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## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28th, 2026

### MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

12:05 PM - **James Rován**  
(Req. by Ezio Di Francisco & Jean Fraser)

**TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

12:05 PM - **Michael & Ethel Fuska**  
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)

**WEDNESDAY - The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

5:30 PM - **Anna Marie Pfeil**  
(Req. by Mary Ann & Amy Wissinger)  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**THURSDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY - Saint Thomas, Apostle**

12:05 PM - **Mary Reynolds**  
(Req. by Jackie Martella)  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**SATURDAY - Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM - **Karen Govert**  
(Req. by Charlene Torchia)

**SUNDAY - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM - **Pro Populo**

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of the Colbert and Casavant Families  
Req. by Nada Prohaska

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd**, in observance of Independence Day. The office will be open on Monday July 6th at 9 AM.

**Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM**

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** The Sanctuary Lamp is available for your intentions by calling the parish office. Please attempt to request your intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation is suggested.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Confessions are heard from 6:30 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday Evenings.

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD FROM 3:00 PM until 3:40 PM THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

**Confession may ALWAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by calling the rectory office. Please avail yourselves to this life-giving sacrament!**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Scheduled no less than nine months prior to the date of marriage.

Four preparation sessions with the pastor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must be met. **All Catholic candidates for Marriage must be registered, practicing members of a parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the wedding. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Baptisms are generally celebrated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed by the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Catholic godparents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

**ANointing of the Sick:** Celebrated after any Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish during the Easter Season.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Wednesday and Friday following Mass.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Forms are located on the back page of the bulletin (or on the parish website) to be filled out and sent to the parish. Registrations are also welcome by phone.

**\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$**  
**Collection - June 21, 2026**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Loose Money.....      | \$398.00  |
| Envelopes.....        | \$3162.00 |
| Holy Father.....      | \$15.00   |
| Father's Day.....     | \$65.00   |
| Sanctuary Candle..... | \$10.00   |
| Parking Lot Rent..... | \$175.00  |

**TOTAL: \$3825.00**

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 Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

*Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, John Bair, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Dick Krumenacker, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leftie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovikovski, Shirley Slovikovski, Ken Turner, Megan Varnecky, Carrie Young*

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**Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of June 29th to July 5th:**



Charles George  
 Yvonne Krise  
 Logan Gossard  
 James Litvin  
 Amy Wissinger

**For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part**

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We always pray the rosary Saturday evening at approximately 3:30 PM prior to Mass as well as every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. On Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 5:30 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also occurs on Friday following the 12:05 PM Mass until 1:30 PM. We also pray the litany of St. Joseph since Wednesday is dedicated to him as the patron of the Universal Church. Remember the parish intention for the rosary is for Fr. John's health, however, personal intentions for the Rosary and adoration are your own. A VISITATION WITH OUR LORD PRESENT IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS NEARLY A PERFECT FORM OF PRAYER AND CAN HELP YOU TO BELIEVE THAT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!



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**Music Bingo Thank You** - Our first Hit Mix Bingo with Tom Hoover was quite successful. All who attended enjoyed playing rounds of bingo and other various games of chance with spontaneous singing and dancing, all accompanied by a delicious meal. Thank you to all our parishioners who attended the event and all others who, unable to attend, still supported us very generously through gifts of baskets, lottery tickets, gift certificates, and the second collection. All these means of support help our parish financially and are greatly appreciated. Your efforts manifest your commitment to the life of our parish. Finally, we would be remiss if we did not thank all of the amazing volunteers who worked countless hours both organizing and working the event. Visitation parish is truly blessed to have such a core group of hard working, dedicated people who selflessly give of their time and talent to make this, and all of our fundraisers, so successful.

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**Music Bingo 2026**

**Profit**

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Music Bingo        | \$2711.00        |
| Second Collection  | \$850.00         |
| Tickets (pre sold) | \$2525.00        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$6086.00</b> |

**Expenses**

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| DJ Tom Hoover        | \$400.00         |
| Tribune Democrat     | \$302.50         |
| Habits               | \$166.84         |
| Seder Gaming         | \$80.00          |
| Temp. Liquor License | \$30.00          |
| Door Prizes          | \$200.00         |
| Prizes for games     | \$1000.00        |
| Bingo License        | \$15.00          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$2194.34</b> |

**Total Profit \$3891.66**

**From Pontiff to Pew:**

During this past Sunday's Angelus, Pope Leo XIV offered the following reflection in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In today's Gospel reading (Mt 10:26-33), Jesus sends the disciples out on their mission and addresses them with this exhortation: "What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops" (v. 27).

