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JULY 19, 2026

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. — Psalm 86:5-6

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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,

The celebrations over these past weeks of the many blessings we receive through our country, made me think about a modern day saint, a self-less religious sister - Mother Teresa of Calcutta - who dedicated her entire adult life to spreading the gift of peace and God's love, wherever she went or ministered, either personally or through the work of the Missionaries of Charity, the religious order of Sisters which she founded. All those who encountered Mother Teresa during her lifetime, whether they were Catholics, Christians of different denominations, people of different faiths, or even those without any religious beliefs, admired and recognized her sincere desire to dedicate every moment of her life to the selfless service of humanity, spreading the gift of God's peace through her words and actions. On December 20, 1979 in Oslo, Norway, Mother Teresa humbly accepted the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and delivered a speech in which she prophetically connected the gift of peace in the world to the absolutely indispensable responsibility of modern humanity to recognize and appreciate the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. In that memorable talk, she also made this powerful statement: *"And I feel one thing I want to share with you all, the greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her own womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other? Even in the scripture it is written: Even if mother could forget her child - I will not forget you - I have carved you in the palm of my hand."* (www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1979/teresa/acceptance-speech/)

A beautiful highlight of this passionate plea for us - the Parish Family of Saint John the Baptist - came just a moment after these unforgettable words. Mother Teresa told the entire humanity that the first who recognized the mission and dignity of the yet unborn Messiah, was Saint John the Baptist in the womb of Elizabeth, *"the little one in the womb of his mother, leapt with joy, recognized the Prince of Peace"* during Mary's visit to Elizabeth in the early weeks of their pregnancies. As I have re-read Mother Teresa's Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech during these past days, those words rekindle in my heart and soul such a profound sense of joy and pride in our heavenly Patron, Saint John the Baptist, with gratitude for the inspiration and example which he is constantly providing to our Parish Family, as WE bear his name and take pride in his spiritual heritage.

— Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

*We remember our loved ones
and community*

SATURDAY, JULY 18

5:00 PM Ester Captan

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 AM Aurelio Iran &
Arthur Garcia

10:00 AM Kathy Fagnano

12:00 PM Aine Garino

MONDAY, JULY 20

8:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 21

8:00 AM Lyon Carter II

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8:00 AM Thomas J. Rooney

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00 AM Joseph Keough

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Margaret Coyne

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Edward Laux

12:00 PM Mary Lou Roche

The **Votive Candle** burns
in memory of

NICOLA GASPARRO

at the request of
The Gasparro 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, Maricarmen Senande, Mary Lou Wilson, John Manning

Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Peter Spaccarotella



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

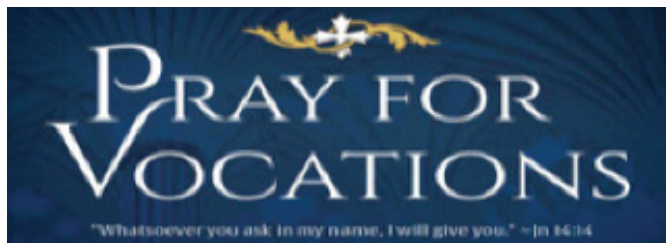
O God, Father of all Mercies,
 Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
 send Your graces upon those
 You have called
 to gather the fruits of Your labor;
 preserve and strengthen them
 in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of Your children
 that they may discern Your Holy Will;
 inspire in them a love and desire
 to surrender themselves
 to serving others
 in the name of Your Son,
 Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their
 respective paths in life guided by
 Your Divine Word and Truth.

Through the intercession of
 the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
 all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear
 our prayers and grant
 Your Church's needs,
 through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Through our celebrations of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations the Church reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that “the Lord of the harvest may send out laborers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). Jesus command came in the context of his sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission. Since the Church “is by her very nature missionary,” the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission.

To offer one’s life in mission is possible only if we are able to leave ourselves behind. Passing from the slavery of the old Adam to new life in Christ is an event of redemption which takes place through faith (Eph 4:22-24). This passover is a genuine “exodus”; it is the journey of each Christian soul and the entire Church, the decisive turning of our lives towards the Father. At the root of every Christian vocation we find this basic movement, which is part of the experience of faith. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to center our life in Jesus Christ. Those who set out to follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and his kingdom. The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves.

The exodus experience is paradigmatic of the Christian life, particularly in the case of those who have embraced a vocation of special dedication to the Gospel. This calls for a constantly renewed attitude of conversion and transformation, an incessant moving forward, a passage from death to life like that celebrated in every liturgy, an experience of passover. From the call of Abraham to that of Moses, from Israel’s pilgrim journey through the desert to the conversion preached by the prophets, up to the missionary journey of Jesus which culminates in his death and resurrection, vocation is always a work of God. He leads us beyond our initial situation, frees us from every enslavement, breaks down our habits and our indifference, and brings us to the joy of communion with him and with our brothers and sisters. Responding to God’s call, then, means allowing him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind, and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness.

Pope Francis, Message for the 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, March 2015

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

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Online Giving via ParishSOFT:	5,284	\$ 4,854	\$ 5,000
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Thank you for your support during these summer months, and always.



Thanks for Your Support!

2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION (CCD) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration information & forms are available on our parish website at www.stjohnhillsdale.org under the Faith Formation tab.

Faith Formation is open to all Catholic children in **Grades 1-8** who attend public school. Families may choose between **in-person classes**, or the **family-at-home** program, which includes one weekday evening gathering each month for both children and parents. Families must be registered parishioners of St. John's Parish. Faith Formation helps children grow in their relationship with Jesus, deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, and remain connected to our parish community.

Families enrolling in the **Summer Program** are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Children entering **Second Grade** this September who have been baptized and completed First Grade Faith Formation should also register for **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**.

For more information, contact Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar, at kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com.



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for updates, timelines and resources.

***"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance:
to seek Him, the greatest adventure;
to find Him, the greatest human achievement."***

— Saint Augustine (354 - 430 A.D.)