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Jesus said to his disciples,
'Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny himself,
take up his cross and follow me.'

THE PARISH OFFICE AND THE
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CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 7TH
FOR LABOR DAY

August 30, 2026

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM (English)
& 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
& 12:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
ADORATION / ADORACION

1st Friday (In English) : Mass at 8 AM,
followed by Adoration

1st Viernes (En Español):
Adoracion 6:00 PM,
seguida por la Misa a las 7 PM

ROSARY

Monday - Friday after 8:00 AM
Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM or
by appointment

OUR CLERGY

Rev. Leonard Dim, Pastor

Rev. Valentine Umoh

Parochial Vicar

Msgr. Thomas Skindeleski

Deacon Andy Plucinski

Deacon George White

Deacon Dony Antony

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MINISTRIES • MINISTERIOS

Adult Choir: Eric Keiper (English)
Every other Tuesday, 6:45-8:00 PM

Baptism Classes (English):
Deacon Dony & Jamie Ann Wooley
By appointment, call the office 561-966-8878

Baptism Classes (Español):
Iván & Alejandra Muñoz Martín
Llamar a la oficina para la registraci3n.

Baptism Registration: Consuelo & Marisol
Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM - Noon,
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

CCW (English): Sheila Zile Pecoraro
2nd Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM
(Parish Center)

Grief Share Group (English): Joanne Capasso
Every Wednesday, 10:00 AM - Noon
(Parish Center)

Liturgia de la Hora (Español): Dr. Félix Rodríguez
Cada martes a las 6:00 PM
Ministerio para caballeros solamente

Loving Hands, Crocheting & knitting: Joyce Costello
Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM -Parish Center Room #1

OCIA (English): Fr. Valentine, Deacon Dony Antony
& Jamie Wooley

OCIA (Español): Natalia Brugal
Cada Jueves a las 7:00 PM (Iglesia)

Ministerio de Musica: (Español): Alex & Nora
Tacoa

Bible Study (English): Fr. Valentine
Wednesday at 7 PM (See Page 9 for dates.)

Feeding the Hungry (English/Spanish): Biddy Labutka
Every Monday at 8:00 AM (Parish Center-Kitchen)

Grupo de Oraci3n (Español): Feliciano
Cada Mi3rcoles a las 7:00 PM (Iglesia)
Orando por Nuestros Hijos 7PM -Tercer Miercoles del mes.

Knights of Columbus (English): Paul Turner
2nd Monday of Every Month at 7:30 PM
(Parish Center)

Legion of Mary (French):
Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM - Marie Bernadette Samson Johnson -
Legion de Maria todos los Jueves 7:PM -Dania Fernandez

Young Adult Group (English/Spanish):
Deacon Dony Antony
Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM (Parish Hall)

Entre Lazados Ministerio de Parejas -Ultimo martes de mes. Ivan & Alejandra Munoz Martin

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 31 to September 6, 2026 - S/I Special Intentions/ RIP - Rest in Peace, All intentions will include only the first and last name of the person for whom the Mass is being offered.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**RIP/ GEORGIA WARREN
S/I ROSE CENTEY**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**RIP GEORGE HAIDING
S/I HERNANDEZ GONZALEZ**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**S/I GAYLAINE RICHARD
S/I HERNANDEZ GONZALEZ**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**RIP/ CARLO RICCA
RIP/ WINDSTON CHAN**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**S/I FOR THE BONNET FAMILY
S/I LAURIE HERNANDEZ AND CHILDREN**

7:00 P.M.

**RIP/ JOSE LOPEZ
S/I POR LOS HIJOS Y NIETOS DE FAMILIA
LOPEZ**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 2026
8:00 A.M.**

**S/I LAURI HERNANDEZ
RIP/ SIMONE MILLER**

**4:00 P.M.
RIP/ FRANK & AUGUSTA STIANO
RIP/ KATHYBROWNFIELD**

**6:00 P.M.
RIP/ MIEMBROS DE LA ORDEN
DOMINICA
S/I LUCY CARDONA**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
7:45 A.M.**

**RIP/ MARSHALL WEISSEND
RIP/ ALL SOULS PURGATORY**

9:00 A.M.

**S/I LAURI HERNANDEZ AND CHILDREN
S/I HEALING FOR 42ND GENERATION OF
THE ABRAHAM & MATTHEW FAMILY**

10:30 A.M.

