



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

Weekly Budget Goal	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 07/26/26	\$1,583.00
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Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



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Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

August 20 6:30 pm St. Mark, Emporium 814-486-0569

A Family Perspective: The demands of family can be so overwhelming that walking on water might seem easier. When Jesus felt pressured, He dismissed everyone to be "by Himself and pray." When you feel overwhelmed and stressed, find a quiet place and surrender your feelings to the Lord, using Peter's prayer from today's Gospel: "Lord, save me."

Parenting Pointers: Memory making sometimes means sharing one of your own childhood memories with your son or daughter. Think of a funny, sad, or meaningful experience (or even a mistake from your childhood) and entrust it to your child. It doesn't cost anything, but it can bring you closer together.

Marriage Moment: Sure you talk a lot, but what about those awkward topics? Decide to be as honest and open with your spouse regarding even the most sensitive and uncomfortable issues. Difficult discussions usually don't go away if you wait; they just fester and come out fighting.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Diocesan requirements for working with children:

The Diocese of Erie takes child safety seriously. Working with the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth ensures that policies and procedures are in place to protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children MUST complete state mandated criminal record checks. They MUST also follow screening guidelines and complete abuse prevention training. These steps help ensure that everyone who has access to children in our schools and parishes is properly vetted and trained. Parents: stay vigilant! Make sure anyone who interacts with your child has completed the application process and obtained the required clearances and training. For details on what is required for those working with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and agencies, visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

Getting to Know the Apostles of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Next in alphabetical order is **Saint John**, the son of Zebedee. Another title of St. John is St. John the Evangelist; the author of the Fourth Gospel. St. John is also known as the "Disciple whom Jesus loved," the brother of St. James, the son of Zebedee, a fisherman, along with his brother, and he shares the same nickname as his brother as "Boanerges, Sons of Thunder." This name was given to them by Jesus, Himself, probably because of the quick temper that both brothers may have displayed.

Others things we know about St. John is that he was the only one of the twelve Apostles who was not married. He remained single his entire life. Other important things is that he was with Jesus, Peter, and James, his brother, on the Mount of Transfiguration when Jesus was shown in His Glory, along with Moses and Elijah. (Lk 9: 28-36) Also, St. John was the only Apostle, along with the Blessed Mother Mary, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene at the foot of the Cross. It was there when Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, behold your son and then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." (Jn 19: 25-27) We believe that St. John did indeed take care of the Blessed Mother after His Death. But, even more so, St. John took the Blessed Mother's faithful, steadfast love and faith that she had in her Son into his own heart to be his model of discipleship!

Other events were that St. John was one of the first of the Apostles to reach the empty tomb after Jesus' Resurrection. It is also said that St. John eventually went to Ephesus, which is modern day Turkey. St. John lived until around the age of 94. He is the only one of the Apostles who did not die a martyr for the faith. St. John is the author of the Fourth Gospel, the Letters of St. John, and the Book of Revelations. His Feast Day is December 27th and he is the "Patron Saint of theologians, writers, and all who work at the production of books." (pg. 212 Butler's Lives of the Saints for the month of December)

St. John the Evangelist, Pray for us!

JUDAS THE APOSTLE: As I start out to share with you about Judas the Apostle, you'll notice I did NOT title him "St. Judas." Of course not, because we all know him as the one who betrayed our Lord and brought the Roman soldiers to apprehend our Lord Jesus off to His Passion and Death.

As I write this explanation of the twelve Apostles, there couldn't be any more opposite of examples as faithful, Christian discipleship as St. John and the temporary discipleship and disappointing expectation in the Apostle Judas. continued →

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, August 10, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Laura Ladouceur	Bethany, Brittany, and Brooke	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	2 Cor 9: 6-10 Jn 12: 24-26 (618)
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Betty Leair	Joe Sexton	Saint Clare, Virgin	Ez 2: 8--3: 4 Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 No Mass			Weekday <i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>	Ez 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22 Mt 18: 15-20 (415)
Thursday, August 13, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Weekday <i>Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr</i>	Ez 12: 1-12 Mt 18: 21--19: 1 (416)
Friday, August 14, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Gunner R. Mohny anniversary	Grandma Joyce & Great Grandma Josephine	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	Ez 16: 1-15, 60, 63 or 16: 59-63 Mt 19: 3-12 (417)
Saturday, August 15, 2026 9:00 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intention		THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)</i>	Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15: 20-27 Lk 1: 39-56 (622)
Saturday, August 15, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Andrea Calliari birthday	Kathy and Leon	Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 16, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 56: 1, 6-7 Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32 Mt 15: 21-28 (118)

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For example, St. John leaned on Jesus' Breast at the Last Supper in order to ask our Lord who will betray Him. (Jn 13: 23-25) In the next verse, Jesus answers the question; "It is he to whom I shall give this morsel. He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot." (Jn 13: 26) Thereafter, Judas left and "procuring a band of soldiers and some officers..." (Jn 18: 3a)

But why did Judas become one of the Apostles? Jesus chose Judas to be one of the twelve, most likely hoping that the attachment to money and possibly the hope that Jesus would conquer and destroy the Roman government, would be the attitude and allegiance that Judas would let go of and no longer have in his life, especially after witnessing many of Jesus' Miracles and listening to His compassionate sermons, such as the Sermon on the Mount. Judas did hold the money bag of the Apostles, most likely because of his financial background. Nevertheless, JUDAS COULD NOT LET GO OF HIS FORMER LIFE. Jesus did not fit in Judas' expectations of who a messiah should be. If Judas would have repented for his actions in betraying our Lord, instead of regretting his actions and killing himself, he most likely could have become a saint like the other apostles. His life shows us that there is a big difference between REPENT and REGRET. Repentance, my friends, can lead us to become saints FOR SURE!

God Bless,
Father Mark

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