

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Michael says.....

We all have a favorite saint - or saints - and all of them have their own feast days. I like to think of this upcoming week as a sort of “All Star Lineup” of some of my favorite saints.

September 29th is the feast of the three archangels: **Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.**

St. Michael appears in the book of Daniel as a protector of God’s people and in Revelation, he is depicted fighting against the devil. St. Gabriel is most famous for his encounter with Mary, who becomes the mother of Jesus. St. Raphael only appears in the book of Tobit - a fascinating story that is worth reading - where he brings healing.

On **September 30th**, we celebrate **St. Jerome** (345-420 AD). Jerome is known both for his temper and his intense devotion to God. He was responsible for translating the Old Testament into Latin, a version of the Bible called the Vulgate. He lived in the cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

October 1st is the feast of my favorite saint, **Therese of Lisieux** (1873 - 1897). She lived a largely unknown life as a Carmelite nun in France. It was only after her death, when her autobiography (*The Story of a Soul*) was published, that she became valued as a spiritual master who taught a “little way” of holiness based on trust, love, and simple, daily sacrifices.

On **October 2nd** we return to celebrating the angels with the feast of the **Guardian Angels**. Each of us is assigned one of these spiritual beings by God for protection and guidance. This devotion especially comes from Jesus’ statement in Matthew 18:10: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

Finally, on **October 4th**, we remember one of the most famous saints of the Church: **Francis of Assisi** (1181 - 1226). His story - a rich young man who rejected his wealth and the things of the world to live a life of poverty and penance - has inspired Christians around the world. Here in our community, we continue to see the effects of his mission with Franciscan University and groups like the Franciscan Sisters TOR.

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
September 21st, 2025*

Adult Collection	\$5,481.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$261.00
SVdP	\$205.00
Improvement Fund	\$159.00
Loose	\$248.00

Adult Collection	\$1,018.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$61.00
SVdP	\$25.00
Improvement Fund	\$60.00
Loose	\$39.00

St. Francis is a patron saint for animals, so following Church and our local custom, **we will have a pet blessing on Saturday, October 4th at noon on the lawn immediately in front of the rectory. All people and pets are welcome!**

REQUEST FOR PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Please join us in supporting **PJ Inverso**, a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville, (and a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament & faithful altar server) as he prepares for his **Spring 2026 study abroad program in Austria**. As part of this experience, **he has the unique opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Lourdes, France.** **PJ will be placing prayer intention cards in the pews for our parish community to write**

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down their intentions. He will be taking these cards with him to Lourdes and will take them to the sacred Massabielle Grotto to be offered during his time there. Your prayers and financial support would be a tremendous blessing as he prepares for this

meaningful journey. For your convenience he is also accepting Venmo donations as well.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Sept. 27	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bob Phillipson (Dr. Ed Florak)
4:30pm	(BLS)	
Sun	Sept. 28	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
8:00am	(BLS)	
9:30am	(OLL)	George “Mac” McGinness (Carol & Rock Blackburn)
11:00am	(BLS)	Evelyn Ray (Helen Korode)
Mon.	Sept. 29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels Jeff Veigel (Scarnecchia family)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Tues.	Sept. 30	St. Jerome, Priest & Dr. of the Church Jean Morelli (Rod & DeeDee Wise)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Wed.	Oct. 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin & Dr. of the Church Donald Moore (Ronald & Paula Nolan)
8:00am	(BLS)	
5:30pm	(BLS)	Adoration & Prayer
Thurs.	Oct. 2	The Holy Guardian Angels Harry Toriscelli (Grandchildren)
8:00am	(BLS)	
5:15pm	(BLS)	Joseph “Slugs” Smarrella (Ed & Teresa Laman)
Fri.	Oct. 3	Weekday Rita Zarych (Sandy & Jim Petrozzi)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Sat.	Oct. 4	St. Francis of Assisi Kathy Corabi (Carmella & Rudy Menendez)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Sat.	Oct. 4	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Evelyn Ray (Todd & Carol Phillipson)
4:30pm	(BLS)	
Sun.	Oct. 5	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony Frezza (Dcn. Steve & Margie Frezza)
8:00am	(BLS)	
9:30am	(OLL)	Living and deceased members of our Wintersville parishes
11:00am	(BLS)	Mark Tiberio (Jerry Angelo)



Snow Days and Second Chances

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy’s Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot!

