A Catholic Family

Together in Christ

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2026



AT A GLANCE

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 | DINNER AT 6:00 PM
NATIVITY BVM, MSGR. PAA CENTER, WILLIAMSVILLE

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Give the Lord glory and honor.

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

GOSPEL
Matthew 22:15-21

GOSPEL REFLECTION

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 22:15-21



Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something – a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child – knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this is mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21).** He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? **Every human being.** God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone – including Caesar – belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

– Father John Muir

Children's & Family Holy Hour

"Let the Children Come to Me"





Every First Friday of the month, from 4 - 5 PM, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & Diocesan Shrine in Bowmansville, we invite all families – from Sacred Heart, Nativity, St. Mary's, from anywhere in our Diocese – and especially those with young children, to come and "sit with Jesus" for a dedicated **Children's & Family Holy Hour.**



This is more than just a "noise & wiggle-friendly" time for Adoration – it is an invitation for children (of all ages) and families to be in the real presence of Jesus. It is a time to grow comfortable in Adoration, to grow spiritually, and to grow in relationship with our Lord. Sacred Heart volunteers are present, not just to welcome your family, but also to provide music, activities, and support. They will help your family feel at ease and learn about Jesus' Sacred Heart and His love for you.

Come as you are. Come after school. Come after work. Come to start the weekend with Jesus.
Come to learn. Come to grow. Come to feel loved. Come to find peace. Come to know Jesus. Just come!

Our next Children's & Family Holy Hour is **Friday, November 6, 4:00 – 5:00 PM** | We can't wait to see you.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL, SATURDAY EVENING

4:00 PM | St. Mary's & Sacred Heart of Jesus
4:30 PM | Nativity BVM

SUNDAY MORNING

7:30 AM | St. Mary's
8:00 AM | Nativity BVM
9:00 AM | St. Mary's & Sacred Heart of Jesus
10:00 AM | Nativity BVM
11:00 AM | St. Mary's

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE*

MONDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM | St. Mary's

TUESDAY

8:00 AM | Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM | Nativity BVM & St. Mary's

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM | St. Mary's

THURSDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM | St. Mary's

FRIDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM | St. Mary's
6:30 PM | (*First Fridays Only*) Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY

8:00 AM | Nativity BVM & (*First Saturdays Only*) Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 AM | St. Mary's

**Our regular Mass schedule is subject to change for Holy Days and Holidays; please check each parish page for such adjustments, including during Advent & Lent.*



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PRAYERS FOR OUR PEOPLE

DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

CONFESSION

- **St. Mary's|** Every Saturday 2:30–3:30 PM; First Saturdays after 9 AM Mass
- **Nativity BVM|** Every Saturday 3:00–4:00 PM
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus|** Every Saturday 3:00–3:45 PM

ROSARY

- **St. Mary's |** Monday–Saturday 8:30 AM; & Wednesday 7 PM in the Chapel
- **Nativity BVM |** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday after 8 AM Mass; Tuesday after 9 AM Mass
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus |** Monday–Friday after 8 AM Mass; First Fridays Devotion after 8 AM Mass; First Saturdays Devotion after 8 AM Mass

ADORATION

- **Nativity BVM |** Wednesdays 7:30–8:30 PM with Divine Mercy Chaplet
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus |** First Friday after 8 AM Mass, with Closing Benediction at 4 PM

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY – COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners can request to receive the Holy Eucharist at home. Contact your Parish Office for details and to be added to the visitation list.

AFTER HOURS SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY: CALL (716) 688-9380 x 5

Leave a message with your contact information. A priest will reach out to you for further information about Anointing of the Sick. *During office hours, call your parish directly.*

WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
Luke 12:13-21

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
Ephesians 2:12-22
Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Luke 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Ephesians 3:2-12
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
Ephesians 4:1-6
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Luke 12:54-59

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
Ephesians 4:7-16
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Luke 13:1-9

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Nativity BVM
Nancy & Paul Alden
Bruce Babiarz
Caden
Darrell Coffield
Eric Coffield
Anna Daigler
Tom Downing
AnnMarie G.
Timothy Gallivan
Dick Gehring
Judy Gehring
Joyce Habermehl
Michael Hartman
Deanne Hutchinson Pinto
Mary Alice Marx
Tom McGovern
Arlene Mendrysa
Barbara Mullins
Diane Petroff
Timothy Pollack

Nativity (cont.)
Susan Rogers
John & Karen Schaller
Silas Schneider
William & Maria Tupay
Christian Vinci
Gerry & Eileen Walsh
Joanne Welchoff
Matthew Whiteman
Teresa Workman
Robert Zak

St. Mary's
Rick Bean
Yvonne Bullard
Janelle Coker
Don & Patricia Cummings
Tim D.
Bob Ensminger
Adrienne Graber
Doris H.

