



# Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish

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**WELCOME** to all who have come to worship and pray with us. We're glad you're here! Please fill out a visitor card. They are found at each of the church entrances.

## WEEKEND MASSES

6PM Saturday & 10:30AM Sunday

## WEEKDAY MASSES

8:15AM Wednesday & Friday

## LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Some of our Masses are live-streamed on the church's Facebook page, SS Peter & Paul Church — Boonville, Mo.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is generally offered 30 minutes prior to Mass unless otherwise announced and by appointment.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed before most Masses. Please join us.

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**ST. JOSEPH, PILOT GROVE** Father Greg is also the pastor at St. Joseph, Pilot Grove. Mass times are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:05 a.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Contact the St. Joseph office at 660-834-5600.



## September 14, 2025 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
 "No one has gone up to  
 heaven except the one who  
 has come down from heaven,  
 the Son of Man." For God  
 did not send his Son into the  
 world to condemn the world,  
 but that the world might be  
 saved through him.  
 - Jn 3:13, 17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?**

**First Reading:** "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

**Psalm:** Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

**Second Reading:** He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

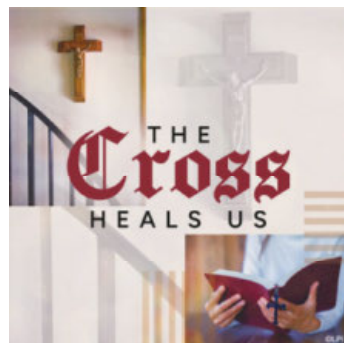
**Gospel:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness — rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.



— Father John Muir

## FATHER'S MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, September 13**

6PM: Pat & Guy Jackson

**SUNDAY, September 14**

10:30AM: People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, September 17**

8:15AM: Asuncion Sancho

**FRIDAY, September 19**

8:15AM: Terry Pesek

**SATURDAY, September 20**

6PM: Ted & Brian Smith

**SUNDAY, September 21**

10:30AM: Marilyn Hofrichter

### PARISH COLLECTION & TITHING

**Weekly Collection & Tithing as of Sept. 2:** \$22,031.20

**Weekly Collection & Tithing as of Sept. 8:** \$21,590.80

**Weekly Budgeted Collection & Tithing:** \$18,307.69

**YTD Collection & Tithing Received:** \$177,932.80

**YTD Budgeted Collection & Tithing:** \$183,076.92

*We are grateful to those who sacrificially tithe to financially support our parish. Thank you.*

## OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**Sunday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Monday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Tuesday:** Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

**Wednesday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

**Saturday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]

**Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical



### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 14, 2025

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)*

The ultimate love shown through the cross reminds us of the beauty of selflessness. Talk with your children about how they can mirror that love in their lives. Perhaps God is calling them to a vocation that allows them to serve others deeply. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps

78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps

101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk

7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps

111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps

111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps

100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps

113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or

16:10-13



**The Pope's September Prayer Intention is for our relationship with all of creation:** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



### Prayer of Love

Dear God,

Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love.

Amen.

## SPIRITUAL HOMEWORK: QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:** In their desert

wanderings, the Israelites learned that repentance leads to healing. What needs healing in your life?

**Second Reading:** Paul taught the

Philippians that the humility and obedience of Jesus — even to the point of death by crucifixion — led to Jesus' exaltation. When have you been challenged to be humble and obedient?

**Gospel:** Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that his death on the cross would lead believers to eternal life and save the world. What have you been taught about the meaning of the cross?



## Mass Ministry Volunteers

## September Altar Linens: Barb Patterson

**Altar Angels Church Cleaning Team Families:** Pat & Holly Twenter, Julius & Owen Udinyiwe, Brian & Candace Viertel, Trevor & Jessica Viertel

Parish families with school-aged children are assigned each week to clean the church. The first family listed is the Team Coordinator.

You will receive a text prior to your assignment with instructions. Thank you for your stewardship to our parish family!

