

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED **YOU.**

— LUKE 17:19 —



St. Elizabeth of Hungary/St. Mark

5700 Bear Creek Boulevard, Bear Creek, Pennsylvania 18602

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5700 Bear Creek Blvd
Bear Creek, PA 18602

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Mission Statement

Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to help people:

~ Through prayer and worship, discover God's desire to be in a relationship with us ~ Discover and develop the gifts and talents God has bestowed on each person ~ Share our faith in Jesus Christ through a welcoming community, beautiful liturgy and ongoing faith formation ~ Be of service to one another, to the communities in which we live and especially to those in need. ~

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Monday-Wednesday, Friday 9:00AM
(E)

First Fridays — Adoration after Mass—
12Noon (E)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00PM (M)

Saturday 6:00PM (E)

Sunday 8:30AM (M)

Sunday 10:30AM (E)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mark's Church—1/2 hr before all
Masses

St. Elizabeth's Church —1/2 hr before
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~ or anytime by appointment ~

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STEWARDSHIP

Oct 5, 2025

Weekly \$2051.00

Online \$821.04

\$2872.04

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TOTAL: \$2832.04

Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Parish Budget is set at \$5000.

Eucharistic Celebration

Saturday, Oct 11, 2025 — Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

Sat, OCT 11

4:00pm (M) George & Irene Cooney
Steve & Kathy Rector

6:00pm (E) Stephen Rish Sr.
Steve & Mer Rish

Sun, OCT 12

8:30am (M) Charles Henry & Beatrice Morehead
Charlie & Elaine Morehead

10:30am (E) Mary Grouke
Former St. Elizabeth's Guild

Mon, OCT 13

9:00am (E) Fred Rose
Michele Hakien

Tues, OCT 14

9:00am (E) Mary Eileen Farry
Tom & Betty Ann Barber

Wed, OCT 15

9:00am (E) Thomas Conway
Joan Steidle & Family

Thurs, OCT 16

9:00am (E) NO MASS

Fri, OCT 17

9:00am (E) Mildred C. Walsh
Paul & Linda Schneider

Sat, OCT 18

4:00pm (M) Ralph Riviello
Morning Mass Friends

6:00pm (E) John & Anna Petrosky
Joseph & Marcia Boris

Sun, OCT 19

8:30am (M) For the Souls in Purgatory

10:30am (E) Edmund Pachucki
Ed & Kathy Jasulviecz



This week we pray for our sick,
elderly and homebound
parishioners and friends,
especially...



Noreen Catani Amico, Laurie Ayre,
Lea Furlong, Bernard Hendrzak,
Erin Himes, Jake Johnson,
Joseph Kachurak, Patrick Kildea,
Michael Lilienthal, Mollie Litchman,
Carolyn Palencar, Mary Soos, Byran Stanton,
Verna Stavish, John Tucker,
Rev. Anthony Urban, Gary Walker,
Hank Walker, Loretta Washick

**Please notify office when names should be
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**THE MOST BLESSED
SACRAMENT IS RESERVED IN OUR CHURCH**

**We respectfully ask that all observe a
reverent silence.**

*Mass Intentions (\$10.00) are now available for
the 2026 year. Please book early to reserve your
special dates.*

*Also, the Sanctuary Candle (\$10.00) and the
Bread and Wine (\$20.00) are available at both
Churches for your loved one's intentions.*



October And The Rosary

The Month Of The Holy Rosary

The month of October is
dedicated to the Holy Rosary
and this is a reminder of the
promises for those who pray
this contemplative prayer with
Our Lady. It is a sign of
predestination.

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*The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week,
in loving memory
of Stephen Rish Sr.
by Steve and Mer Rish*



Father Rawel's
Corner



ARE YOU ALIVE

Imagine walking on the road and seeing a body lying still on the road, you might ask, "Is he or she dead?" Sometimes a body might look lifeless yet still have life. Jesus often met people who were physically alive but seen as socially or spiritually dead. In Israel, lepers were shunned. People would cry, "Unclean, unclean; stay away!" They were excluded from public life and viewed as cursed by God.

In the Gospel, ten lepers saw Jesus and raised their voices saying, "Master have mercy on us!" This showed that life was still within them, and the sight of Jesus sparked hope. Their faith moved Jesus to perform a miracle, and all were healed physically. Yet one returned to give thanks. His return symbolized reconciliation and restored his connection with God.

Like these lepers, we also carry wounds of sin and weakness, yearning for God's healing. Our relationship with Him can break and needs mending. Jesus invites each of us to have faith in Him, to cry out for mercy, and to return in gratitude. Faith opens the door to genuine healing, which includes not just external change but inner renewal. Gratitude keeps us connected with God, allowing us to be fully alive in Him. Let us not be like the nine who walked away, but like the one who returned with praise.

May the Lord heal us from every impurity and wound in our lives. Strengthen our faith to trust Your healing love and help us walk each day in gratitude.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEKEND!



