

**English Mass Ministry Schedule: August 30-31****AUGUST 23 - SATURDAY**

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Annette Niehaus

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**AUGUST 24 – SUNDAY**

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Nicolas – Bob Wuerth12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Samuel**AUGUST 25 – MONDAY**

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

**AUGUST 26 – TUESDAY**

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

**AUGUST 27 – WEDNESDAY**

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

**AUGUST 28 – THURSDAY**

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**AUGUST 29 - FRIDAY**

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

**AUGUST 30 - SATURDAY**

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 2:14-30

*Vigil Reading: See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – Fr Joe Robinson

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**AUGUST 31 – SUNDAY**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;

Lk 14:1, 7-14

*Sunday Readings:*9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Nicolas – Bob Wuerth12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Samuel**Lectors: 4:00 PM** – R. Welz**11:00 AM** – B. Schinaman**Eucharistic Ministers:****4:00 PM** – T. LeSaint/H. Wesseler**11:00 AM** – K. Gillespie/L. Washam**Servers: 4:00 PM** – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein**11:00 AM** – J. Ruter**Offertory Family: 4:00 PM:** LeSaint**11:00 AM:** N/A**FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$6556

Offerings received to-date: \$53,098

Amount needed to catch up: \$10,902

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of S

**Winner!**  
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**FOUR GRAND CLUB:** Congratulations to our week 52 winners: Mark Crosby, Joseph Kirsch, Ginny Mayer Herbers and Joe & Regina Trent. Each won \$1,000. Next week we begin our 2025-2026 season. Each week three numbers are drawn and each wins \$25. Names go back in the hopper for other chances to win. In week 52, four numbers are drawn for the grand prize of \$1,000 for each of the four winners. Get your entry today!! Call the Parish Office for details.

**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Stephanie Nintrup (23), Kaitie Salazar (24), Linda Tharp (25), Kathleen Nintrup (25), Dean Schulz (25), Barbara Renner (25), Paul Welz (26), Bill Tieke (26), James Healy (26), Vickie Hennies (26), Albert Danzinger (27), Irene Paulin (27), David Jackson (27), John Clark (27), Madeline Nintrup (27), Manfred Eckert (28), Nancy Seitz (28), Carl Seng (29), Ann Burns (29).

**FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:** In Luke 13:22-30, Jesus speaks plainly and urgently: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." Salvation, he tells us, isn't automatic. It's not about checking boxes or having the right credentials. It's about striving, a word that implies effort, humility, and even struggle. The narrow gate is not a physical door, but the path of conversion, sacrifice, and surrender to God's will.

Some listeners of Jesus assumed they were already *in members* of the chosen people, faithful in practice, even familiar with his teaching. Yet Jesus cautions: "I do not know where you are from." He's speaking to those who believed their proximity to religion guaranteed entry into heaven, even as their hearts remained closed. It's a wake-up call to all who assume that being "religious" is the same as being transformed by Christ.

Pope Francis speaks directly to this temptation: "Do we prefer the easy way of thinking only about ourselves, or do we choose the narrow door of the gospel that puts our selfishness into crisis?" The narrow gate calls us not only to believe, but to be changed. And that often means confronting our pride and surrendering our grip on being "right."

In parish life, this Gospel is especially poignant. We may love our parish deeply, give generously, and volunteer tirelessly. But if our service becomes a platform for judgment, control, or resentment, then we risk closing our hearts to the very grace we think we embody. Salvation is not a reward for being the loudest or most established voice. It is a gift for the humble, for those who continually repent, forgive, and serve.

St. Augustine offers us a guiding light: "Hold all these other things cheap and make your way to him... Let him be your hope." This means letting go of ego, comparison, and entitlement. It means realizing that Christ's Church is not built on our preferences, but on our participation in His mercy and truth.

Jesus reminds us that "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." It is not our place to rank ourselves or others. Our task is to strive—to keep seeking the narrow way with faith, love, and humility. In the end, it's not about proving we were right, but about whether we truly followed Christ, whose door is narrow not to exclude, but to form us into saints.

### *St. Vincent de Paul Society*

**SVDP FOOD PANTRY:** This month our food pantry is requesting canned vegetables and fruit. Both are still needed in order to keep our shelves stocked with wholesome food for families in Northside who might have to go hungry without our help. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Also needed at the food pantry are people dedicated to serving a few hours a week. Even if you can only promise one Saturday a month, it would help us to keep open. Please prayerfully consider this ministry as your way of serving God and others here in our parish.

**CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY:** Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on September 6 (Dayton) or 7 (Cincinnati). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP by August 25 at <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubileemasses-with-archbishop>.