St. Mary's (cont.)
Jack Hammer
Joanne Harmon
Reed Hausrath
James Ingham
Jeff
Kathy Kent
Elizabeth Lafferty
Franco Licata
Michael Lort
Matthew Lyskawa
Rita & Don Manno
Stephanie Miller
Elizabeth Moleski
Diane Monnat
Kristen O'Sullivan
Kathy Pease
Bethann Roehling Flynn
Charlie Roessler
Deborah Roill
Art Stroh

St. Mary's (cont.)
Majorie A. Stroke
Dominic Trigilio
Allie Urbanski
Charlie Walls
Deacon Ed Zablocki
Michael Ziegler
Joyce Zoerb

Sacred Heart of Jesus
Katie Brooks
Elizabeth Hansen
Marianne Hereth
Brian Holmes
Anne Marie Krajewski-Friedly
Majorie Lukas
Cliff Saxer



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Help Send Our Teens to Steubenville in 2027!

STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC Youth Conferences HOSTED BY LIFE TEEN

Throughout October, we are raising funds to help *Together in Christ* teens attend **Steubenville 2027** - a life-changing Catholic youth conference where they can experience their faith in a big way! **Our goal is to sell 1,000 bags of snack sticks,** and we need both buyers and sellers to help us reach it.

Snack Sticks – $21 per bag (15 sticks/bag) – 12 varieties available

Final orders & payments are due November 2, 2026.

Your purchase also supports **Wilson Beef Farms,** a local business in Canaseraga, NY. Their snack sticks are made with high-quality beef and pork, carefully smoked, and vacuum-sealed for freshness.

Payment is due when you place your order. Orders can be placed with individual parish sellers, at the St. Mary's or Nativity Rectory Offices, or contact Youth Minister, Zack Yoder (zyoder@togetherinchristfamily.org).



More information & check out all 12 varieties!

One in Christ, United in Mission

The highlight of World Mission Month is the annual celebration of **World Mission Sunday,** which takes place this weekend, **October 17 & 18.**

Pope Leo XIV has stressed how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church. He spent a large part of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru and has noted how dependent he was on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church through World Mission Sunday. Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.



In a time where much can divide us

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

invites us to rejoice in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism!

Pray the Rosary at St. Mary's in October

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and we are offering **daily opportunities to pray the Rosary at St. Mary's:**

- **Weekend Masses:** A 1/2 hour before the start of every Weekend Mass.
- **Mornings:** M-F, 8:30 AM, & Saturday before 9 AM Mass.
- **Weekday Evenings:** M-F, 7 PM in the CHAPEL.

Willing to lead the Rosary before a weekend Mass? To sign up, visit: tinyurl.com/STMOctoberRosary

No expertise required – materials provided!

Sacred Heart of Jesus Semi-Annual Flea Market



Saturday, Oct. 24

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

5337 Genesee St, Bowmansville



Dozens of vendors! Refreshments available.

For table rental, contact Dave Will (716) 903-4139.

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

READY TO GIVE A REASON FOR YOUR HOPE
CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

"Discover the Heart of Catholic Devotion"

Join us for a presentation on
Monday, October 26, at 6:30 PM,
St. Mary's, Room 106/107

- Learn about consecrations, novenas, & other ways to grow closer to Christ & His Church.
- Explore the history, meaning, & biblical foundations of Catholic devotions.
- Discuss how and why to do and defend consecrations.
- Discuss why we honor the Blessed Mother & the saints.
- Learn about relics & veneration and their importance in our spiritual lives.

Our speaker will be Barbara Mogle of the Revive Ministry, and caretaker of the 100 relics at Sacred Heart of Jesus Shrine!

There's a hunger in the Church to understand our faith deeply, to own it, and to defend it – not from fear but from love. Let us journey together with Jesus to bring His love to others!