"Our Parish Ham Dinner

fundraiser on Sept 28th raised \$923.00 for the parish (\$83.00 donations at the door and \$840.00 in dinner sales), while the costs were covered by an anonymous donor. Thank you to all our Patrons and volunteers. (Stan, Bene, Gary, Linda, John and Sue) for helping make it a success."



"St Elizabeth's Way is holding an eat-in Pasta Dinner fundraiser on [Oct 19th](#) from 3 - 5. Come and enjoy Pasta, homemade sauce, meatballs, sausage, salad and dessert with your friends and family. Cost is \$15 per person, please call 570-851-0213 or email to reserve your meals."

Pray
THE ROSARY



2025 Fatima Devotions

**Our Lady of Victory Parish
16 Second Street
Harvey's Lake, PA**

Fatima Devotions every
13th of the month, starting in May and continuing through October.

**Devotions begin at 7pm and include
Fatima prayers, the Rosary, and Marian hymns.**

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion. The public is welcome to attend and celebrate our Blessed Mother. The next

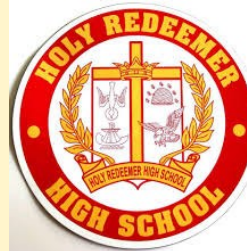
Fatima Devotion will be on

Monday, October 13th at 7pm.



The University of Scranton, one of America's premier colleges, will host two Open House events for prospective students and their families on [Sunday](#), Oct. 26, and [Sunday](#), Nov. 9.

For additional information, contact Scranton's Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or visit Scranton's [Open House webpage](#).



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see
2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God's existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.

Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, **“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”** This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man's gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.

Isn't that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God's abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.

Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.” Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan
seven times
at the word of Elisha, the man of God.
His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child,
and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

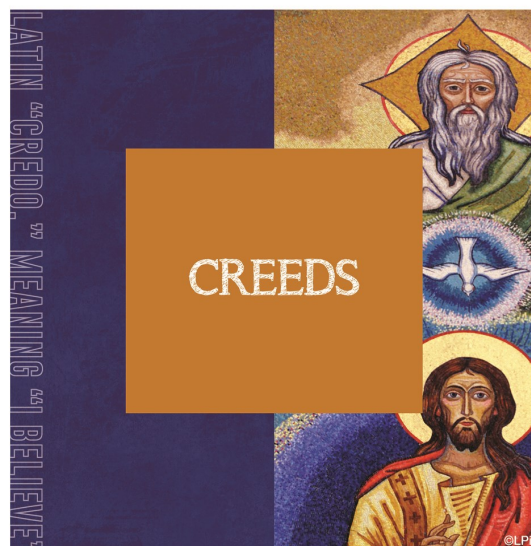
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

Observances for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Friday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Luke, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A creed (from the Latin "credo," meaning "I believe") is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition has given us not just the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, but many more.

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,
Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

Your Faith Has Saved You

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is — and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply *believing*. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith — so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith — so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?"

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says "I believe" or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

Answer:

A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priests may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with the task of keeping the records of the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest appointed by the bishop who acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.

Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

- Lk 17:17-19

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Naaman was cleansed of leprosy and committed to worshipping no other god except the Lord. What might be one commitment you could make to the Lord in the coming days?

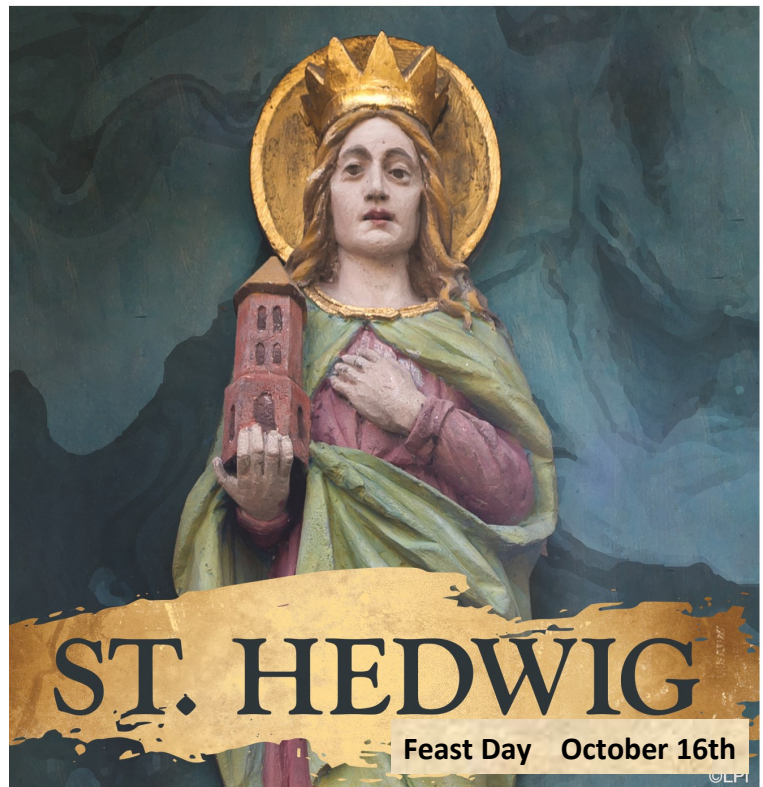
Second Reading:

Paul teaches Timothy the importance of perseverance in faith. What are some obstacles you have had to overcome in life?

