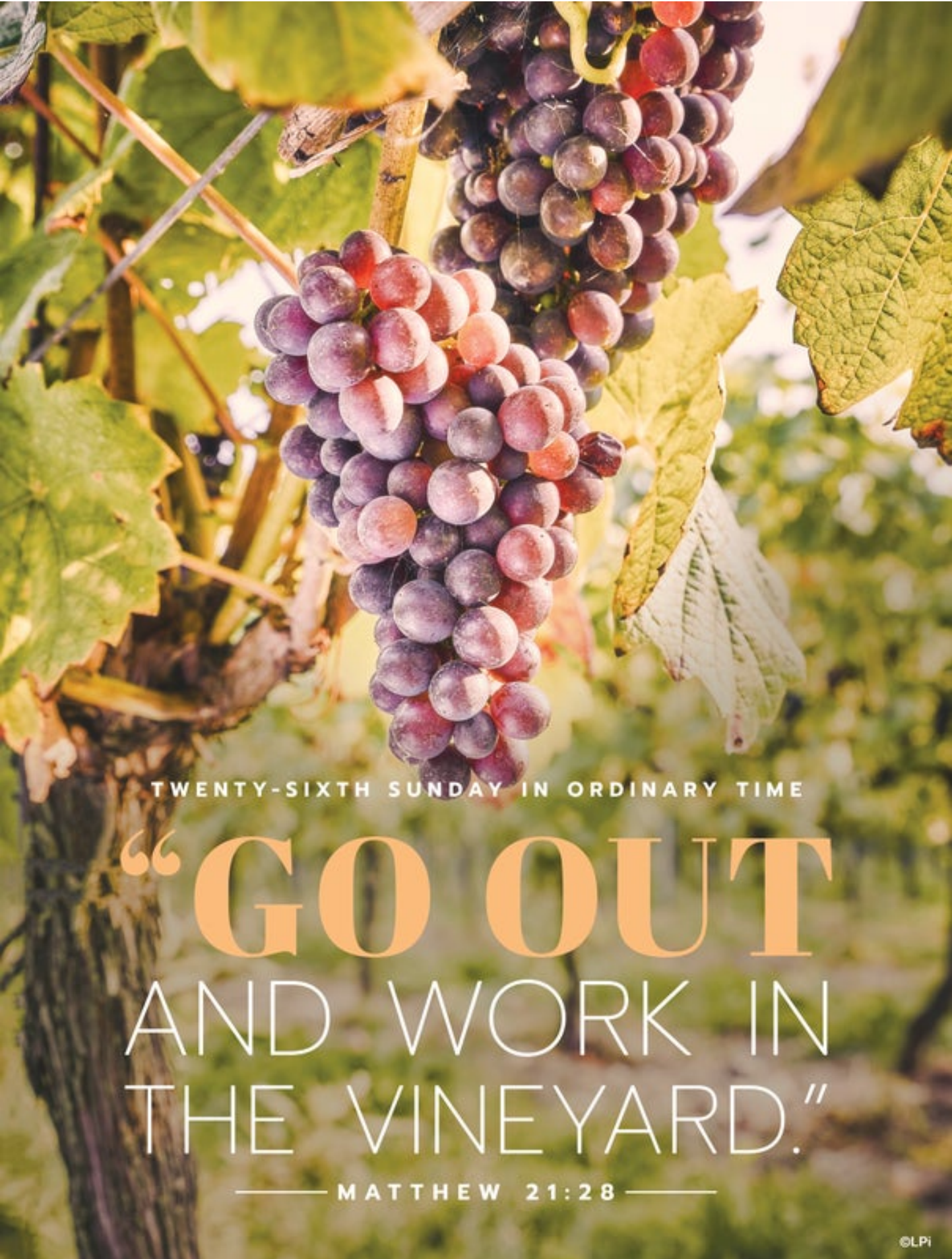




TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD.”

— MATTHEW 21:28 —

Parish Stewardship

Weekly budget	\$3,425.00
Weekly collection 09/13/26	\$3,205.00
Difference	\$220.00
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$27,145.00

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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

FAITH FORMATION: At this time, I would like to acknowledge our catechist teachers for Faith Formation:

Kindergarten: Mary Stoker

1st & 2nd Grades: (Reconciliation prep) Stacie Clerkin

3rd Grade: (First Eucharist prep) Becky Bricen

4th & 5th Grades: Roxanne Skrzypek

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades: (Edge program) Linda Dipalo and Tracy Phillips

Substitute teachers: Alice Benevich & Julia Rollick

Office Help: Dawn Rollick

I say thank you to all of these dedicated women! May our Lord Bless them as they begin this new school year! Also, may our Lord Jesus bless all of our Faith Formation students and their families with profound grace and faith as they, and we with them, start this new year of learning about Jesus, Who is our Way, Truth, and Life. Amen!