Calling all Catholic Grandparents

Join the Catholic Grandparenting Initiative's next meeting on **Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 9:00 AM - Noon at OLV 's Marian Room in the Lower Basilica area** (767 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna).



We will discuss the needs and struggles of grandparenting as Catholics and passing along the spiritual torch to our grandchildren! Our focus is to start Catholic Grandparent Groups in parishes.

Come and discuss ideas with us and help us to help you! Contact Maria Walker at (716) 828-9658 or mwalker@olvcharities.org, or scan the QR code. FREE continental breakfast and boxed lunch is included!



ST. ISAAC JOGUES

This week, we honor courage in the face of suffering, persecution, and sacrifice. **October 19** is the Feast of the first North American martyrs. Most famous among them is **Isaac Jogues.**

As a young priest, Fr. Jogues left his role as college professor in France to serve as a missionary to the Huron tribe, in what is now the northeastern United States. Fr. Jogues was captured by a warring tribe of Iroquis. He escaped just over a year later but not unscathed. Several of his fingers had been removed during torture in captivity.

Fr. Jogues returned to France, only to sail back to the New World, where he was later martyred. Fr. Jogues was one of eight Jesuit priests martryed over a seven-year period. They knew the dangers, yet pressed forward in love for Christ and his people. May we be inspired by their courage.

Nativity BVM Handmaids of the Lord

Join us for a **SOUP SUPPER** and **PRESENTATION** by guest speaker:

Sr. Mary Joanne Suranni, CSSF

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RTLC RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER

Serving the East Side of Buffalo for over 40 Years

Inspired by our faith and inclusive of all, Response to Love Center improves lives across our community by addressing basic human needs and providing pathways to self-sufficiency.





Thursday, October 29

SOUP SUPPER - 6 PM, Msgr. Paa Center
PRESENTATION - 7 PM, Nativity BVM church
Let's help them, help others. Free will offerings will be collected to support RTLC.

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS



St. Mary's Church

9 am - 3 pm

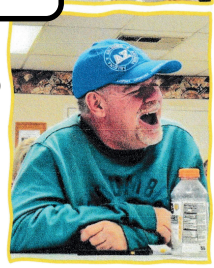
SAT, NOV 14TH

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Ray is so informative & applies just the right balance of humor & seriousness! - Susan







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SAFE DRIVER ACADEMY





Winners from St. Greg's (SG) & St. Mary's (SM) respective **Knights of Columbus Council Soccer Challenges** recently competed in our District Championship. Our District Champions now move on to the Regional Championship!

Charlie Huber (9B SM), Isabella Costello (9G SG), Andy Fuerstinger (10B SG), Sloane Robinson (10G SM), Joshua Ponkow (11B SG), Iona Donohue (11G SM), David Mineo (12B SM), Francesca Mineo (12G SM), and Jacob Ponkow (14B SG).

Thank you, Grand Knight Kirk Stubbendeck (SG), Grand Knight Frank Masi (SM), Event Coordinators Calvin Ticoalu (SG), Greg Honsberger (SM), parents, & all the Knights who supported this fun event for our youth.

Daughters of Mary – Purse Project Presentation



Women of our *Together in Christ* family of parishes, please join Daughters of Mary for a gathering on **Friday, November 13, 10:00 – 11:30 AM in Room 110/111 at St. Mary's.** We will welcome Susan Riley, founder of the **Small Blessings Purse Project,** which provides local disadvantaged women, through reputable organizations and local shelters, with new or gently used purses filled with care products and costume jewelry. A small act to help restore dignity in difficult times. Susan will share her story of founding this ministry in her retirement. **We will collect** new or gently used purses, costume jewelry, care products, & Dollar Tree gift cards to help fill purses.

A sweet treat will be served.

Contact Elizabeth Forman with questions: 716-691-6554, or daughtersofmary815@gmail.com



DAUGHTERS OF MARY

BREAK THROUGH

Who Am I?

