
The Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist

1061 S. Ellington Parkway, Lewisburg, TN 37091

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026

All things work for good for those who love God.

— Romans 8:28a

LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God's question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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Masses for the Week

Sun. July 26 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM — Spanish

Mon. July 27 8:30 AM

Weds. July 29 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Thurs. July 30 8:30 AM

Fri. July 31 8:30 AM

Sat. Aug. 1 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sun. Aug. 2 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM — Spanish

Announcements

Scam Alert — Fake Email from “Fr. Regimon”

Please be aware if you see an email that says “Rev. Regimon Augustine,” do not open it. It is a fake message asking for money.

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries (BAAM)

Please consider giving to the BAAM. These funds go toward Seminarian Education, Totus Tuus, Diaconate Formation, Search, and couples retreat to name a few.

Religious Education — Informational Meeting

If you feel called to help teach Religious Education or are currently serving as a catechist, there will be an informational meeting after Mass today.

School Supplies

The Women's Group is helping families in the community who can't afford to buy school supplies. Here are a few items needed. The full lists are in the hall. Crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, glue sticks, block erasers, pencil top erasers, child scissors, white copy paper, construction paper, colored copy paper, wide ruled notebook paper, Kleenex & Lysol wipes.

Homeschool Co-op — Donation Needs

St. John Enrichment Co-op is in need of some items as the school year begins for students & nursery. If you are interested in donating something on the list below, please drop it in the donation box in the hall. Thank you for your support! Needs: 4 hand sanitizers; 9 containers Lysol cleaning wipes; 4 - 18 gallon bins; 20 pocket folders; Pencils; Individually wrapped snacks; Foam play mat; Small baby/toddler noiseless toys.

New Water Cooler

We have a new water cooler in the hall that dispenses cold and hot water. Cups are on the top of the cooler. Please throw your cups in the trashcan.

Mass Intention Forms

Mass Intention forms can be found in the vestibule and hall. If you fill one out, please put it in the collection basket.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

The Kroger Community Rewards Program is an opportunity to raise funds for St. John by shopping at Kroger and swiping your Shopper's card or entering your phone number. To begin this process go to <https://www.Kroger.com/> and sign in or create a digital account. If you already have a digital account or Shopper's card, simply link your shopper's card to your account. If you have any questions call 1-800-576-4377.

Kroger Gift Cards

If you would like to help those in our community in need of food, please pick up a Kroger gift card and put it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Online Giving

Here is the established QR code for the parish if you would like to make your donation online.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms: Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading: All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel: The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Reflecting on the Word

The parables that give us images to ponder the great mystery of God's reign are greatly appealing to children. The image of the precious pearl and the treasure are some of the favorite works that the children do in the atrium where we gather. They look at the pearls and wonder why someone would give up all that for one pearl. Some of them say that it is because he needed the money to pay for the precious pearl. As they continue to ponder this over several months, they say, "He didn't need anything else. Everything was in the one precious pearl." I push for them to think carefully and ask, "What is this everything that was in the pearl?" One child said that it was filled with God, and the merchant did not need any of the

other pearls. Children go on to connect the pearl (as the image of the Kingdom of God) with other biblical and liturgical elements. As they grow into the elementary years, they associate the pearl with their own participation in various ways.

These parables seem so simple and short, but they go to the core of our faith in that they are necessary to help us know the Kingdom of God in all its wonder. The first reading relates the story of Solomon asking God for wisdom. That is Solomon's treasure. And with this he collaborates with God for the coming of the Kingdom of Love.

Excerpted from Living the Word

Mission Statement

We, the members of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, recognize and respect our diverse and multicultural character. By the grace of God, we will nurture our spiritual community through prayer, service, and example to become one family in Christ.

Adoration

8:00 AM — 1st Saturday of the month

7:00 PM — 1st & 3rd Friday (Spanish)

Parish Information

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Sacramental Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Masses

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Faith Formation Programs: Sundays 10:15 AM, August — May

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism — contact pastor

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults — contact pastor

Reconciliation & Eucharist

Confirmation — 2 year program in Faith Formation

Marriage — begins 6 months prior to anticipated date