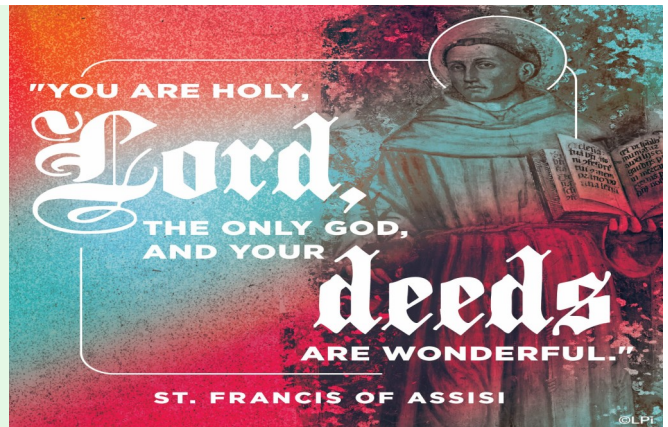


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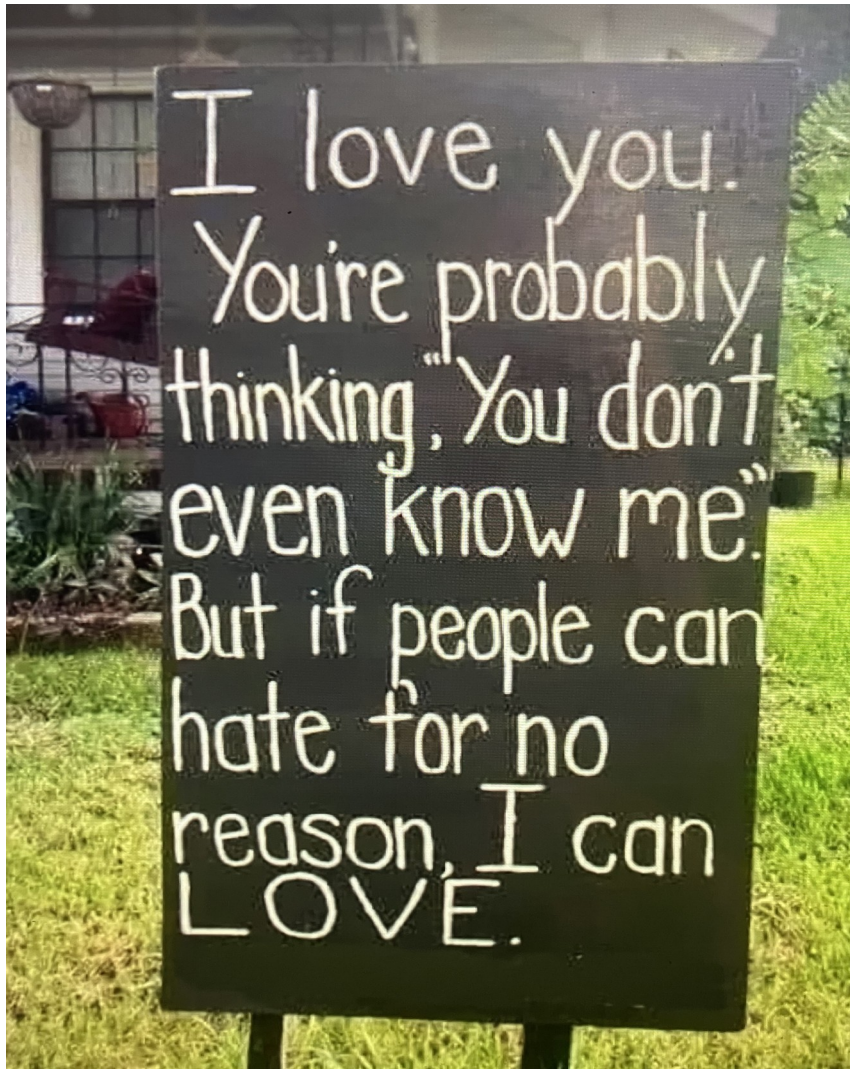
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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2026



Thought for our times.

MISSION OF THE PARISH

We are a welcoming Catholic Parish
Embracing its African American culture,
Empowering its members
And sharing its love of Christ
Through service to the community.

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Mrs. Christine Roberts.....St. Aloysius School Principal
Ms. Carol BunnHunger Center Director
Ms. Kim JamesPreschool Director

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Marguerite Strickland.....Choir Representative
Chris Sledge Men's Club President
Beverly Berry.....Evangelization Committee

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Project HopeAndrea Wasdovovich-Duffner
Connecting Seniors to Services.....Carol Bunn

Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass or by appt.

Marriages: Arrangements made at the Parish House at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish House.

First Communion, First Reconciliation: Contact the Parish House.

Anointing of the sick and Hospital Visits: Contact the Parish House.

Funerals: All arrangements must be made at the Parish House before publication in Newspapers.

Registration: Everyone should be properly registered in the Parish. New parishioners should contact the Parish House. Those moving in or out of the Parish are asked to notify the Parish House.

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Sr. Mary Jean's Column

Thoughts from the beach...

How much do you know about the book of Esther from the Old Testament?

I had a vague knowledge of who Esther was and knew that she did something heroic to save her people but that is about all I remembered about this brave woman.

In a recently published book called, The Queen's Cook, (which I read this past week) the life of Esther's bravery and cunning comes alive for the reader.