Breakthrough Youth Group
Grades 6 – Confirmation Prep.
Monday, October 26, 2026
6:30 - 8 PM | St. Mary's Cafeteria!
Sign-up & Bring a Friend!
tinyurl.com/TICBreakthrough

MERCY

MERCY Catholic Youth
Thursday, November 5
6:30 – 8 PM | Nativity BVM church
Grades 6 – Confirmation Prep.
Invite a friend!
Sign-up at: tinyurl.com/TICMercy





Moments With Our Blessed Mother

FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

VOCATION VIEW – *FOR OCT. 18, 2026*

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." We should be good law-abiding citizens, but we should also give Jesus what he wants. Sometimes, he asks for a life of service. It He's asking you, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Like the saplings of plants, the young are easily influenced, as long as someone works to teach their souls." St. Joseph Calasanz

Council 13661 – Go to KofC.org to join

EMMAUS YOUNG ADULT

For Young Adults aged 18-35.
Come are you are, bring a friend, and let's journey together.
Contact Zack at
zyoder@togetherinchrist.org

REAL FRIENDS – MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS DEEPER FAITH

Catholic Trivia

How many miles of bookshelves does the Vatican Library have to hold the over one million books it houses? (Answer on pg. 12)

ONLINE GIVING

Only through your continued support can our Church thrive. Your gifts are vital in helping us maintain and expand our ministries, educational programs, and spiritual programs, and supporting day-to-day operations. Your parish depends on and deeply appreciates your support. Scan the QR code to visit your parish's online giving platform.

ST. MARY'S | NATIVITY BVM | SACRED HEART

All Saints' Day *Mass*

Sunday, November 1
St. Mary's church, Swormville
9:00 AM

Children (grades 1-5) of our *Together in Christ* Faith Formation programs are invited to sign-up & learn more about one of our inspirational Catholic saints.

On All Saints' Day, November 1, come to Mass dressed as your saint for a Parade of Saints honoring all those who have attained heaven!

Sign-Up & select a saint





ST. MARY'S SWORMVILLE

www.stmaryswormville.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 10/17 – VIGIL

4:00 PM | John Knoerl by Dr. & Mrs. Gary Swistak

SUNDAY 10/18 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

7:30 AM | Benedetto Mondello by the Ventura Family
9:00 AM | Mary Arnesen by the Family
and Joanne Malecki by Eileen Nahigian
11:00 AM | Ronald Archambeault by Ann Ludwig

MONDAY 10/19 – STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES

9:00 AM | Carmelo Iacono by Jill Moran

TUESDAY 10/20

9:00 AM | Joan von der Empten by Paul von der Empten

WEDNESDAY 10/21

9:00 AM | Betty Dolan Mauro by Husband, Ralph

THURSDAY 10/22 – POPE JOHN PAUL, II

9:00 AM | Anna Wallrich by the Wallrich & Ryan Families

FRIDAY 10/23

9:00 AM | People of the Parish by Fr. Tom
and Sylvia Dikeman by SMS Teachers & Staff

SATURDAY 10/24

9:00 AM | Don Fry by Nancy Arno

SATURDAY 10/24 – VIGIL

4:00 PM | Josephine Sturniolo by the Sturniolo Family

SUNDAY 10/25– 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM | Rev. Robert Yetter by the Pazik Family
9:00 AM | Nancy Burkard by the Breakfast Bunch
and Michael States by the Hoffmann Family
11:00 AM | George Hutchinson by the Varnum Family



See also: **Catholic Apologetics Meeting** and **Pray the Rosary with Us in October,** pg. 5

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Come JOIN the #1 Catholic Men's organization in the world! St. Mary's has a **Knights of Columbus** Council right here on campus!

We are asking Catholic gentlemen to carry on the legacy on our amazing group. Any practicing Catholic male 18 years & up is eligible.

Oct. 17/18 – Stop by our info. table after all Masses.
Oct. 24/25 – Meet & Greet some of our members, refreshments served, signups taken.

Call Carl Galante 716-440-7458 with questions.



Remembering Loved Ones: Oct. 25 - Nov. 15

Here at St. Mary's, we have several ways to remember and honor our departed family and friends in the month of November.

We will again create a beautiful gallery of pictures of our deceased loved ones (no pets, please). **Bring a framed picture of them, sized 5x7 or smaller, to any of the weekend Masses on October 24/25.** Attach your name to the back and place it on the gallery table in church. Pick-up your photos after Masses on Nov. 14/15. See our Friday Flocknote and the website for more details and November remembrances.

