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AUGUST 2, 2026

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works. — Psalm 145:8-9*

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS & SATURDAY

8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

- Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- After 8:00 AM Mass—Weekdays
- Any time by appointment

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Saint John the Baptist Parish Family,
Dear Friends of our Parish,

Every year around this time, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, I recall a story of a young man who while walking through the countryside miscalculated his arrival time to the nearest small hotel on his long journey. As it was getting darker, he began to wonder where he would spend the night. Suddenly, he saw some lights in the distance and realized that God once again took care of him as He led him towards an ancient monastery. When he knocked on the front door an elderly monk graciously offered that he could stay with their community and enjoy their hospitality for as long as he wished. Walking towards the monastery's dining room, the young man noticed through some open doors that the monks lived simply and, in fact, their rooms had very little furniture. After he finished his meal, which the elderly monk served him as if he were an old friend, the young man found courage and asked the monk a question which had been on his mind since the moment when he entered this God-given refuge place: "Where is your furniture?" The monk gently smiled and returned back that loaded question: "And where is yours?" Puzzled by this query the young man paused for a moment but then realized that the answer to the question was so simple: "I don't need any furniture, I am on a journey." Having heard the response the monk gently smiled and without hesitating responded: "My friend, we are all on a journey."

The story of the Lord's Transfiguration in the Gospel this coming Friday tells the story of a very personal journey of Jesus with His three dear friends and disciples Peter, James, and his brother, John, as he revealed His divinity to them. Our own life happens to be also our own personal journey with Jesus towards the eternity, the revelation of His divinity and eternal love for us. With each passing day, we are one day closer to that eternal heavenly home where we will meet - as we all hope - our Lord and Savior, Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, all the Saints and our loved ones who have already concluded their earthly journeys and have returned to the loving embrace of our God. In that loving and mysterious plan of salvation he wants to also connect each, and every one of us to the "soil of this earth," to our families, loved ones, friends, our homes, and our parish. We are all grateful for these special and precious gifts on our journeys of life, and to the Almighty for bringing us and keeping us together.

— Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:00 PM Lee Meyer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM Eileen Markantes
(Living)

10:00 AM Bernadette Choo

12:00 PM Amalia Jens

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 AM For the repose of
souls in purgatory

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 AM Kevin P. Connelly

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 AM Frances Delasey

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 AM Joan & Bill Clancey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 AM Caulfield & Caldera
Families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 AM People of the Parish
5:00 PM Jozef Smutelovic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM Frances Delasey
10:00 AM Pierce Browne
(10th Anniversary)
12:00 PM Dorothy Giacomia

The **Bread & Wine** are given
in memory of

CLAIRE GREVE

*at the request of
The Williamson Family*

Prayers for Healing and Peace:

Kim Costa, Thomas Tobin, Anthony K., Jim Derbyshire, James Carbone, Terry Medino, Anita Lawrence, Ann Walsh, Elaine McBreen, Baby Rocco, Caroline Bisi, Baby Nellie, Liam Fanning, Ken McGlone, Eileen Stasiunis, Bruce Hawkinson, Walter Minx, Mary Lou Wilson, John Manning, Alex Rodriguez

Remembering Those Who Have Passed:

Maricarmen Senande, Peter Spaccarotella, Theresa Manole, Robert Gioia

A Summer Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, Creator of all,
thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see
all around me and for the opportunity
to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness
of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

This is the day
the Lord has made;

let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



Pope Francis: "Let us learn how to take a break and turn off the mobile phone..."

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

Jesus's attitude that we observe in the Gospel of today's liturgy (Mk 6:30-34) helps us to grasp two important aspects of life. The first is rest. To the Apostles returning from the labors of the mission who enthusiastically begin to relate everything they had done, Jesus tenderly directs this invitation to the Apostles: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while". [...] In so doing, Jesus gives us a valuable teaching. Even though he rejoices on seeing his disciples' happiness due to the wonders of their preaching, he does not spend time giving them compliments or asking questions. Rather, he is concerned about their physical and interior tiredness. And why does he do this? Because he wants to make them aware of a danger that is always lurking there for us too: the danger to be caught up in the frenzy of doing things, to fall into the trap of activism where what is most important are the results that we obtain and the feeling of being absolute protagonists. [...]

It is not only physical rest, but also rest for the heart. For it is not enough to "unplug" ourselves, we need to truly rest. And how do we do this? To do so, we must return to the heart of things: to stop, to remain in silence, to pray so as not to go from the frenzy of work to the frenzy of times of relaxation. Jesus did not neglect the needs of the crowd, but each day, before anything else, he would withdraw in prayer, in silence, in intimacy with the Father. His tender invitation – rest a while – should accompany us. Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God. [...]

[...] God's style is to draw near, compassion and tenderness. In fact, only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetize the deepest part of ourselves.

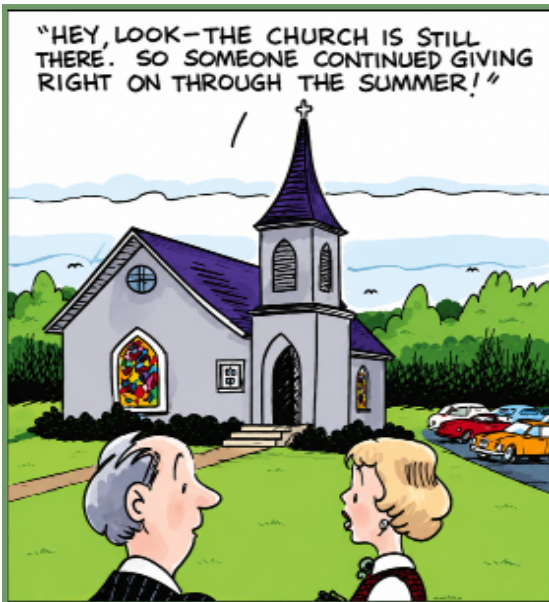
Pope Francis, Angelus Prayer, Saint Peter's Square, 18 July 2021

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

		2025	BUDGET
Envelope & In Pew Giving:	\$6,868	\$ 7,226	\$ 7,900
Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	5,284	\$ 4,854	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	\$12,152	\$ 12,080	\$12,900

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An Invitation to Prayer



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday • 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Benediction & Prayer
(just before 6:00 pm)



DAILY MASS

Celebrated each morning
8:00 am



The Blessed Mother delights in the presence of her children.

**Come in, linger awhile,
say a prayer, and light a candle
in hope and love.**

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN
365 DAYS A YEAR/**

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT SJA



St. John's Academy, a pre-k 3 through 8th grade Catholic school located in Hillsdale, is currently seeking a **Part Time Administrative Assistant**.

The position is 5 days per week; approximately 25 - 28 hours per week. The salary range is: \$16.00 - \$18.00 per hour. Part-time employees are eligible to participate in the 403b Savings Plan.

Qualified candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and credentials to: Mrs. Annie Mitchell at:

amitchell@sja-hillsdale.org

*"The soul of the one who serves God
always swims in joy,
always keeps holiday, and is always
in the mood for singing."*

— Saint John of the Cross (1542 - 1591)