	Sacristan	Coordinator	Lectors	Offertory	Greeters/Ushers	Servers	Musicians	Money Counters
<b>Saturday, Sept. 20 6 p.m.</b>	Macie Fjell	Paula Wiemholt	Jill Campbell	Ashley Wassmann Family	Mike Lang 2 Volunteers	Charlie & Molly Litwiller, A. Eichelberger	Guitar Group	<b>Team 7</b> Jack Mccush J. Rice G. & J. Johnson
<b>Sunday, Sept. 21 10:30 a.m.</b>	Charlotte Rohrbach	Abby Martin	Breklyn Martin Janie Friedrich	E. Brittingham, P. Rapp, E. Malott	C. Schuster, C. Linneman, R. Reichert, J. Friedrich	Braylen Brown Cooper Lorentz Gabe Woodson	Kristina Hahn Rose Jones, C. Chen, S. Udinyiwe, P. Weekley	

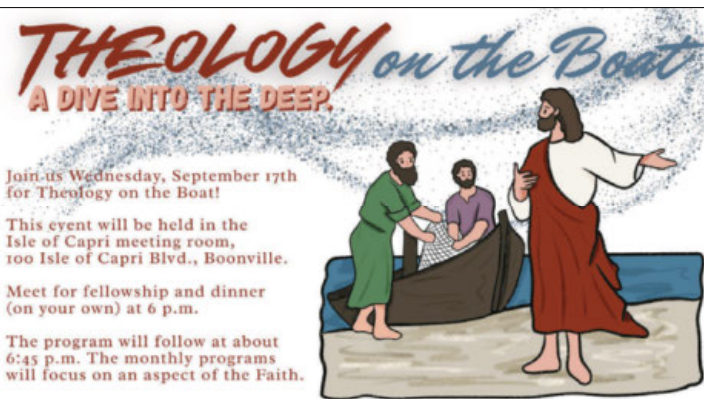
Please find someone to substitute for you if you are unable to fulfill your ministry.

Sub lists can be found online at: [tinyurl.com/5n78w677](http://tinyurl.com/5n78w677). Thank you for all you do to keep our liturgies reverent!



## PARISH CALENDAR

- **Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.:** Global Deanery meeting
- **Wednesday, Sept. 10, 4:45 p.m.:** Cursillo, cry room
- **Thursday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary to St. Andrew, Tipton
- **Thursday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.:** Daughters of Isabella, church hall
- **Friday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.:** Cursillo, cry room
- **Friday, Sept. 12:** School dismisses at 1 p.m. for homecoming
- **Friday, Sept. 12:** Bingo, KofC Hall, 1515 Radio Hill Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m. Early Birds starts at 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 15:** No school; Regional Diocesan Professional Development Day
- **Monday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.:** Legion of Mary, parish office basement
- **Monday, Sept. 15, 3-7 p.m.:** Wake & visitation for Bishop Gaydos, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- **Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.:** Rosary at church
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16:** Fall pictures at school
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.:** Bishop Gaydos funeral, Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.:** Bible study group will live stream Bishop Gaydos' funeral, church hall
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 5-6:30 p.m.:** Food pantry distribution, 509 Water St.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4:45 p.m.:** Cursillo, cry room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4-7 p.m.:** Rummage Sale donations accepted, church hall
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.:** Theology on the Boat, Isle of Capri. See bulletin announcement.
- **Thursday, Sept. 18, 4:30-6:30 a.m.:** Church hall in use
- **Thursday, Sept. 18, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.:** Rummage Sale donations accepted, church hall
- **Thursday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m.:** Finance Council, parish office



**THEOLOGY on the Boat**  
A DIVE INTO THE DEEP.

Join us Wednesday, September 17th for Theology on the Boat!

This event will be held in the Isle of Capri meeting room, 100 Isle of Capri Blvd., Boonville.

Meet for fellowship and dinner (on your own) at 6 p.m.

The program will follow at about 6:45 p.m. The monthly programs will focus on an aspect of the Faith.

The Daughters of Isabella's annual rummage sale is quickly approaching! Fall is a great time to clean out your closets & sheds & see what you have to donate!

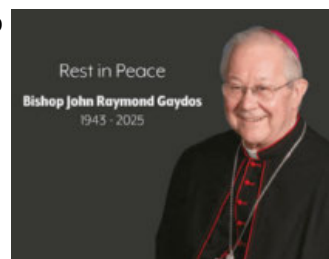
Donations to the sale may be brought to the church hall, 322 7th St., Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday, September 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please donate clean items ONLY and do not drop off items outside the doors! Please bring them into the hall. We have carts available to use, if needed! Shopping hours are Friday, September 19 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted. On Saturday, September 20, the hours are 7-11 a.m. and items are \$1/bag!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alice May (Simmons) Hendrix, sister-in-law of Fay Kempf**, who died August 29, 2025. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

## We mourn the passing of Bishop Emeritus John Raymond Gaydos

With hope in the Resurrection and deep sadness, I share with you the news that Bishop Emeritus John Raymond Gaydos has been called home to the Lord. He died Saturday, September 6, at the age of 82 at St. Agnes Home in Kirkwood, Missouri.



