

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 07/26

(XVII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
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- Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is August 30, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: ANA PILCH (07/26), REV. HENRYK SMOLINSKI (07/31).
Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

*If you have any information for the „Church News Column”,
please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.*

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July 26, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For DIANE and ED MAKLES.

INTROIT

C: For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

R: Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

1 KGS 3:5, 7-12

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Lord, I love your commands.”

PS 119

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:
We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ROM 8:28-30

GOSPEL

MT 13:44-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Both the man who finds the treasure and the merchant who finds the pearl share the same response: joy that leads to total surrender. Notice that the man in the field wasn't even looking for treasure - he stumbled upon it. But the merchant had spent his life searching for fine pearls. Jesus seems to be telling us that the kingdom of heaven comes to us both ways: sometimes as a surprising grace we never expected, and sometimes as the fruit of long searching. Either way, once it's found, nothing else compares. The joy is what moves them to sell everything - not grim duty, not calculation, but genuine delight in what they've discovered. This is worth sitting with: do we approach our faith, our relationship with God, as something that fills us with that kind of joy? Or has it become routine, something we manage rather than treasure? These parables invite us to ask what we would be willing to let go of for the sake of the kingdom, and to notice that the letting go isn't a loss but the doorway to something far greater.