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him “The Look”. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn’t go well, and my son’s snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn’t always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn’t get it back.

But that’s when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So, I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can’t save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it’s not because God tires of giving them to us. It’s because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word — and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It’s a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don’t wait for the next one



**Remember in your prayers the intentions
of our Holy Father, Pope Leo**

SEPTEMBER

(For Our relationship With All Of Creation)

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might
experience our interdependence with all creatures who
are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Oct. 4th & Oct. 5th

Saturday 10/4

4:30pm

Lector: Lew Musso

EMOCH: Lou DiGregory

Altar servers: Mateo Vitello & Volunteer

Sunday 10/5

8:00am

Lector: Mark Recznik

EMOHC: Teri Ossio

Altar servers: Thomas, Gus, & Peter Symington

(OLL)

9:30am

Lector: Volunteer

Altar servers: (Volunteer)

11:00am

Lector: Francesca Carinci

EMOHC: Rob Zaleski

Altar servers: Peter Kissinger, Abraham & Thomas Zaleski

If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

IN THE HOSPITAL as of Sept. 25th:

Trinity Med. Ctr. West: Joseph Cucarese, Gary Rood & Donalyn Sutton

Cleveland Clinic Rehab.: Sia Krog

Please pray for all who are ill at home, homebound or in nursing homes & their caregivers.

DOUGHNUT SUNDAY: Will be next Sunday, Oct. 5, in upper Sargus Hall immediately following the 11:00am mass. Any parishioner is welcome to come no matter which mass you attended over the weekend! Please join us for a time of parish community fellowship!



GRIEF SHARE

Our next GriefShare meeting will be on **Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9:30am to 12:00noon, in lower Sargus Hall.**

The topic will be "Regrets – dealing with the 'If Only..'" and how to challenge your regrets and to focus your thoughts on better things. Also, how does God respond to your regrets?

OLL CWC: The Women's Club Service Project for this year is: **ALL ABOUT SOCKS!** From Sept. 28 through Oct. 26, there will be a bin in the back of both churches for donations of men's, women's, and children's new socks. The socks will then be donated to the Friendship Room in downtown Steubenville for distribution to those in need.

ARISE: The ARISE small group for women experiencing infertility will **begin meeting on Saturday, Oct. 11**, in the Marian Room (building) on the grounds of Triumph of the Cross Church. We will meet from 9:00am to 11:00am, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Our focus will be on cultivating the fruit of the Spirit in the context of infertility. We welcome those affected by primary of secondary infertility to join us in striving to grow closer to the Lord in the context of this particular cross. For more information or to join, please contact us at www.arisesteubenville@gmail.com.



are now ready to accept registrations for our Parish School of Religion program. This program is for any children in the parish - particularly if they are not receiving religious education

in a homeschool program or in a Catholic school.

Our first session will be held on October 9th, at 6:00pm, in upper Sargus Hall.

All registration can be done online through this QR code or by following this link: <https://rb.gy/3zd7bp>



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE: Join us on **Saturday, Oct. 11, at 12:00noon** for the 11th annual recitation of the Holy Rosary at the corner of Washington St. & N. 4th St. in Steubenville

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, Oct. 10: Prayer & Pizza – 6:00pm Blessed Sacrament church & rectory. All are welcome!

Sunday, Oct. 12: FLU VACCINES – upper Sargus Hall from 8:30am to 12:30pm. More information in next week's bulletin.



Sunday, Oct. 19: Pancake Breakfast – upper Sargus Hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm. All are welcome!