Bishop Gaydos served our diocese with a shepherd's care and an unwavering trust in the Holy Spirit. He led us through seasons of challenge and change, always pointing us toward hope and reminding us of God's boundless mercy.

All are invited to join us in giving thanks for his decades of faithful service and in praying for the repose of his soul.

The wake and visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, September 15, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph with a Vigil Service and prayers at 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, September 16 at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, with Metropolitan Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski of St. Louis presiding and Archbishop Emeritus George J. Lucas of Omaha, Nebraska, preaching the homily.

All ceremonies are open to the public. We ask that everyone please consider carpooling to these events.

For more information, visit: [diojeffcity.org/blog/2025/09/06/bishop-gaydos-rest-in-peace/](https://diojeffcity.org/blog/2025/09/06/bishop-gaydos-rest-in-peace/)

Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicky  
Diocesan Administrator

*The funeral will also be live-streamed online at [facebook.com/diojeffcity](https://facebook.com/diojeffcity).*

## Daughters of Isabella's Annual



**Freewill Donations Accepted**

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
& Baked Goods

**Item Donations Accepted**  
Wed., Sept. 17, 4-7p.m.  
Thurs., Sept. 18, 8a.m.-7p.m.  
Please contribute only clean items!

**Shopping Hours**  
Fri., Sept. 19, 7a.m.-5p.m.  
Sat., Sept. 20, 7-11a.m.  
Saturday sales are \$1/bag!

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 322 7th St., Boonville  
Questions: Call Christine, 573-881-3861

Proceeds benefit charities supported by the DofI.

**The Turkey Dinner Committee is looking for a group of people who are willing to call our turkey bakers!** Make an evening of it by getting together with one or two others to call or text our turkey bakers. You would be in charge of making sure they have a turkey baking instruction sheet and that they are aware of when to pick-up and drop-off their turkeys. (This information will be provided to you.)

We have a list of who the turkey bakers are, along with their phone numbers. All you have to do is contact them!

This is the perfect job for someone who wants to help but who isn't available on the day of the dinner, or someone who stays at home.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jesse or Kelly Rohrbach, 573-808-3406.

Also, if you have been a part of the planning of the Turkey Dinner in the past, or have not volunteered at it, let the Rohrbachs know! There are many different areas that need help! Please reach out!

**The Smith Family extends their gratitude to all who attend Mariah's reception.**

SSPP holds a special place in our hearts and it was great seeing all the parishioners

come to pray for her as she leaves for the convent.

Thank you, Greg & Tina Smith and Family

Correspondence may be sent to: Mariah Smith, St. Francis Convent, 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002

**A four-week Grief Support Group, coordinated by Hometown Homecare, will be held at Tala Yoga & Wellness,**

**2525 Main St., Boonville, beginning Monday, October 6 at 11 a.m.** For more

information, contact Logan Comegys, group facilitator.

**Mass will be held at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church at Cedron, Saturday, Sept. 27, at 4 p.m.**

The address is 60337 Cedron Rd., Jamestown. For more information about the Mass, contact Lita Imhoff, 660-537-2316. For more information about the church, visit: <https://annunciation.diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2021/09/Cedron-Annunciation-Parish.pdf>



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CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, JEFFERSON CITY

Featuring Author and Speaker **Sanja Corbit** along with a special musical guest.

**Ladies Night Out**  
10.17.2025 ..... 6:30 PM - 9 PM  
\$25 Dinner Fee ..... DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

**Fall Retreat**  
10.18.25 ..... 10 AM - 3 PM  
\$15 Lunch Fee ..... DOORS OPEN AT 9:30 AM

[HTTPS://DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/WM-LOVE-HEALS-EVENT-2025/](https://diojeffcity.org/wm-love-heals-event-2025/)

DIOCESE OF Jefferson City

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL EVENTS

**We invite you to grab your Jubilee Passport and join us for a one-day Jubilee of the Year of Hope pilgrimage on Saturday, October 4, 2025!**

Father Greg Oligschlaeger will lead us as we journey to the Shrine of St. Patrick, St. Peter Chapel at Brush Creek, and St. Peter Cemetery at Quincy, Ill. We'll have lunch in Quincy and then conclude by visiting the gravesite of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton. Fr. Tolton was baptized at Brush Creek and we pray he will soon be beatified. He is the first recognizably Black priest in the United States.