You might wonder what this historical novel can teach us about life and spirituality. Actually, it is full of words and situations that invite reflection on life today. Each chapter begins with a quote from the Book of Esther, Isaiah, Nehemiah, Micah, Leviticus or the Psalms. The selected quote informs and guides the actions of the character who is the focus of that chapter.

The chapters that feature Esther focus on quotes that remind her that the God of Israel has placed her in her position as queen for a very important work. That mission is revealed when King Artaxerxes decrees that all Jewish residents of Persia will be killed on a specific day.

Esther knows that the king cannot rescind his decree but cleverly gets him to alter the decree so the Jews can defend themselves against their attackers.

Although Esther is barren and cannot bear any heirs for the king, he continues to love her and rely upon her wise counsel. In this capacity, she plays a major role in shaping his decisions and in saving her people.

Perhaps the most important lesson that can be learned from Esther is her unwavering belief that God had put her in the moment of time that he did for a specific purpose. As the beginning of the book, she does not clearly see what her purpose will be. At any moment she could have been cast aside by the king. After all, she was barren, she was a Jew in a Persian kingdom, and she dared to walk into the presence of the king uninvited (an act that could lead to death, even for the queen).

Do we see ourselves as put into this specific moment of time by our ever-knowing God? Do we ever ask of ourselves what our action should be in response to the signs of our times?

Can we bring ourselves to act fearlessly like Esther in order to save people who are in danger of deportation, imprisonment, and violence in our day?

Esther also brought herself to forgive the king for his months of neglect and his mistress Amestris who she actually saved from a plot on her life. In this she was motivated by a verse from Proverbs 17:9 - Love prospers when a fault is forgiven.

A rereading of the Book of Esther can teach us many important lessons for our day as well.

Happy Reading!

****News to Know** - **Save these Dates****

August 16 - Parish Picnic at Glenview Park
Mass at the picnic site at 10:00 am

September 11 - Scripture Gathering - Guild Room

October 24 - Fall Raffle with Wine and Cheese
Refreshments in gym 7-9 p.m.
Possible basket raffles also.

Walter Morris will be available in the rectory office.

SCHOOL NEWS

**September 13
Family Blessing Mass with
School Families**

Christine Roberts, Principal

MINISTERS - August 9, 2026

LECTORS	
Dana Baker	Belinda Sims
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Rosemarie Egensperger
Noel Egensberger	Deidre Whitted
SECOND SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Chris Sledge	

MINISTERS - August 16, 2026

LECTORS	
Paul Martin	Barbara Martin
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Belinda Sims	Annie Easterling
Jerri Evans	Sister Mary Jean Raymond
THIRD SUNDAY COUNTERS	
Kevin Ford	Dana Baker
China Brown	

News From The Rock!

**The Rock is out in the community!
Come visit The Rock at The
FEST on August 15th at Forefront
Field in Avon! We would love to
have you stop by our table to chat
and bring along a friend!**

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EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday	Aug 9	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	Aug 10	Feast of St. Lawrence
Tuesday	Aug 11	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal 6:00 p.m. - AA Meeting Scripture Gathering - Guild Room will resume August 18
Wednesday	Aug 12	11:30 a.m. Prayer Service
Thursday	Aug 13	6:00 p.m. - AA Meeting St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus
Friday	Aug 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday	Aug 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	Aug 16	10:00 a.m. - Mass
Monday	Aug 17	
Tuesday	Aug 18	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Community Meal

COLLECTION SUMMARY 8/2/26

\$974.00 - Offertory
\$474.00 - Renovations
\$150.00 - Special Collections
\$0.00 - On-Line
\$90,000.00 - Collection Annual Target (till 6/30/27)
\$8,341.28 - Collections Year to Date

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SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
"Elijah at Mount Horeb in the whispering wind."

2nd Reading - Romans 9:1-5
"Paul's sorrow regarding his kindred of Israel."

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-23
"Jesus Walks on the water and saves Peter."

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Mon Aug 10 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Tue Aug 11 - Ezekiel 2:8-3:4;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed Aug 12 - Ezekiel 9:1-7; Matthew 18:15-20

Thu Aug 13 - Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Fri Aug 14 - Ezekiel 16:1-15/Isaiah 12:2-3;
Matthew 19:3-12

Sat Aug 15 - Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sharon Alexander, Eben Anderson, Jr., Denise Brewster, Henritta Broadus, Lois Bunker, Angela Comedy, Gerri Evans, Joe Fears, Miles Frierson, Irene Gantt, Victoria Harden, Jamar Harland, Kellen Harland, Jermaine Harland, Keli Harland, Madelyn Harland, Deborah Howard, Terry Jackson, Eugene Jones, Marlene Jones, Paulette Jones, Christopher Lett, Rosetta Mackey, Mary McCombs, Deborah McIntyre, Yvonne Nettles, Toni E. Payne, Trudy Payne, Jaxon Peck, Jordyn Peck, Chloe Rachells, Brunilda Rivera, Clarice, Denise Saurage Barbara Williams, Ann White, Vermonte Wright

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

Marilyn Anthony, Margaret Atwell, Barbara Bridges, Evelyn Davis, Vyrdy Hopes, Paulette Jones, Everette Matlock, Sr., Mary Ann Melton, Jackie Reese, Etta Reynolds, Vivian Watkins, Lavonia Williams

MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 24-JUNE 7, 2026

Aug 9	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Harland Family
Aug 16	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Dan Seicean

JUBILEE YEAR OF
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