**RIP/ CARLO RICCA
RIP/ JUSTIN S. PERSADE**

12:00 NOON

**S/I AL & DIANE SANTORO
RIP/ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Saints of the Week

Aug. 31 — St. Raymond Nonnatus

Sept. 1 — St. Giles

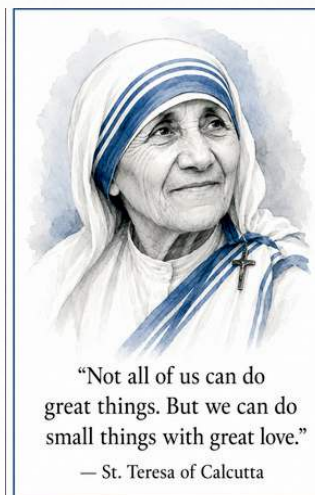
Sept. 2 — St. Zeno

Sept. 3 — St. Gregory the Great

Sept. 4 — St. Rosalia

Sept. 5 — St. Teresa of Calcutta

Sept. 6 — St. Onesiphorus



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 Jeremiah 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

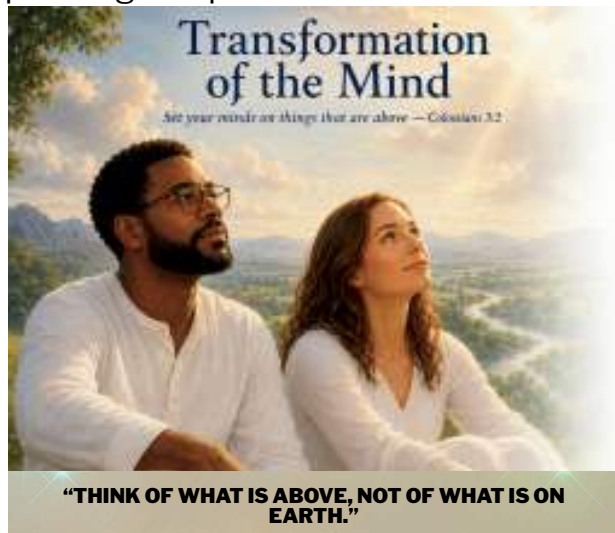
I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading 2 Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.



Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."





**To register for CCD and
OCIA please scan here**



**Pueden inscribir a sus hijos para la catequesis y
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**THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GET TO KNOW ONE
ANOTHER AND FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO PLAY,
MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND ENJOY TIME TOGETHER.**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND A BIG APPETITE! HAMBURGERS, HOT
DOGS, AND COLD SODAS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. COME
ENJOY GREAT MUSIC, CHILDREN'S GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, AND MANY
WONDERFUL SURPRISES!**

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS—EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Msgr. Tom's Musings: BLESSED FULTON SHEEN

On September 24th, Many Americans, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, will mark a special day in the life of the Catholic Church in America. On that day, the late Archbishop of Rochester, New York, Venerable Fulton Sheen, will be beatified during a ceremony in a large auditorium in St. Louis, and then will be called Blessed Fulton Sheen. His influence in and on the Catholic Church in the United States is profound. A popular television personality in the 1950s and 1960s in the United States, his program, "Life is Worth Living," drew as many as 30 million viewers on Tuesday evenings over several years, far surpassing the lackluster competition offered by the other major networks. He was also a terrific author of spiritual books, a fabulous orator and lecturer, and his talks even had a deep impact on the lives of non-Catholics, conveying many of them to Catholicism.

My personal recollections of him go back to my Deacon year in the Seminary, when he spent a week with us, preaching the opening of the academic year retreat. He especially drove home a message of the importance for Catholics to deeply appreciate the Holy Eucharist; and this became obvious when I secretly observed him as he spent an hour each day quietly and privately praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I would watch him from a back pew in our chapel every afternoon, in deep contemplation as he knelt before Jesus in the Tabernacle. I brought one of his books with me on one of those occasions, and he willingly autographed it for me, smiling as he said, "Be a good priest!"

He served for many years as the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and would beg for funds to feed the poor in foreign countries, often in places where he would travel to meet with the poorest of the poor. He even related a story, where he shamefully avoided touching the outstretched hand of a leper, and later went back, full of remorse, to meet and embrace that leper. Despite his fame, and popularity, he had a fear of being a proud, vain person, and certainly tried to walk humbly with God. Though he was offered the position of an archbishop in a large diocese in America, he declined it, and took on the role of pastor of souls or shepherd in the much smaller Diocese of Rochester.

