

The Pastor's Corner

A FARMER'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

If there was one constant living on the farm (or for anyone living on any farm, in fact) it was that a farmer's work is truly never done. When you break something, two more things break. If you mend a fence, somehow the cows find two more holes. Often we are making repairs "just to get by" and deferring the real maintenance for the off season - when there will be more than enough work then. All in all - a farmer's work truly is never done. Not on weekends. Not even in the night time hours.

It is rather intriguing, then, to see a Gospel about someone who is apparently "finished" with all the work they've had to do on the farm. They've torn down and built bigger barns, and put the crops in the barn, they've apparently mended all that needed fixing, they are simply sitting at home, thinking "eat, drink, and be merry." They've got more than enough stored up to live life very comfortably. This likely seems so very strange to most farmers - because they have never really had the chance to do that. There was always more to be done.

Jesus, as He addresses the crowds reminds them that the farmer's life would be demanded of him that very night - and the things he has stored up will instantly become someone else's. It is a rather startling message - don't store up what you can't take with you when you go. Jesus is very familiar with the human heart's tendency to put possessions in such a place of importance, as to make us feel secure. Maybe we have that dream house, the car, the amenities, and perhaps even a healthy retirement account, and we are starting to think we can rest and take it easy. However, we need to be aware - this life is not about the things that can be taken from us as our chest rises and falls the last time. We need to busy ourselves with storing up treasures for the kingdom of God - the treasures that will never be taken away.

A farmer's work is never done. And neither is ours - not until we finally reach the judgement seat of God.

-Fr. Belken

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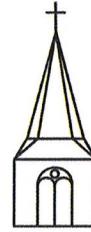
Readings for Next Sunday

THE 19TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

August 10, 2025

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

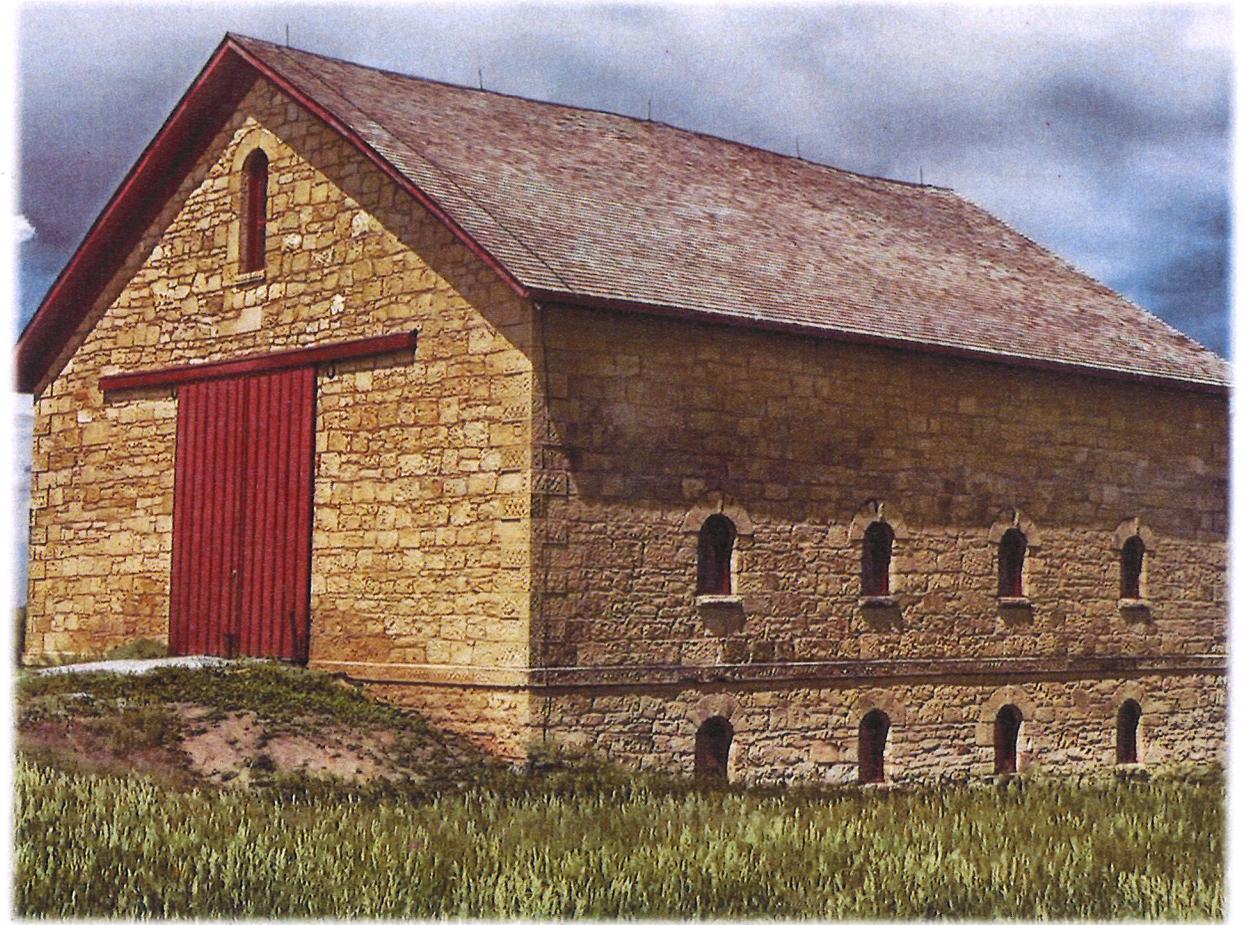
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · AUGUST 3, 2025