Parenting Pointers: May has Mother's Day and June has Father's Day. Did you know that the 4th Monday in September (September 28th this year) is Family Day? Relax, there are no gifts to buy or cards to send, simply eat dinner with your family on this day. Maybe you do this regularly anyway. Good. If not, try to do it more often. Some families have each person share a high and a low of the day during dinner.

A Family Perspective: In today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "What is your opinion?" We often mistake our opinions for dogma or fact, but they are merely our perceptions or feelings about a situation. Arguments over opinions can cause significant divides in families. Tread lightly on the opinions of others; the heart you break may be your own.

LET US LEARN TO SAY YES TO GOD

We've heard the old saying, and most of us would agree, *actions speak louder than words*. We may, at times, catch ourselves saying yes to things we really are not able to actually do. For example: "I'll call you" OR "Let's get together sometime" OR "We'll talk more about that later."

We had good intentions in following through but got too involved in a situation or project at work, issue in the family, or worse yet, we did not carve out some time to make contact and keep that commitment. And sometimes the disparity between what people say and what they do, causes great harm. Take for example the marriage vows that are spoken and then broken. This can break hearts.

Yes and no are small words but they are a powerhouse in our vocabulary. Yes is an agreement to a fact, deed, or a relationship. No is a refusal to accept an act or commitment.

The follow through of a yes, in obedience to their father, from two sons, is the theme of our Gospel...The father came to the first son and said; "Son, go out and work in my vineyard today." What was his response? "I will not." But, he regretted it and went out to the vineyard after he thought about it.

Then, the father went to the other son and gave him the same order. What was his response? "Yes sir" but he did not go. In both cases, the two sons' actions spoke louder than their words. The first son, to his benefit; the second son, to his disobedience, to their father. There may have been times in life that we were like either son when we said no but then obeyed God OR said yes but did NOT.

My brothers and sisters, if we take the time, even if it's only once a week, to thank God for the many blessings and answered prayers that we have received in our lives, then we will be able to say YES to God when He shows us the work we are to do for Him in this life. If we hesitate, or even say no at first, then at least we need to be like the first son in today's Gospel, and go back to our Lord in honest prayer and say YES.

Say yes today!!

God Bless,
Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, September 28, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Joe & Diane Caliarì	Karen & Myron Crumrine	Weekday <i>Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</i>	Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 or 2: 1-5 Mt 21: 28-32 (136)
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Mary Morelli	Carolyn & Jude Wegemer	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12: 7ab Jn 1: 47-51 (647)
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 No Mass			Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16 Lk 9: 57-62 (457)
Thursday, October 01, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Angeline Cheslock	grandson-David Sweed	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Jb 19: 21-27 Lk 10: 1-12 (458)
Friday, October 02, 2026 8:30 am Mass	Ray Thompson	DeAnn & John	The Holy Guardian Angels	Jb 38: 1, 12-21; 40: 3-5 (459) Mt 18: 1-5, 10 (650)
Saturday, October 03, 2026 8:30 AM Mass	Irene Gregori	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Weekday <i>BVM</i>	Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Lk 10: 17-24 (460)
Saturday, October 03, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, October 04, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Louis Chiappelli	Family	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Is 5: 1-7 Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43 (139)

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

The Liturgy of Hours (Part One)

For many centuries, the Church has prayed "**The Liturgy of Hours.**" These prayers are mostly prayed by professed religious men, called "**monks,**" in monasteries, priests, and professed religious sisters called "**nuns,**" in convents.

The Liturgy of Hours consists of seven hours, or times, during the day. The first one is called **Invitatory Psalm**. This prayer is prayed by the religious community at 3:00 AM or at dawn. Oftentimes, the Office of Readings may accompany the Invitatory Psalm. The Office of Readings is mostly sermons from the Saints and Readings from both the Old and New Testament of the Bible. Many times, the sermons are a teaching on the Sacred Scripture Passage given for that day.

I will continue with the next six prayers of the Liturgy of Hours in the next bulletins to come.

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