QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

Masses:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

St. Eugene Church

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Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

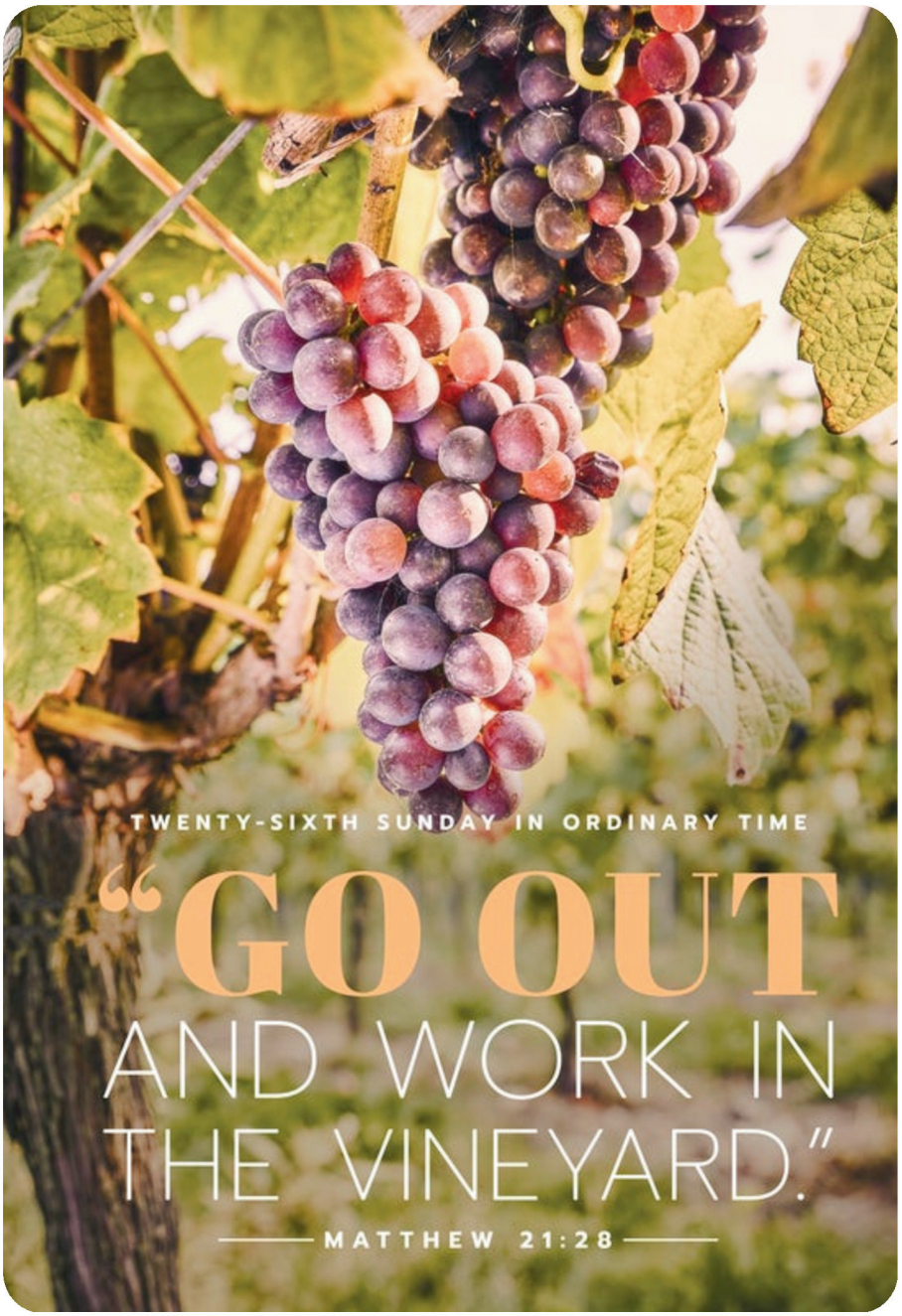
Masses

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
Sunday Vigil Mass:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

Confessions 3:30 pm on Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction	5:45 pm



OUR MISSION

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon six centuries before Christ. In today's first reading, he takes up a question we have probably asked ourselves: Is God fair or unfair in his dealings with people? Paul wrote from prison to his Christian converts in Philippi, a city in what is today northeastern Greece. While he was in prison, the Philippians had sent someone to bring money for his support and to stay with him. Paul thanks them by quoting an early Christian hymn which he felt described Christ as a model for the way all Christians should live.