All Souls Day Mass is Sunday, November 1, at 11:00 AM in the church.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Soup Supper & Presentation

Guest Speaker: Sr. Mary Joanna Suranni, CSSF, Mission Leader & Volunteer Coordinator at the **Response to Love Center** (RTLC) of Buffalo, a ministry of the Felician Sisters.

RTLC
RESPONSE TO LOVE CENTER



Thursday, October 29, 2026
6:00 PM | Supper in the Paa Center
7:00 PM | Presentation in the church

Free will offerings accepted in support of RTLC.

Sponsored by the Handmaids of the Lord

Unlawful Distribution of Literature

It was brought to our attention that literature is being left on the cars of our parishioners in the parking lot while our community attends Mass.

Our church and school parking lots are private property. Solicitation of any kind is strictly prohibited and illegal without express consent. Fr. Tom would like to be clear that he has never and will never give consent for this.

If you wish to advertise a parish or community event, please use the resources we have in place and submit a request to: bulletin@togetherinchristfamily.org. Events are published at the discretion of the pastor.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 10/17 - VIGIL

4:30 PM | Norma Jean & James Ludka, and Phyllis & Anthony Lancellotti by Debbie Lancellotti **and** Lawrence Vito by Loving Wife

SUNDAY 10/18 - 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Jamie Dougherty by Mother **and** James Downing by Wife, Mary

10:00 AM | Maureen Domino [Living] by Maria & William Tupay, Jr. **and** Donnie Steiner & Daughter, Darlene, by Maria & William Tupay, Jr.

MONDAY 10/19 – STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES

8:00 AM | Emma Wiedrich by Sharyn & Bill Miller

TUESDAY 10/20

9:00 AM | Susan Krug by Loving Husband

WEDNESDAY 10/21

8:00 AM | Katherine J. DiAddario by Estate **and** Paul Tatarski by Mother, Joanne Tatarski

THURSDAY 10/22

8:00 AM | Jack Hohl by the Hohl Family

FRIDAY 10/23

8:00 AM | Louis M. Merzacco by Robert Coogan

SATURDAY 10/24

8:00 AM | All Souls by Nativity Parishioners

SATURDAY 10/24 – VIGIL

4:30 PM | Frank Giancola by Carolyn Nenni **and** Alberto & Giuseppina Lucci by the Cercone Family

SUNDAY 10/25 - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Thomas Fox by Wife, Barbara, & Family **and** Joe Sully by Pat Eichner

10:00 AM | Marilyn Pohlman by Loving Family **and** Deceased Members of the Chmielewski & Stewart Families by Loving Family



Fr. Ron Sajdak, former Pastor of Nativity, will visit our RIMMM Meeting and sign copies of his new book, ***Africa: Encounters, Experiences, and Enrichments*** on **Sunday, Oct. 25, at 1:30 PM in the Msgr. Paa Center.** Copies will be available for purchase!

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

www.sacredheartshrine.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 10/17 – VIGIL
4:00 PM | Louis J. Schmitt by Family & Friends

SUNDAY 10/18 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM | Stanley & Gertrude Kloc by Peter & Pat

MONDAY 10/19 – STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES
8:00 AM | Al Magrum by Wife

TUESDAY 10/20
8:00 AM | Healing for Lisa Baehra by Dale & Debbie Lesinski

WEDNESDAY 10/21
8:00 AM | Edward Bastian Family by Estate of Katherine J. DiAddario

THURSDAY 10/22
8:00 AM | Father's Day Intentions by Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus

FRIDAY 10/23
8:00 AM | All Souls' Intentions by Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY 10/24 – VIGIL
4:00 PM | Mary Kwiatkowski by Elvira

SUNDAY 10/25 – 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM | Walter & Pearl Stahrr by Peter & Pat

SANCTUARY LAMP
Oct. 23| In Memory of Helen Szablewski by Edwin & Irene Pleban

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Sacred Heart will celebrate a **All Souls' Day Mass on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM.** All are invited to gather as we pray for our faithfully departed, especially those who have died within the past year.

Three-day candles are available for sale to honor your loved ones (with space for up to 2 names). They will be blessed and then lit at this Mass, on Holy Thursday, and on Memorial Day. After the three Masses, you may take them home. Purchase via forms in the vestibule or Parish Office, $10, **due by Monday, Oct. 26, 2026.**



Please join us in welcoming our newest parishioners to Sacred Heart of Jesus!