He draws a parallel between what we hear "in private," namely, what is in the secret of our hearts, and what we are called to proclaim to everyone. He reminds us that proclaiming the Gospel is first and foremost a sharing of a personal encounter with him, which is unique to each of us.

The strength of any apostolate, in fact — beyond techniques and tools — comes from the work of the Holy Spirit within us and from the authenticity of our response. Saint Thomas Aquinas spoke of preaching as passing on to others what we have contemplated: "contemplata aliis tradere" (cf. Summa Theologiae, III, q. 40, a. 1, ad 2).

We must not think that contemplation is an exclusive experience, reserved only for a few saints or for monks and hermits. We can all do it, by striving to set aside, amidst the commitments of our daily lives, quiet moments in which to enter into silence before God, to listen to his voice, to entrust our joys and concerns to him and to review our lives with him. This helps us to have a more firm and conscious faith, and consequently to be credible and free disciples, men and women capable of reflecting the light of the Gospel in every setting and every situation of life, and of bearing witness to it even where its value is not understood or accepted.

Saint Matthew — the author of the biblical passage that we mentioned — wrote for communities whose lives were not easy. They had to face hostility and persecution, as so many Christians still do today in various parts of the world. The temptation to become discouraged and to let weariness or fear get the better of them was great.

Now, just as then, it is a challenge to remain faithful to Jesus' teachings and to proclaim his word: to respond to hatred with love, to arrogance with meekness, and to discouragement with perseverance. For this reason, we must deepen the roots of our faith and our mission in an intimate relationship with him (cf. Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, 8). This gives us the strength not to despair, but to continue to share with everyone, in every circumstance, his message of hope, love and peace. The world greatly needs it!

May the Virgin Mary help us to be missionary disciples of the Lord Jesus, each according to our own vocation.

In his weekly **Wednesday Audience**, Pope Leo began his exploration of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. III. Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium. 4. The Mystery of the Eucharist. Here it is in its entirety:

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

We will continue our catechesis on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, particularly the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) on the Liturgy.

When Saint Augustine wanted to explain the mystery of the Body of Christ to those who were newly baptized, he took up the passage from Saint Paul that we have just heard: "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." (1 Cor 12:27). He adds: "It is your own mystery that you receive. To

what you are, you respond: Amen, and your response is like your signature. You are told, 'The Body of Christ,' and you reply, 'Amen.' Be therefore members of the Body of Christ, so that your Amen may be true. [...] Be what you see, and receive what you are" (Sermon 272: PL 38, 1247).

Immediately after recalling Jesus' Last Supper, the Constitution on the Liturgy speaks of the Eucharist in these Augustinian terms. For Christians, taking part at the Lord's table means being "instructed by God's word and ... nourished ... [giving] thanks to God" (cf. SC, 48). It is by receiving Him in His Word and in the Eucharist that we become what we receive. We become the Body whose Head is the risen Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father (cf. Col 1:18), who prepares a place for us in heaven (cf. Jn 14:3). Thus, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come. It is the Bread for the journey that leads us to our heavenly homeland, until that blessed day when "God will be all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

The liturgical assembly offers the Sacrifice "not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him" (SC, 48). From this perspective, the Eucharist is the form of the spiritual sacrifice of Christians (cf. Heb 13:16; Rom 12:1), as the path to union with God and with one another. By participating in it, they learn "to offer themselves; through Christ the Mediator, they should be drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other" (ibid.). Thus, by incorporating us into Christ, the Eucharist teaches us to adopt the very style of life of the Lord Jesus, which was marked by the free gift of Himself. This gift draws us into the dynamic of unity, offering a powerful antidote to the forces of division that undermine our world, our communities, our families, and our hearts (cf. SC, 47).

Dear brothers and sisters, when we participate in the Eucharist, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished at the Lord's table, where He offers Himself to the Father. These two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, "are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship" (SC, 56).

With regard to the Word of God, it is important to remember that it is not merely a matter of acquiring intellectual knowledge of the Scriptures, but of receiving the Word that is "living and effective" (Heb 4:12), spoken by God to everyone and at the same time to each individual. This Word nourishes and sustains us together with the Eucharistic Bread and leads us from the decay of sin to new life in Christ. "The Eucharist opens us to an understanding of Scripture, just as Scripture for its part illumines and explains the mystery of the Eucharist." (Benedict XVI, Verbum Domini, 55).

The Second Vatican Council called for the treasures of the Bible to be opened more abundantly, so that a richer fare from the table of God's Word might be provided for the faithful (cf. SC, 51). The liturgical reform translated this request into the treasure that is the Lectionary, the book that gathers all the biblical readings for liturgical celebrations. This richness has been drawn from the purest source of the living Tradition, which combines fidelity with

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