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Next weekend at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 4th, Fr. Dan Brandt, who is the chaplain of the Chicago Police Department, will be here to celebrate the Blue Mass. For those who may not be familiar with the meaning of the "Blue" Mass let me explain. The Blue Mass acknowledges first responders: law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel, 911 operators, and correctional officers, including those who have given their lives to save someone else. The color blue is adopted from the uniform worn by police. Blue Masses began in the United States in 1934, and the first was held to remember police who had sacrificed themselves in the line of duty. The first Mass turned into an annual tradition, and today Blue Masses are held throughout the nation.

Initially, only police were acknowledged in the Mass, but now Blue Masses include all first responders. These are the folks who enter into harm's way for others, even rushing into burning buildings to save those inside; their first inclination when confronted with danger is to go toward the tragedy, not away. The Church applauds these courageous individuals, including the 911 operator who calmly deals with and answers calls concerning life and death situations and the correctional officer who works at rehabilitation, bringing the incarcerated person to Christ.

During the Blue Mass, the Church praises and blesses this group of professionals, whom we all count on, and assure them of our continued support. By the way, St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of this group.

Please plan on joining us next weekend at the 11:30 a.m. Mass and feel free to invite anyone who you know that serves in any of the above mentioned professions as we honor them and their life-saving work.

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October is also the month of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year his feast day falls on Sunday, October 4th, next Sunday. We will be having our annual pet blessing then, on Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 p.m. on the area in front of the main entrance to St. Eugene Church. This blessing of our beloved pets has been a tradition for many, many years in parishes throughout the world. For this reason, all in our parish are encouraged to bring your pets (small, medium or large, fish, animal or fowl, walking, crawling or hopping) to the area in front of the entrance of church on Sunday, October 4th. All pets are welcome as well as parishioners from our neighboring parishes who would like to have their pets blessed. Please join your parish family in keeping this beautiful tradition as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi here at Queen of Peace.

Looking forward to seeing you and your beloved pets next weekend!

Fr. Rich Yanos





OUR MILITARY PARISHIONERS

Major Adamczyk
Ghaleb Azroui
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
Andrew Dale, USMC
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
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Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Vincent Page
Jasmine Poffenbarger
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

Saturday, September 26, 202

8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Souls in Purgatory
Carole Brown
Jarek Szczepaniak
That Everyone Will Know, Love, Serve & Honor God our Father Everyday

12:30 pm Wedding
Angelina Maria Ingratta & Griffin Prescott Gartner

2:30 pm Wedding
Brittany Ann Susmarski & Vincent F. Nigro

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Mark S. Hujar
Helen Kocar
Angeline Komperda
Jan MacFarlane
S.I. For Rita Rogers
Margaret M. Sullivan
Maria & Walter Szaflik
Steve Weber
Helen & Walter Wojtas
Robert Zimmerman

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Artemio Costantino - Death Anniversary
Anna Dolcimascolo
Jude, Minn & Cardio Families
Mary Grace & Maura Lomonaco

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
People of the Parish
Carlos Adriano
Alan Boesch
Walter & Lucille Boesch
Frank Cascello
Francesco D'Andrea
Janice Lambrecht
Michael Ponticelli
Zbigniew Rzepka
Edward & Irene Scarleski

11:30 am Mass at SE Church
Jane Bunnell
Maria Mitropoulos - 1st Death Anniversary
S.I. For Henryka Pawlowski - 85th B-Day Blessings
Mary Lou Oberheim
Frank Scalise

Monday, September 28, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Souls in Purgatory
Rosanna Barnett
Dorothy & Elmer Chanski
Stephan Jassak

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Jaroslav Kochan
Carlos Soul
S.I. For Family

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Juan Diaz, Irma Lech
S.I. For Konrad Sniezek

Thursday, October 1, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
Victoria Chrabasz,
Jolanta Gumkowska
Anne Haftl

Friday, October 2, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church
Jolanta Bogusz
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
Mark Nagel
Kade Schipper
Kathy Smith

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church
That Everyone Will Know, Love, Serve & Honor God Our Father Everyday

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church
Carmella Carrozza - B-Day Remembrance
Living & Deceased Members of the Corrado –Smits Families
Mirno Della Santina, Tammy Janisch
Irena & Jan Kwiatkowscy
Frank Pecora, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Jerri Pecora - 56th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance
Stanley & Frances Purchla,
Eugene Slomski, Yolanda Slomski

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church
Stanislawa & Jan Bazula
Louis Caruso
Edward & Zofia Dobosz
Jude, Minn & Homes Families
Mrs. Elsy Francis Neelankavil - 86th Day after Death
S.I. Nicole Pawula, Gerald Schippers
Patricia Schippers

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church
John Catanese
Al Delgado - 6 year Death Anniversary
Tadeusz & Maria Knurek
Stefania & Jan Kulon
Michael J. Nardulli—Birthday Remembrance
Zofia & Czeslaw Pilch, Edward Rebacz
Pam Margelewski - 3rd Death Anniversary
Nicola Troiano

