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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Mass	8:00am (Monday–Thursday)
Holy Day Mass	12:15pm & 6:00pm
Reconciliation	3:00pm (Saturday)

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min., *Pastor*

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Pastoral Associate

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Director of Music

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Administrative Assistant

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SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Closed on Friday

CONTACT US

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181

**Monday, July 27**

8:00am – James Dunn

Tuesday, July 28

8:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Louis Madena

Wednesday, July 29**Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

8:00am – Barbara Santilli

Thursday, July 30**Saint Peter Chrysologus**

8:00am – Healing for Sister Karleen Seech

Friday, July 31**Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 1**Vigil – The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – James Mullarkey, Frank & Rose Mullarkey

Sunday, August 2**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society

11:30am – The People of the Parish



Faith Formation

Registration is underway for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year. Returning families should have received their registration packet. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade, please call Marcy at the parish office for YFF information and to request a packet.

First Grade is required to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. Students are expected to complete grades three through seven before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparation.

Kindergarten is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Class size is limited to 10 children, so please return your registration packet early if you would like to reserve a spot for your child.

The deadline for YFF registration is Monday, August 31.

FROM THE PASTOR...

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is this **Sunday, July 26, 2026**, coinciding with the feast of **Saints Joachim and Anne**, the grandparents of Jesus Christ. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme “**I will never forget you**” (**Isaiah 49:15**), emphasizing God’s unwavering love for every person, even in the frailty of old age, and offering a message of comfort and hope for grandparents and the elderly, particularly those who feel lonely or forgotten.

Significance

Instituted by **Pope Francis in 2021**, this day is celebrated annually on the **fourth Sunday of July**. It is intended to bring the Church closer to the elderly, recognize their contributions to families and communities, and encourage families and ecclesial communities to value and support older generations. The celebration highlights the importance of intergenerational bonds and the spiritual and social role of grandparents.

Message from the Pope

Pope Leo XIV emphasized that the celebration is an opportunity to **rediscover the Church as a mother to all**, reminding the elderly that they are loved and valued. He encouraged young people to revive the custom of visiting grandparents and elderly individuals, including those who may have no one to visit them, fostering solidarity and care across generations. The day serves as both a spiritual and social reminder of the dignity, wisdom, and blessing that grandparents and elderly people bring to families and communities.

As we celebrate our Masses this weekend, and extend our prayer throughout the coming week, let us keep all our grandparents, and all who have reached the point of age and wisdom, in our thoughts and prayers. May their love and kindness challenge us to be the same for generations to come.

On Wings, We Rise – Father Lavelle

Blessing for Grandparents and the Elderly

God of mercy, you give your children the gift of long life, and they ask for your blessing. May all grandparents and the elderly feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they recall the past let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade. May your blessing come upon all grandparents and the elderly on this day. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THANK YOU PATRIOTIC ROSARY GARDEN SPONSORS



Thank you to everyone who sponsored one of the containers for our Patriotic Rosary Garden. We currently have sponsors for all of the available containers. If more containers become available in the future an announcement will be put in the bulletin.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Garden Guild who graciously offered to take care of the flowers in the Patriotic Rosary Garden.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 27

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 28

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, July 29

8:20m - Adoration

Thursday, July 30

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

Friday, July 31

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 1

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, August 2

No Events Scheduled

VOCATIONS – July 26, 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44)

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding his treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – July 26, 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God. His plan is always better.

Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2026.

The mass book for 2027 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2027.



Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



From **July 25 – August 31** we will be collecting school supplies to help students start the year with the tools they need to succeed! Your generous donations can make a huge impact on their education and future. Please place all donations in the bins at the entrances of the church. Donations will then be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parish Support

July 12, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 17,860.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 2,860.00
YTD Received	\$ 30,907.00
YTD Budget	\$ 30,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 907.00



July 19, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 14,803.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 197.00)
YTD Received	\$ 45,710.00
YTD Budget	\$ 45,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 710.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William “Bill” Sweeney”, Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army
Philip McLaughlin - USMC

Please support the patrons who place ads in our bulletin. Their generosity helps to defray the cost of our bulletin.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The *Christmas in July* collection is in full swing! – a new, unified parish collection which replaces the former *Warm Hearts for Warm Homes* (January) and *First Step for Change* (May and June) campaigns.

Your gifts today will help Catholic Charities assist families facing difficulty during the winter months ahead – like choosing to pay for heat or other basic necessities. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

Donations can be made using your parish envelope or, giving online at ccdoy.org.

Readings for August 2, 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. The opening announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each.

Thank you for your generosity and remembering our loved ones in prayerful song.

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Meet Father Patrick Bergin

***Father Patrick Bergin will be visiting our parish next weekend, August 1/2,
to make an appeal through the Tabora Mission Appeal.***

Father Bergin is a priest of the Archdiocese of Tabora, in Tanzania, East Africa. He was born and raised in downstate Illinois, in the Diocese of Peoria. After completing a master's degree at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign he served as a Peace corps Volunteer in Tanzania, East Africa, and learned to speak Swahili, the primary language of the East African People. Later he felt that God was calling him back to that same place to minister as a priest. He currently is based in the United States as a missionary priest in the Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, but continues to serve the Church in Tabora through these Mission Appeal opportunities.

Tabora Mission Goals

The Tabora Mission's strives to preach the Good News to all people in word and deed. The Catholic Church is growing rapidly in Africa. Our goal is to empower the Tabora community by involving the faithful in the identification of issues and helping them solve their own social problems. To make this possible, we focus on widespread evangelization, advancing socio-economic development, providing health services for all, notably HIV/AIDS Victims, educating orphans and vulnerable children, building small Christian communities and supporting the poor and the marginalized. The Catholic Church in Tabora has multiple schools, hospitals and other projects serving people of all religions. Working with Saint Mother of Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity, we have homes for the abandoned elderly and street children. We also have a special home and school for children with Albinism, who are especially vulnerable to violence in this part of Africa.

Another one of the needs of our archdiocese is support for vocations. We have more than 80 good and holy young men in formation. This is a great gift for our diocese as well as the Universal Church. However, tuition and upkeep of seminarians is a very big challenge. We don't want to turn away anyone with a true vocation because of lack of finances.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Tabora, we thank you for the opportunity for Father Patrick Bergin to visit Saint Michael Parish and make an appeal through the Tabora Mission Appeal. With a grateful heart we thank you for your prayers, and generous support of our mission and our efforts.

Father Daniel Malingumu
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