



Sts. Peter and Paul Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA
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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted

August 5, 2018: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Fr. Carl
August 12, 2018: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr. Bill
August 19, 2018: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr. Tom
August 26, 2018: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Fr. Bob

Mass Intention: Grace Vitale

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS – AUGUST 2018

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

August 5, 2018 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: As believers, we claim that Jesus is the Bread of Life. This faith filled assertion calls us to deepen our trust in the Lord, and live our lives as Eucharistic people. (*John 6: 2-35*)

August 12, 2018 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Do we appreciate the “heavenly food” – Christ when we receive the Eucharist? What do we believe about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? (*John 6: 41-51*)

August 15, 2018 – Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary: In the events of Mary’s life, we see real situations. In Mary’s responses to these, we see the way we are to respond if we want to be the people whom God wishes us to be. (*Luke 1: 39-56*)

August 19, 2018 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: At the climax of the Bread of Life Discourse, Jesus reveals that he will give us his own flesh and blood that we may have eternal life. Jesus has been offering us himself and his teaching as true wisdom, the Bread of Life. The Eucharist enables us to take that wisdom into ourselves. (*John 6: 51-58*)

August 26, 2018 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: The readings provide examples of how our ancestors in faith responded to being challenged about what it means to serve the Lord. They are examples that can guide us in our own choices about serving the Lord. (*Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b*)

From the Presiding Bishop’s Desk

+Fr. Carl Swaringim, Ed.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In my report on the happenings of our Church's Council of Bishops meeting held May 18, 2019, I listed the dates of our upcoming Synods. Specifically, our Synods in 2019 and 2022 were going to be held at St. Thomas Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA in Las Vegas. However, circumstances beyond our control, requires a change of cities for those Synods.

In mid-June of this year, the Pastor and Parish Council of St. Thomas Church informed the Council of Bishops that they were withdrawing their membership in the Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA because they "wanted to be on their own." Since our Church is a voluntary association of congregations and ministries, our congregations and ministries are able to do that.

However, to do that without discussion, explanation, or regard for promises of mutual commitment whatsoever is, in my opinion, unconscionable.

The final result is that our Council of Bishops accepted, with regret, the resignations of their clergy and formally ended, as they requested, the parish's eight-year membership in the ECC+USA.

Bishop Robert and I will miss the good people of St. Thomas that we are blessed to know from our trips to Las Vegas for meetings, Confirmations and our other efforts to help St. Thomas' pastor and parish council solve problems they were and are still facing.

I am hoping and praying that the people of the parish will not suffer spiritually from the lack of competent pastoral leadership.

Blessings,

Bishop Carl

From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Birthdays: August 11 – Barbara Butchart
August 22 – Erlaine Eltomi
August 28 – Fr. Tom Whitehead

Anniversaries: August 31 – Dr. Nathaniel and Sandra Murdock

Best wishes to all who have special days to celebrate this month!

Wedding Banns:

John Louis Franz and Mary Elizabeth Lalone were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at Marry Me Cottage, O'Fallon, Missouri. +Fr. Bob presided.

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Ryder Conrad – grandson of Fr. Richard and Marty Conrad
Barbara Butchart - Parishioner
Subdeacon Richard Sellers – Sacred Cross Oratory, Indiana

May the Divine Healer intercede for them and bring them to full health!

Pray for the Deceased:

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Grace Vitale – friend of +Fr. Bob who passed away on July 25, 2018

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

May Jesus, our brother, console her family and friends who mourn her loss.

Mark Your Calendars! 2018 Synod – October 19-21, 2018:

This year's Synod will be held at our sister parish, Sacred Cross Oratory, in Floyd's Knobs, Indiana, October 19-21, 2018. The topic for this year is "***The Church Catholic: Breathing with Two Lungs***", which will be a discussion led by Bishops Tom Coover and David Kocka and Fr. Bill LaGrand on the history and liturgy of the early church, with which we closely identify ourselves, and the similarities and differences between our two churches (East and West).

Also at this year's Synod, we will be ordaining Deacon Luis Gutierrez to the Sacred Order of Priesthood and Subdeacon David Bursh to the Sacred Order of Deacon. Many of you met these fine men at last year's Synod.

As we have in the past, the parish will pay the registration fee (\$65 per person) for any parishioner wishing to attend the Synod. Unfortunately, lodging expenses are the responsibility of each attendee. Our clergy at Sacred Cross have arranged a special room rate at the Red Roof Inn in Georgetown, Indiana (3 miles from the church).

If you are interested in attending, please contact me as soon as possible.