Departure at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 from the SSPP parking lot. We plan to take the parish vans.

- 10 a.m.: St. Peter Chapel, Brush Creek
- 12 noon: Shrine of St. Patrick, St. Patrick, Mo. (NOT St. Patrick at Laurie, Mo.)
- 1:15 p.m.: Quincy, Ill. We'll have lunch on our own and then visit Fr. Tolton's gravesite.

Please consider making donations to these churches and also for gas.

RSVP to the parish office ASAP at 660-882-6468, but no later than Wednesday, Oct. 1.

**JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

10 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Chapel, Brush Creek

12 noon Shrine of St. Patrick

1:15 p.m. Lunch & a visit to St. Peter Cemetery, Quincy, Ill.

Depart: Sat., Oct. 4, 8 a.m., SSPP church parking lot.

Fr. A. Tolton

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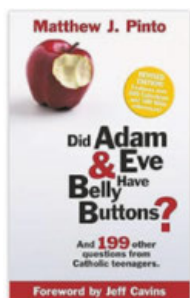


**Q: “If you could not have children would it be OK to use artificial insemination and not adopt children?” — Christine J., 16**

**A:** Be sure to read my answer to the end because this is another one of those difficult questions that requires an openness to the explanations of and, ultimately, faith in the Church’s authority on questions of faith and morality. No, artificial insemination is not morally acceptable. Children should be “begotten, not made.”

Although parents who engage in artificial insemination may be well-intentioned, the means they choose to bring new life into the existence is morally unacceptable. It amounts to manufacturing people by a technological process, rather than allowing human beings to be begotten by a truly human act of self-donating love (sexual intercourse).

Remember, for an act to be morally



acceptable, the means (the way one does something) as well as the end (what a person wishes to achieve) must be morally good.

There is no doubt that a couple’s inability to have children can be extremely painful and frustrating. But that doesn’t make it OK to have a child through artificial insemination, anymore than it would make it OK to kidnap someone else’s child because he or she already has 10 children. The end doesn’t justify the

means.

What about fertility drugs to help couples have children? The idea of using a drug to help fertility isn’t, in itself, a moral problem. But there are some related issues that can be, so the matter needs to be carefully thought through and all the health risks considered, both to the mother and her potential offspring.

For example, sometimes fertility drugs

result in the conception of multiple pre-born children. Not just twins or triplets, but even quintuplets, septuplets, etc. To diminish health risks to the mother or to some of the children in the womb, doctors may propose “selective terminations” — abortions, in other words, of some of the embryonic babies. That is not morally acceptable; it amounts to unjustly killing innocent human beings. Imagine how you would feel knowing that your little brother or sister was “selectively terminated” and that it might just as well have been you? Although this may be difficult to accept, God may have allowed certain people to be infertile to challenge them to open their hearts to adoption. There are countless children here and abroad in need of loving parents. Adoption is a better, more loving, and generous choice than artificial insemination.

*Reprinted from “Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons?” by Matthew J. Pinto*

### **Catholic Life Explained: DAILY PRAYER VS. MASS?**

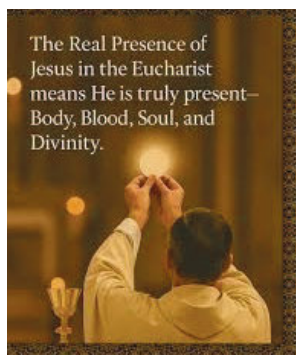
**Question:** I have a friend who says she doesn’t need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