Matthew & Melissa Agugliaro and Family, Warren & Susan Bouchane, James & Cynthia Burkhardt, Dominic & Mackenzie Burton, John & Linda Domres, John & Sharon Knoph, Stephen & Linda Parada, Carmelita Persico, Louise Setter, and Marlene Zintl.

Something Special is Happening Here...

Spiritual Events in November

FRI. Nov. 6 - Promises of Jesus Pilgrimage Day - 5th
- Mass & Promise Presented at 8 AM **AND** 6:30 PM
- Children & Family Holy Hour 4 – 5 PM
- *And more!* **www.tinyurl.com/SacredHeart100**

SAT. Nov. 7 - First Saturday Mass, Rosary, & Relics



Mass Book & Sanctuary Lamp Reservations for 2027 are now open. *Call or stop by the Rectory to make your reservations.*



Semi-Annual Flea Market



Next Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 AM - 2 PM

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



OCTOBER

Month of the Holy Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion **centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.** In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision recieved by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoutedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays) and most recently the Luminious Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

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The Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge has a video for each mystery of the Rosary, twenty in total. Each video is a gentle guide through a different mystery with a reflection, set in the beautiful Rosary Shrine in London. The Rosary Challenge is truly for everyone, and you can access all of the videos with your **free Formed.org account.**



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St. Leo XIIII

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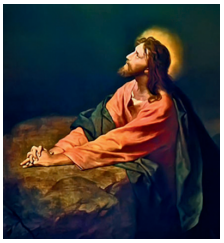
Decades of the Rosary

Each decade represents a mystery or event in the life of Jesus or Mary. There are four sets of mysteries.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation; the Visitation; the Nativity; the Presentation in the Temple; and the Finding in the Temple.





SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden; the Scourging at the Pillar; the Crowning with Thorns; the Carrying of the Cross; and the Crucifixion and Death.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection; the Ascension; the Descent of the Holy Spirit; the Assumption; and the Coronation of Mary.





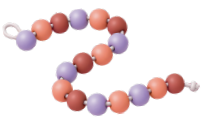
LUMINIOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan; the Wedding Feast at Cana; Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God; the Transfiguration; and the Institution of the Eucharist.

Did You Know...?

The word "Rosary" comes from the Latin word *rosarium,* that means a garland or bouquet of roses. Each prayer of the rosary is an offering of a rose to Jesus through Mary.

The word "bead" comes from *biddan,* an Old English word that means "to entreat" or "to pray."



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a community evening with **Dr. Jenny Brown,** family therapist, author, and international educator. Drawing from her new book, Jenny will explore how parents can step out of patterns of over-managing and help children become more capable, responsible, and resourceful.

Wednesday, October 21 | 6:30 PM
Nativity BVM church

Registration is free. Please RSVP and invite others! **RSVP:** tinyurl.com/JennyBrownTPP

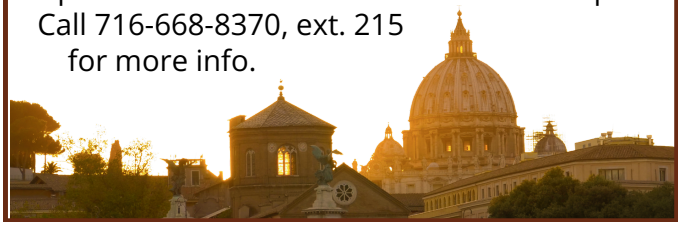
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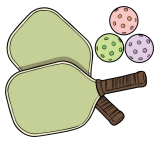
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Call 716-668-8370, ext. 215 for more info.



You are invited to our annual **Mass for the Loss of a Child.** If you are grieving the loss of a child of any age, due to any circumstance, please join us for a special Mass to offer prayer, healing, and hope. The mass will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 14, at 12:00 PM. St. Timothy church, 565 East Park Dr, Tonawanda 14150.** Refreshments & fellowship will follow.





Pickleball!

Pickleball will be played on the Sacred Heart Campus in the Chesteron Chesteron gymnasium on Monday evenings, 5:30-8:00 PM, beginning on **October 19.** To register, please email: joeray@roadrunner.com. Cost/donation: $5.

St. Pius X Holy Name Society – Pancake Breakfast



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