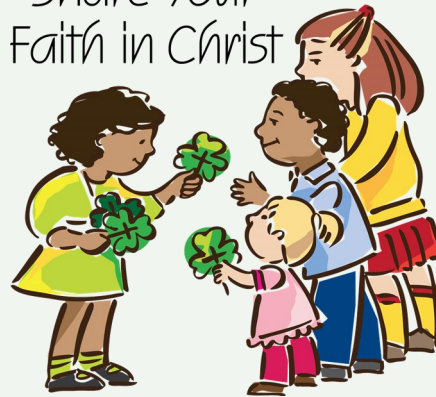
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Birthdays (Aug 3rd-9th)

08/03...Bernice Bayles
08/05...Kathryn King
08/06...Hannah Kirkland
08/06...David Patrick
08/08...Rita Beckham
08/09...Maria Torres



*Share Your
Faith in Christ*



The church is in need of a Director of Religious Education for the fall. Could that be YOU? Contact any admin or council member if interested.

"If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home."

- St. Lydia of Thyatira
- First convert (by Paul) to Christianity in Europe
- Business Woman, Patron of Merchants, Hospitality, and Dyers
- Feast Day Aug. 3