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**"TAKE CARE TO GUARD AGAINST ALL GREED,
FOR THOUGH ONE MAY BE RICH,
ONE'S LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST OF POSSESSIONS."**



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3-9, 2025
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Aug 2 4PM Pam Heuring	Thu. Aug 7 No Mass
Sun. Aug 3 8:30AM Parish Family	Fri. Aug 8 No Mass
Mon. Aug 4 No Mass	Sat. Aug 9 4PM Dennis Gosche
Tue. Aug 5 6PM Jeannie Essner	Sun. Aug 10 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed. Aug 6 7AM Paul W. & Geneva Essner	

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SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. AUG 3 – Mary F. Glastetter, **AUG 10** -Theresa Essner, **AUG 17** – Jill Pinkston, **AUG 24** – Carol Klipfel, **AUG 31** – Dorothy Deason.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Kerry & Ashley Lasters
Earlene Lowes, Doug Lynn, Steve & Judy Lynn, Ethen & Carissa Maddox, Richie & Jennifer Johnson.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, ST. LAWRENCE DAY CELEBRATION. Meet and greet with the Deacons of our Diocese at 6PM followed by Potluck dinner. The parish will provide fried chicken and ham. Potluck requests A-K bring salad or vegetables, L-Z bring desserts. The Sign-up sheet for name and number attending is in the vestibule of the church. Fireworks will begin at Dark! Please join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of St. Lawrence Parish!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, KERN CANCER BENEFIT. Dinner and Trivia Night will be held in the St. Lawrence Parish Center for Brittany Mock (Kern) and Julie Kern. All donations are appreciated! Trivia with dinner, dinner only, or carry-out tickets are available for purchase. Trivia with dinner = \$200 for 8 people, dinner only and carry-out by the quart = \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Raffle tickets will be pre-sales as well as sold the night of the event. Raffle basket tickets will only be sold on the night of the event. Doors open at 5PM and trivia begins at 7PM. Contact Jamie Kern at 573-318-4245 or Theresa Kern at 573-587-2258 to secure your entry, make donations, and /or for general questions. We hope to see you there.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th, DEDICATION FOR CHERYL ANNE SCHERER. All are invited to the Dedication and Unveiling of the Remembrance Marker for Cheryl Anne Scherer, at 11AM (lasting approximately 30 minutes) in front of Rhodes Convenience Store, 2116 Main Street, Scott City, MO 63780.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Aug 9 4PM Dorothy Deason
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Aug 9 4PM Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Aug 9 4PM Mr./Mrs. Kevin Curry
Servers:	Sat. Aug 9 4PM Logan Jackson/Tyler Jackson/Eli Holman
Ushers:	Sat. Aug 9 4PM Michael Pennington/Jim Pinkston/Evan Reischman/Gary Reischman

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Aug 10 8:30AM Mary B. Glastetter
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Aug 10 8:30AM Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Aug 10 8:30AM Mr./Mrs. Shannon Cureton
Servers:	Sun. Aug 10 8:30AM Ty Glastetter/Callen Glastetter/Colin Felter/Rocky Burger
Ushers:	Sun. Aug 10 8:30AM Greg Morgan/Pat O'Brien/Richard Paul/Scott Peterson

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) REPORT. We have met our goal of \$24,075. Thank you to the 97 families that donated and for those that offered up prayers in support of DDF.

ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION. We are now taking donations for fireworks for our St. Lawrence day celebration on **August 10th**. Please put in an envelope marked "Fireworks" and either drop in the collection plate or the rectory. Thanks in advance.

FORTY HOURS OF ADORATION. As we celebrate our Patron Saint, Saint Lawrence, we will be observing Forty Hours Devotes beginning Friday, August 8 at 7⁰⁰PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Please consider spending some time with the Lord. Thanks.

CODE OF CONDUCTS. Code of Conduct is available online or in the Parish Office to be signed for volunteers, workers, and PSR staff/teachers for the upcoming year. Please come by to sign or drop off as soon as possible. **This year again another form needs to be signed. The "Fair Credit Reporting Act" background check form also needs to be signed along with the CoC form.** Both are available online and in the Parish Office.

FOOD PANTRY. Summertime can be difficult for food pantries. Please consider a donation. You can put your envelope in the collection marked: Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry. Thank you.