**Answer:** If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God’s life.

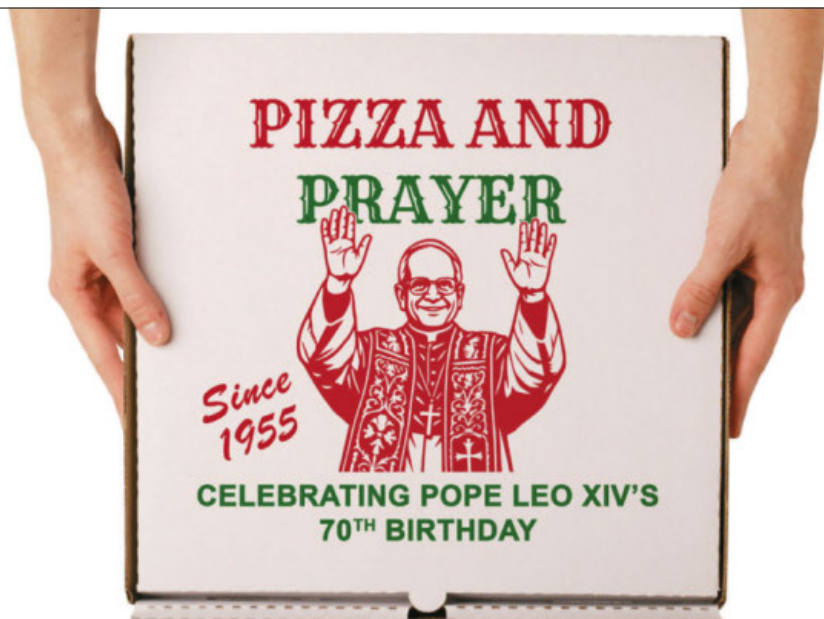
Coming to Mass is not really for God’s sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him.

Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we

celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?



The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist means He is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.



Pope Leo XIV turns 70 on Sept. 14, marking his first birthday as pope, and Catholics everywhere are invited to join a nationwide effort of prayer for the Holy Father.

OSV News, together with Pray More Novenas, Relevant Radio, the Daughters of St. Paul, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Pontifical Mission Societies, Sing the Hours and others, is creating a “spiritual birthday bouquet” for Pope Leo XIV.

The bouquet will include thousands of offerings—from novenas and Holy Hours to rosaries and Mass intentions—gathered from the faithful across the country and the world.

Dubbed “Pizza and Prayer” in honor of the Chicago native’s favorite food, the initiative also encourages Catholics to come together for prayer and then share a slice of pizza afterward. Each prayer commitment will be noted and presented to Pope Leo, along with the names of every person and organization who participates.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

Please pray for: **Technical Sgt. Matthew A. Babbitt**, USAF Charleston, SC, son of Tony & Jeanette Babbitt; **Lt. Col. Gregory Baker**, USAF physician, Kuwait, grandson of Pat & the late John Davis; **Spc. Justin Coleman**, US Army, Fort Huachuca, AZ, son of Jim & Laura Coleman; **2nd Lt. Aaron Goedrich**, USMC, Guantanamo Bay, grandson of Pat & the late John Davis; **Cadet Peyton Hahn**, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, son of Justin & Kristina Hahn; **Staff Sgt. Dutch Muder**, US Army, Ft. Liberty, NC, grandson of Joyce & the late Tom Adair; **Senior Airman Logan Q. Pfeiffer**, Air Force, Alaska, grandson of Logan & Betty Pfeiffer; **Col. Matthew Pfeiffer**, USAF, Albuquerque, NM, son of Logan & Betty Pfeiffer; **Timothy Shelby**, USN pilot, seaside, grandson of Pat & the late John Davis; **Lt. Chad Twenter**, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC, son of John & Lori Twenter; and all Veterans.

To have your military family member included in the bulletin, please email the information to [bulletin@ssppparish.net](mailto:bulletin@ssppparish.net).

### PROLIFE UPDATE

**Preborn Baby at One Month: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."** At one month, a baby's heart starts beating. Tiny arms and legs start growing. The brain is developing in three parts: language and emotion, hearing, and seeing. The baby is around 1/4 inch long.

**The Missouri General Assembly passed HJR 73**, a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal the voter approved "Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative." This amendment is to be placed on the ballot in November 2026. It includes health and safety standards for mothers and their preborn babies. See Missouri Catholic Conference for details: [mocatolic.org](http://mocatolic.org).

**Baby Grace** distributes to parents in need the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. in the blond brick building to the left of Boonville Nelson United Methodist Church, 407 East Spring St., Boonville. We thought it might be more helpful to suggest an item to donate each month. *The suggestion for September is baby wipes.*

#### Upcoming Events:

The annual **My Life Clinic** fundraising banquet will be held Friday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. in Columbia. The **Pregnancy Help Center** in Jefferson City will host their banquet Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Please call 660-621-2787 if you are interested in attending either of these events.

**Respect for Life Sunday** is October 5.

**An opening rally to the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Lady of Lourdes Church (Flanagan Hall) starting at 6 p.m. with Subway sandwiches being served during the rally. **40 days for Life Prayer vigil begins** Wednesday, September 24, 2025, and continues each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, in front of Planned Parenthood, 711 N. Providence Rd. in Columbia. You may sign up online for a shift at: [www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo) or call Kathy at 573-821-5130.

