



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 10/04/26	\$3,137.00
Difference	\$288.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$27,145.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOSEPH CHURCH!

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.

2026 WOMEN'S BASH is Sunday, October 18th. Please contact Mariah Mosier at 814-335-6124 for more information.



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

A Family Perspective: Today's Gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can offer is our support to the couple as they journey through life together, navigating the inevitable fields of disappointment. Reflect on the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

Parenting Pointer: Let the quiet in: Part 1 There is a lot of noise in our world. Although God may not come into you or your child's life like the bolt of lightning that struck St. Paul, we often need some quiet to hear the voice of God. TV, cell phones, computer games, and headphones can crowd out that quiet that lets God be heard. Create some quiet times for your child.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-
October is Respect Life Month. Our faith reminds us that every human life is sacred. Protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults is not just a responsibility, it's a Respect Life issue that involves all of us. If you suspect or know of abuse, report it immediately! Speaking up can save lives and uphold the dignity of every person. For details on how to report child abuse, visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

A Very Practical Benefit of the Mass

Have you ever received an invitation to a birthday party, anniversary, class reunion, or a wedding and reception after, and you sent your card back saying that you are unable to attend?

The one who sent the invite would certainly understand if there were plans that you already had made for that weekend, or work, or other responsibilities that would make it impossible for you to attend.

This story in our Gospel is about the king who gave a wedding feast for his son. The Gospel goes on to say that the king "dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." (Matthew 22: 3) One could almost presume in the story that there was nothing hindering them to attend the wedding feast. They just did not want to go to the feast.

In this parable, God the Father is the King Who is providing a wedding feast for His Son, Jesus, The Bridegroom. We are the Bride of Christ; the Church. We have been chosen by Christ through our baptism to be His Bride and Disciple.

Just as a bride and bridegroom have developed a personal relationship with each other that brought them to be made one in marriage, so too, our relationship with Jesus has developed since our baptism. Jesus chose us for this relationship with Him and He calls others to join us at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

The Mass, my brothers and sisters, is the Banquet of the Lamb Jesus our Lord, Who invites us to come and worship, develop, and deepen our relationship that we already have with Him. Jesus is the closest friend we will ever have. We learn of Him as we hear the Gospel proclaimed at every Mass. Then, at Holy Communion, we receive His Real Presence; Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The human practical benefit of feeding upon God's Word and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is in what St. Paul says to us in his reading today from his letter to the Philippians. He says; "I can do all things in Him, Who strengthens me." (Phil 4: 13) AND "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord to His Glorious Riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4: 19)

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We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, October 12, 2026 8:30 am Mass Church office closed	Leo Calliari birthday	Kathy & Leon	Weekday Columbus Day	Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31--5: 1 Lk 11: 29-32 (467)
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 No Mass			Weekday	Gal 5: 1-6 Lk 11: 37-41 (468)
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 No Mass			<i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i>	Gal 5: 18-25 Lk 11: 42-46 (469)
Thursday, October 15, 2026 No Mass			Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Eph 1: 1-10 Lk 11: 47-54 (470)
Friday, October 16, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Anna Castellani birthday	John & Michele	Weekday <i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>	Eph 1: 11-14 Lk 12: 1-7 (471)
Saturday, October 17, 2026 No AM Mass			Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Eph 1: 15-23 Lk 12: 8-12 (472)
Saturday, October 17, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 18, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass Laity Sunday World Mission Sunday	Bruno & Ermella Gavazzi and deceased family members	Walter & Christine Gavazzi	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21 (145)

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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

He says this after he said a few lines before; "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry."

My brothers and sisters, in other words, in St. Paul's hunger and in our hunger, he knew and we CAN KNOW, the grace and strength that comes from receiving Jesus at every Mass--the Holy Eucharist. This Sacred Banquet can help each of us, in practical ways, to live each day with strength and joy to be and do what we are called to in this life. His Word and Body and Blood can strengthen us.

God Bless,
Father Mark