His short three-year term in that Diocese was marked by several improvements and changes during the post Vatican era. But he resigned his diocese after realizing that he may have made one serious error: the closing of a Parish without consulting the Pastor or the people, in order to sell the properties to raise money for the poor. It caused him to reflect more deeply on his role as Shepherd, and thereby he resolved to willingly step down as it's a spiritual leader. This was another act of true humility.

So, it is not his fame that brings him to this point of beatification, but his humility and service to the poor that caused his case to be introduced to the Vatican. One miracle was approved that enabled him to reach this point on the road to full recognition of sanctity.

I hope to live long enough to someday see him canonized as an American saint, and I pray that this will happen soon.



¿Desea conocer más sobre la fe católica, convertirse en católico o completar sus sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión?

Le invitamos a participar en OICA, anteriormente conocido como RICA. Las clases se ofrecerán completamente en español. Comenzamos el jueves 17 de septiembre a las 7:00 p. m.

Escanee el código QR para registrarse. ¡Los esperamos!



¡ESTÁS INVITADO A NUESTRO PICNIC PARROQUIAL!

INVITAMOS CORDIALMENTE A TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA, INCLUYENDO A TODAS NUESTRAS COMUNIDADES Y MINISTERIOS, A COMPARTIR UNA TARDE LLENA DE FE, ALEGRÍA, UNIÓN FAMILIAR Y FRATERNIDAD. ESTA SERÁ UNA MARAVILLOSA OPORTUNIDAD PARA CONOCERNOS MEJOR Y PARA QUE NUESTROS HIJOS Y NIETOS JUEGUEN, HAGAN NUEVAS AMISTADES Y DISFRUTEN JUNTOS.

¡TRAIGAN SUS SILLAS DE JARDÍN Y MUCHO APETITO! TENDREMOS HAMBURGUESAS, PERROS CALIENTES Y REFRESCOS FRÍOS A LA VENTA. DISFRUTEN DE BUENA MÚSICA, JUEGOS PARA LOS NIÑOS, CONVIVENCIA Y MUCHAS SORPRESAS.

¡INVITEN A SUS FAMILIARES Y AMIGOS! ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

Septiembre 27, 2026 2-5PM



ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart, in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things, I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. in His name, my God, have mercy.

Why Should Catholics Study the Bible?

The Bible is the living Word of God and an essential part of our Catholic faith. At every Mass, God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, preparing our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. However, understanding the Bible more deeply helps us recognize God's voice not only at Mass, but also in our daily lives.

Saint Jerome famously taught, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." By attending Bible classes, we learn to understand Scripture within the teachings and Sacred Tradition of the Catholic Church. We discover how the Old and New Testaments are connected, strengthen our relationship with Jesus, and become better prepared to explain and share our faith with others.

You do not need to be a Bible expert—only bring an open heart and a desire to know God more deeply. Come join us and allow His Word to guide, strengthen, and transform your life!

Based on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council's Dei Verbum and resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Sources: Vatican – Dei Verbum and USCCB – Understanding the Bible.



BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

PARISH HALL • 7 PM–8 PM

AUGUST 26	OCTOBER 14
SEPTEMBER 2	OCTOBER 21
SEPTEMBER 9	OCTOBER 28
SEPTEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 4
SEPTEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 11
SEPTEMBER 30	

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WHY IT MATTERS

Every gift brings us closer to retiring our parish debt and freeing resources for the mission of St. Matthew—worship, ministry, formation, outreach, and the needs of our parish family.

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*Many Gifts. One Mission.
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Total Debt
(Parish Hall Mortgage)
\$2,099,301
(est. 6/1/14)



ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKEND COLLECTION REPORT

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22-23, 2026

♥ 1st Collection: **\$9,366.00**

♥ 2nd Collection **\$3,178.00**

*The Second Collection for August 30th is
for our Capital Campaign*



Weekend Collection **\$883.00**

Total Collection: **\$7,357.00**

! The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast! is back



September 6, after the
7:45, 9:00, and 10:30 AM Masses



Diocesan Services Appeal

Goal: **\$133,000.00**

Amount Receive: **\$101,981.29**

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