11:30 am Mass at SE Church
People of the Parish, Calogero Abbinanti
Christopher T. Dranka - Death Anniversary
Anthony Lupo, Sr., John Masley
Donato Donald Parente
S.I. For Pat Wagner - Blessings

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 10/03/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	L. Feist - WB F. Klus - B Rev. Rom / T. Crivlare - C J. Magnuson - O C. Bobka - WO M.B. Glynn - Cup B M. Pollowy - Cup O		A. Cisek
Sunday, 10/04/26 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	B. Ndiwe - WB B. Czubek - B Rev. Carlton / J. Cardella - C G. Bermas - O D. Duszynski - WO P. Draniczarek - Cup B M. Cozzo - Cup O		M. Egan
Sunday, 10/04/26 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Jacek Dada	D. Calabro - T J. Villanueva - T Rev. Dada / P. Vega - C E. Aspi - Cup A B. Kasiarz - Cup T	G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Peterson - 1st reading T. Macek - 2nd reading
Sunday, 10/04/26 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	C. Paulini -WB D. Hernandez - B Rev. Yanos / J. Mroszczak - C P. Tomzik - O M. Zurek - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B U. Pawlowski - Cup O		School Lector

THIRSTING FOR GOD?



Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process by which one enters the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and discussion.

We will meet at School Room 110, every Sunday from 9:45am to 11:15am

More info: Fr. Jacek Dada or Fr. Robert Carlton or please call 773-775-6659

OCIA
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH ANNUAL GALA

All Is Bright

Saturday, December 5, 2026

6:30pm

Fountain Blue Banquets
2300 Mannheim Rd,
Des Plaines, IL 60018

TICKET: $125.00



Celebrate the light of our parish community at an unforgettable evening of faith, fellowship, dining, and joyful celebration. Gather with family and friends as we come together to support the mission of Queen of Peace Parish. Reserve your tickets today, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Together, let's make this an evening where All Is Bright!

For gala inquiries, please contact 773-775-6659

Tickets are available for purchase at the Parish Office and through the GiveCentral Platform

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

Who is St. Jerome, and why is he so significant that we honor him with a feast on September 30?

Answer

St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.



ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement
St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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We are Verbum Dei, a Catholic Missionary Community in Chicago. We bear the Living Word of God through the charism of prayer and preaching. Our world is evolving so fast that there is an urgency to respond according to the needs of all walks of life. We provide the space for people to have a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ through the School of the Word, retreats and other initiatives. Our very diverse groups: English, Polish, Hispanic and Filipino communities, are very welcoming and will suit your spiritual needs. You'll never walk alone wherever you are. The Verbum Dei Missionary Family can be found in many parts of the world. We act on a global scale, but we respond on a local scale!
Come and be part of this wonderful adventure!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRIENDSHIP

The Friendship Club is going on an adventure on Sunday, **Dec. 20.** The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 12:00 and return at approximately 4:00. We will be traveling to Lake Zurich to see The Real Story of Christmas - the entire life of Jesus from manger to resurrection a Shepherd who saw it all. You will be transported back in time to Bethlehem for the very first Christmas. Cost of the trip is $72.00. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Debbie at 773-631-6330.

IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Wladyslaw Lenar
† Rosendo C. Doliente
† Dorothy Bojan
† Delores S. Fiorese



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives.
We crochet:

- shawls,
- lap robes,
- baby blankets,
- crosses
- and even scarves
- and hats when there is a need.

We are meeting on 1 & 3 Wednesday of the Month from 12pm-3pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Please call Pam Hoffelt at 773-848-4586 for more info.



BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin requests must be sent 2 weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org. We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to the school website and click on the Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.

PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE FOR:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention (Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

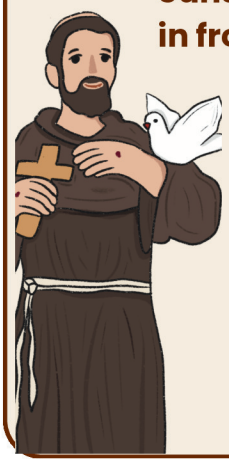
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ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Sunday, October 4, at 3 p.m., in front of the main entrance at St. Eugene Church



