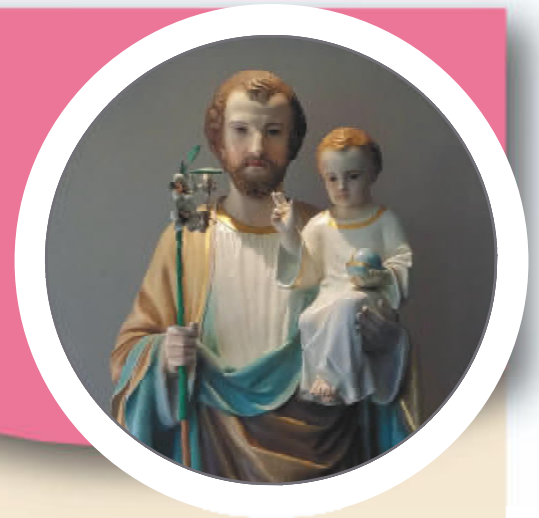


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### Mass Schedule:

Saturday 8:15 am & 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00pm  
Hispanic Mass 2:00pm every 2nd and 4th Sunday  
Monday, Tuesday 8:15 am  
Wednesday 5:30 pm  
Thursday, Friday 8:15 am

**Holy Day Mass:** TBA, See Mass Intentions

**Confession:** Saturday 4:00 pm-5:00 pm &  
on request

### Religious Education

PSR (Children) Sundays 9:45 am

RCIA Thursdays 5:30 pm

**Baptism:** Preparations program required,  
contact parish office for information.

**Confirmation:** Two-year program, ninth and  
tenth grade.

**Marriage:** At least six (6) months notice  
required in advance of proposed wedding date.

# OCTOBER 3, 2021

## 27TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFO :**

**THE SHARE YOUR FOOD collection is this weekend. Non-perishable food items donated will be given out by SVDP to help feed the hungry in our community. There is a brown wicker hamper in the vestibule for your donations which can be made any weekend. Your help is sincerely appreciated.**

**World Wide Marriage Encounter: During this fall season, don't let your relationship fall like leaves, reflect on God's love for you as a married couple. Enrich and renew your sacrament of Matrimony by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend. October 15-17 at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman. Register online at [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org) or by calling Frank and Kathryn Wessling @ 205-530-3607**

**October is Holy Rosary Month which the Catholic Church celebrates on October 7th with fervor and holiness. It is considered a powerful weapon against evil, as well as the perfect prayer to bring peace to the world.**



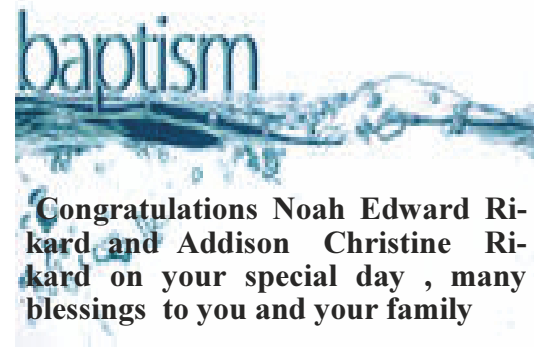
**HELPING HANDS will meet every 3rd Sunday after 8:30am Mass**

**1st Reconciliation workshop is Oct 3rd @ 2:00pm in the Parish Hall**

**Thank-You to everyone involved in helping put together a successful Parish Picnic. Thank-You to Vinny Grosso for his hospitality and generosity !**

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT SUNDAY  
OCT 9TH & OCT 10TH 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:30 pm	8:30 am	11:00 am
Ordinary/Extraordinary Ministers	Ordinary/Extraordinary Ministers	Ordinary/Extraordinary Ministers
Father Joseph Kathy Blanke	Father Joseph Debbie Dinges	Father Joseph Deacon Greg
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Donnie Burns	Seth Hunt	Chris Gremillion
Rick Nerstad	Glenn Smith	Brad Maroney
Cheron White	Frank Wall	Chris Rohling
Altar Servers	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
Luke White	Jolie Mauter	Thomas Tant
Lectors	Lectors	Lectors
Lynn Moore	Juliette Butler	Elaina Nichols
Gift Bearers	Gift Bearers	Gift Bearers
Jackson Family	Paulk Family	Briseno Family

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, October 4**

8:15 am

**Tuesday, October 5**

8:15 am

**Wednesday, October 6**

5:30pm Garland Armstrong

**Thursday, October 7**

8:15 am

**Friday, October 8**

8:15 am

**Saturday, October 9**

8:15 am

5:30 pm +Sandy Wargo

**Sunday, October 10**

8:30 am +Pat Lorfing

11:00am + William Booth

5:00pm

**Financial Stewardship:**

<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
SEPT 26, 2021	\$ 7,885	\$ 6,588
Year to Date	\$ 250,857	\$ 256,932
<u>BUILDING FUND &amp; SJSS Scholarship Assistance</u>	<u>DONATIONS</u>	<u>2021 BUDGET</u>
SEPT 26, 2021	\$ 5,640	\$ 1,502
Year to Date	\$ 52,970	\$ 58,578



Scripture for

OCT 10, 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11/143

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Canned food collection by children for  
offertory

*To volunteer to serve at Mass,  
contact our Liturgical Assistant,  
John Foust, at*

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*flower donations are  
scheduled through the Parish Office.*



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**St. Joseph School News:**  
Re-enrollment for the  
2021 ~ 2022 school year  
is ongoing.



We are settling into a busy school year here at St. Joseph School. Our first round of testing is complete, and students are busy completing projects and working on novel studies. Our cross country and volleyball teams are in the middle of their seasons as well and are doing a remarkable job representing SJS. We are currently searching for a new 3rd grade teacher and an additional pre-K teacher. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please have them contact :Elena Peralta at [secretary@catholicill.com](mailto:secretary@catholicill.com)

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER, OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS:

Mary Mondul (sister of Marie Foster), Irene Heuerman, Mehmet Rende, Nedime and Family, Mary Renda and Family, Mufide R. Irfan, Sherif, Faruk and Fevziye, Paul Durmmond, Patty Crews, Bette Butler (cousins of Nancy Davis), Stephanie Click, Elizabeth Moctezuma, Kent Baggett, Chris Strait, Thomas & Rachel Pendergrast, Larry Belue, Robert Mullen, Cindy Wood, Dave Josephson, Alicia Anderson, Louise Stovall (cousin of Gwen Lawton), Beth Stockton (friend of Debbie Nerstad), Martin Leavitt (Jane Leavitt Grandson), Sybil Dupuis (John Dupuis mother), James Strickland (brother-in-law of John Dupuis), Margaret Foshee (daughter of Sallie Polk), The Adame Family, Repose of the soul of Betsy Cowen Boggan Bentley (Don Boggan's mother), John Kavanaugh (Amanda Jackson's brother), Robert Chard (friend of Seth Hunt), Sylba Dempsey Pruitt, Rachel Smith (Wife of Glenn Smith), Kathy Moon (her mom Janet Baumgart passed away), Susie Abbott (Eleanor Rohling sister), Johnny McCarthy, Leroy Oliver (friend of John Foust), Venus McCarthy, Repose of the Soul of Johnny McCarthy, Patti Nicholas, Terri Nicholas, Hedy Ellison, Cheryl & Paul Hubbert

**October 3, 2021**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



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