SSPP ProLife Group, Connie Gerling, 660-621-2787

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## This Week on Formed

Week of September 14, 2025



### The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



### Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



### The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis

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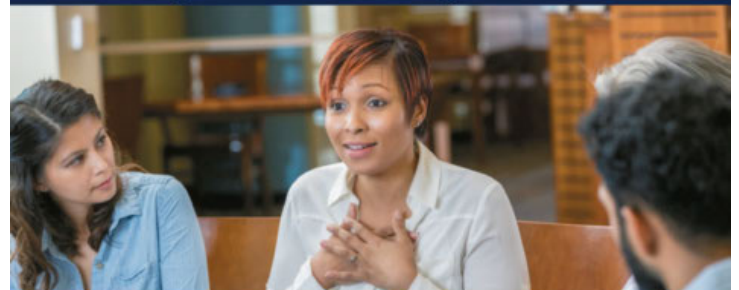
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**BAPTISM** Preparation is required for both parents, preferably during the early months of pregnancy. Contact Theresa Krebs, 882-6468 or [dre@ssppparish.net](mailto:dre@ssppparish.net).

**BIBLE STUDY:** Check the parish calendar for meeting dates. Call the parish office for details, 660-882-6468.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** Adults interested in inquiring about becoming Catholic are invited to participate in this process. Contact Pete Seleke, 816-863-7103, for more information on the process.

The **CURSILLO** movement is active in our parish. The Wednesday night group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the cry room at church at 5:30 p.m. Contact Ruth Wells, 660-888-5395. The Friday group meets in the cry room at 9 a.m. Contact Dave or Sue Miller at 660-888-6827 or 660-537-0437.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

**SACRAMENT** is held on First and Third Fridays after the 8:15AM Mass until 9PM. Please come and pray with the Lord.

**FORMED.ORG** Join Formed for information on faith formation, sacramental preparation, Bible studies and youth resources. To register, go to [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish. No code needed!

**LEGION OF MARY** meets Monday mornings at 9AM in the Parish Office basement. Their main ministry is to reach out to people to witness the Good News of Jesus. For more information, contact Nancy Poulsen Fangman, 660-466-0145 or email [gma12np@gmail.com](mailto:gma12np@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE** Contact the parish office at least six months prior to your proposed wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

in the Cry Room.

**MEN'S GROUP** Contact Deron Widmer, 573-289-0360.

**MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND** Please contact the office when a parishioner is hospitalized or sick. Father will schedule a visit and communion call, as appropriate. (Due to patient confidentiality, the parish is not automatically notified of hospital admissions.) Homebound parishioners can be added to our list as needed.

Any parishioner in need of transportation to/from Mass may contact the office and we will attempt to schedule a ride for you.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Welcome! Please take advantage of belonging to our parish by getting involved in a ministry! To register, pick-up a form in the back of church, download the form from our website or visit the parish office.

**PRAYER LINE** To place someone on the Prayer Line, please call Phyllis Lauer at 882-6367. You need not give your name, just let us know who we can pray for.

Prayer requests may also be sent to [ssppboonvillemo@gmail.com](mailto:ssppboonvillemo@gmail.com). If you want to be a part of our text message prayer chain, contact the parish office.

**Prayer request cards** can be found at each of the church entrances. You may put them in the collection basket.

**PROLIFE GROUP** Contact Connie Gerling, 660-621-2787, to get involved.

**REDUCED GLUTEN HOSTS** are available at each Mass. Please check-in at the sacristy so the priest will know to have it available. You will need to go to the center aisle to receive communion from Father.

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CASE** is generally open every third weekend of the month. Items are also available by contacting the parish office, 882-6468.

**VOLUNTEERS** Anyone who is volunteering with the youth in the parish (at church or the school) is required to be Virtus certified. Contact the parish office, 882-6468 or [dre@ssppparish.net](mailto:dre@ssppparish.net) for more details, or visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**WOMEN'S GROUP** meets monthly, on the third Wednesday in the parish office basement, unless otherwise announced, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Jill Birch, [jb081973@gmail.com](mailto:jb081973@gmail.com).

**OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office is open 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday. The office number is 660-882-6468.

**THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MONDAYS AT 4 P.M.** Email bulletin items to: [bulletin@ssppparish.net](mailto:bulletin@ssppparish.net).

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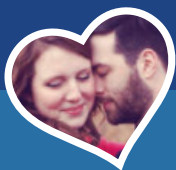


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