



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 09/20/26	\$2,191.00
Difference	\$1,234.00
Weekly collection 09/27/26	\$1,410.00
Difference	\$2,015.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2026

October 10 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church 814-781-1019

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **James Betta** and **Genevieve Zambanini**. May God grant them eternal rest.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! St. Joseph Church Fall Fish Dinners are going to be served on both Friday, October 23rd and October 30th! More information to follow.

A Family Perspective: Every family faces difficult times that can either unite or divide them. These hardships, which we might quickly reject, have the potential to become the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses, coming together through a common bond and love for one another.

Parenting Pointer: October is Respect Life Month. As a parent, I assume you speak respectfully to your children and they to you. Respecting life also means valuing all human life and creation - especially the lives of the weak, the vulnerable, the unborn, the poor, even those we disagree with. During this political season of campaigning, no matter how strongly you feel about a candidate or issue, let your children hear you speak respectfully about opponents. Support candidates who speak respectfully and honestly.

Marriage Moment: The third quarter is over. If you're in a successful business, you probably have short and long term goals. Ultimately, we all share the same long term goal - to be happy. Discuss one goal that will make your marriage happier this year.

Liturgy of Hours (Part 2)

I continue in my weekly message of the teaching of the Liturgy of Hours.

Morning Prayer

This prayer is traditionally prayed at 6:00 AM each morning. It begins with the introduction as follows:

"O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Alleluia)"

After the introduction, a hymn is sung or is done acapella (without an accompanying instrument).

Next, before the Psalm is prayed, there is an Antiphon Number One that is usually led by one person. An example is the words; "Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn." (Laudate App Morning Prayer Psalm 56) Other people who are also praying morning prayer will then repeat this prayer, along with the person who introduced it. The Psalm is then prayed antiphonally, which means back and forth. One side will lead it by praying aloud the first paragraph. Then the other side will pray the words of the next small paragraph of the Psalm. It is prayed like this to the end of the Psalm. At this time, the Glory Be...is prayed. All join in. The Glory Be is prayed at the end of each Psalm.

The Morning Prayer continues by the reading of the 2nd Antiphon and Psalm, and then the 3rd Antiphon and the Psalm is read. Then a short prayer called the Psalm prayer is prayed by the leader.

After this, there is a short Reading from the Old or New Testament. The Responsory follows. (This one is from Friday of the 4th week of Easter.) The leader reads; "The Lord is Risen from the tomb, Alleluia Alleluia." This is then repeated by the people. The leader then says: "He hung upon the Cross for us." Everyone says: "Alleluia, alleluia." The leader then says: "Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit." And then the people repeat with the leader these words: "The Lord is Risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia." (Liturgy of the Hours Catholic Book Company, 1976)

The next three parts of the Morning Prayer are as follows: The Canticle of Zechariah, Intercessions and the Lord's Prayer, and final prayer.

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We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 05, 2026 8:30 am Mass	James & Victoria Tyler and deceased members of the Tyler Family	Lamont & Frances Gray	Weekday <i>Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i>	Gal 1: 6-12 Lk 10: 25-37 (461)
Tuesday, October 06, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Helena Leair	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday <i>Saint Bruni, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Curocher, Virgin</i>	Gal 1: 13-24 Lk 10: 38-42 (462)
Wednesday, October 07, 2026 No Mass			Our Lady of the Rosary	Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14 Lk 11: 1-4 (463)
Thursday, October 08, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Genevieve Zambanini	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday	Gal 3: 1-5 Lk 11: 5-13 (464)
Friday, October 09, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Carol Mulvihill	Ray Hunt	Weekday Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest	Gal 3: 7-14 Lk 11: 15-26 (465)
Saturday, October 10, 2026 No AM Mass			Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Gal 3: 22-29 Lk 11: 27-28 (466)
Saturday, October 10, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Mike Chiodo 2nd anniversary	Family	Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 11, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 25: 6-10a Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14 or 22: 1-10 (142)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Canticle of Zechariah is always introduced with it's own Antiphon, which is a one or two sentence proclamation that is said by the leader announcing a theme of the Morning Prayer.

Canticle of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, The God of Israel; He has come to His People and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of His Servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of Old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His Holy Covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: To set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His Sight all the days of our life. You, My Child shall be called the Prophet of the Most High, For you will go before the Lord to prepare His Way, to give His People knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our Lord the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Morning Prayer will continue in the next bulletin.**

God Bless, Father Mark

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