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of animals shows that all of God's creatures are cherished and beloved.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio & Victoria Amelio
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Frank Bucaro
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Camile Conrick
Jacqueline Connoly
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela D'Alessandro
Joseph Duna
Mary Fazio
Kurt Feiereisel
Scott Feiereisel
Frank Feist
Gary Feist
Carol Fijalkiewicz
Matthew Fijalkiewicz
Tony Fiore
Rich Garcia
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Evelina A. Habacon-Hilado
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Bonnie Herden
Renee Holm
Amani Holder
Janet Horn
Sophia Kakish
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Liam Logan
Rose Mary Maratto
Dcn. Ted Marszalek
Stanisław Mazek
Liam McKeown
Azucena Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Judy Mitrenga
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael J. Muscarello
John Murphy
Joan Nicosia
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Lola & Belle Nuccio
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Catherine O'Keefe
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis-Karasawa
Kevin Pemberton
Jackie Pomis
Maria Pulice
Rita Rogers
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Nunzio Rizzo
Tom Ryan
Diane Rizzuto
Luis A. Sanchez
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Maria Slomski
Anita Sison
Daniel Staniec
Henry Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Sharon Stipta
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Dave Tudron
Ernesto Vergara
Jack Wagner
Nancy Wesclitz
Dolores Wilk
Ronald Wrobel



STEWARDSHIP

09/20/2026

4:30pm SE	$2,562.00
8:30am SE	$2,398.50
10:00am OLMC	$2,290.43
11:30am SE	$2,336.00
Online Collection	$2,531.01
Mail	$1,778.00
Sunday Total	**$13,895.94**
The Seminarian Education Fund	$2,565.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

You can scan QR code to go directly to GiveCentral and support our Parish.

SCAN ME

If paying by check, please make the check payable to Queen of Peace Parish. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 27
Food Pantry
October 4
Parish Repairs & Maintenance

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WEDDING BANNS

Second Banns
Cailey Mc Intyre & Joseph T. Herrmann

Worship & Observances

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and autumn's
flowers, colors, and clouds make
their entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful season!
Help us use this season to
draw closer to each
other and to You.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/ Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/ Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43



Observances for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday

The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

The Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Divine Worship is hosting training for serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass. It will be Wednesday and Thursday, October 7 and 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Saints Viator and Wenceslaus Parish Recreation Center, 3644 N. Kedvale, Chicago, IL 60641. It is off West Addison Avenue. If interested, please contact the parish office.





ROSARY GUILD

This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday, and we kindly ask that you pray at least one Rosary for priests this week. Rosary Guild members include Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.

LIVING ROSARY



The Living Rosary is where you pray a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity. And the decade of the Rosary is also prayed in honor of St. Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary.

Joyful Mysteries:
Annunciation - Lori G.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Mary M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Spirit - Terri K.
Assumption - Camille C.
Coronation - Camille C.

FLU VACCINE

Standard and High Dose Flu vaccine will be offered **October 5th from 8:30 am to 10:30am in the Hayes Center at OLMC** at no cost. Please consider receiving this important vaccine that covers the flu season from October to April.

FLU VACCINE - MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 8:30AM TO 10:30AM IN THE HAYES CENTER AT OLMC

NAME: _____ HOMEBOUND ☐

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ STANDARD DOSE: ☐ HIGH DOSE: ☐

PLEASE DROP IN THE WEEKEND COLLECTION BASKET OR RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop
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Chicago, IL 60611-2030
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Dear Parishioners and Catholic School Families,

As our children head back to the classrooms, I am writing to you about a significant opportunity to find additional funds to both public and nonpublic schools in our state. Congress passed a new federal tax credit program for 2027 that could generate hundreds of millions of additional dollars for both public and nonpublic school students in Illinois. For Illinois to participate in the program, Governor Pritzker must opt in.

As an advocate not only for Catholic education, but also for the education of all Illinois children, I ask that you contact the Governor to ask him say "yes" to this program. It will give Illinois taxpayers the choice to contribute to programs that will help all children in our state *and* receive a federal tax credit for their donation. These funds are truly needed. They could help Catholic school families cover tuition, after-school programming, supplies, technology or other much needed items. Donations could also be directed to support programming and other needs for public school students and their families. It could benefit just about every child and every school in our state.

If Governor Pritzker does not opt in, you can still donate to programs such as this, but to receive the tax credit, you will need to donate to a school program in another state. Recent polling suggests that in one year, as much as $2 billion could be generated to boost education programming in our state. According to that same poll, if Illinois does not opt in, Illinois taxpayers may send as much as $1 billion for educational services in other states.

The program allows taxpayers a 100% federal tax credit for contributions up to $1,700. Any family earning up to 300% of the regional median income may qualify for scholarship assistance. This means more than 90% of all K-12 students would be eligible for support in Illinois.

According to our polling data, Illinois taxpayers will contribute to the program regardless of whether Illinois opts in or not. Shouldn't Illinois dollars benefit Illinois school children?

Please visit https://www.ilcatholic.org/federal-scholarship-tax-credit-program/ for more information and to learn how to send a message to the Governor and ask him to opt-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. You can also call the Governor's office directly at 217.782.6830.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Card. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

OPT IN FOR **OUR** KIDS

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading

That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you."
(Mt 21:31)

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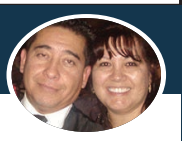
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