Gospel:

Jesus praises the cleansed leper who returned to thank him personally. Is there someone in your life that you should be thanking?

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS —FEAST DAY OCTOBER 12th

Early life

Carlo Acutis was born on 3 May 1991 in London as the eldest child of Italian parents Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, members of wealthy Italian families. Acutis's parents worked in London and Germany before he was born, and moved back to Italy and settled in Milan shortly after his birth in September 1991. His parents worked in family businesses; his father's family worked in the Italian insurance industry and his mother's ran a publishing company. Acutis's maternal great-grandmother was born in the United States and came from a family of landowners in New York. Aside from a few visits to a day care center, most of Acutis's early care came from nannies.

Religious life

His baptism took place on 18 May 1991, two weeks after his birth, in the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Chelsea. His paternal grandfather, Carlo, was his godfather, and his maternal grandmother, Luana, was his godmother. Neither of his parents were religious. Acutis's mother Antonia grew up in a secular family. She was confirmed while she was in college and was married in the church, but she did not attend Mass before Acutis was born. She testified that her son's faith and his insistent questions brought her back to the faith. At the time of his death he was an only child, but in 2010 his parents had twins, on the anniversary of Acutis's death, which his mother attributed to his intercession.

When Acutis was three years old, his maternal grandfather, Antonio Salzano, died. Several days earlier, he was present when his grandfather received the Anointing of the Sick. The grandfather was said to have appeared to him in a dream asking for prayer. Shortly after his death, Acutis put on his coat while his grandmother was minding him and asked to be taken to church. When she asked him why, he said he wanted to pray for his grandfather, who, he declared, "had gone to see Jesus". When Acutis displayed an interest in Catholic religious practice, his questions were answered by the family's Polish babysitter. In the summer, Acutis would stay with his mother's parents in Centola, a town in the Salerno province of Campania. After spending the day at the beach, he would join a number of older women in the local parish church to pray the rosary.

The Acutis family employed a Hindu immigrant from Mauritius, Rajesh Mohur, to work in their household. He and Acutis became friends. In time, after speaking with Acutis about Christianity, Mohur asked to be baptized. A friend of Mohur's, Seeven Kistnen, also converted and was baptized after meeting with Acutis and hearing him speak about the faith. Mohur's mother, visiting from Mauritius, attended Mass with Mohur and Acutis, who talked with her at length afterwards, and she too asked to be baptized.

Acutis showed an interest in the lives of saints, especially Francis of Assisi, Antony of Padua, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, Dominic Savio, Tarcisius, Bernadette Soubirous, and Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi. He is said to have prayed to his guardian angel frequently and exhibited a special devotion to St. Michael the Archangel. Acutis's parish priest said of him that: Carlo was a young man who was exceptionally transparent. He really wanted to progress in loving his parents, God, his classmates, and those who loved him less. He wanted to apply himself in his studies to educate himself in his catechism class as well as in school and computer science.

Work with computers and technology

When Acutis was 14, his parish priest asked him to create a webpage for his parish, Santa Maria Segreta in Milan. After this, a priest at his high school asked him to create a website to promote volunteering. For this work, he won a national competition called *Sarai volontario* (Italian, "You will be a volunteer"). Acutis created a website dedicated to cataloguing each reported Eucharistic miracle in the world and maintaining a list of the approved Marian apparitions of the Catholic Church. Acutis launched the website in 2004 and worked on it for two and a half years, involving his entire family in the project. It was unveiled on 4 October 2006, the Feast of St. Francis, only days before his death.

Illness and death

In 2006 Acutis confessed to his mother and grandmother his intention to become a priest.

Perhaps, on 1 October 2006, Acutis developed an inflammation of the throat. His parents took him to a doctor, who diagnosed parotitis and dehydration, which a second doctor, a family friend, confirmed. A few days later, Acutis's pain worsened and he had blood in his urine. By Sunday, 8 October, he was too weak to get out of bed for Mass. Acutis was brought to a clinic specializing in blood diseases, and was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. He was given little chance of recovery. He was rushed to intensive care and put on a ventilator. After a sleepless night, Acutis was transferred to San Gerardo Hospital north of Milan — one of only three hospitals in Italy equipped to treat his condition.

The hospital staff called in their chaplain to administer the anointing of the sick. When a nurse came in to care for Acutis, he asked her not to wake his parents since they were already very tired and he did not want to worry them more. Acutis offered his suffering both for Pope Benedict XVI and the Catholic Church, saying: "I offer to the Lord the sufferings that I will have to undergo for the Pope and for the Church." The doctors treating his final illness had asked him if he was in great pain, to

which he replied: "There are people who suffer much more than me." His final words to his mother were: Mom, don't be afraid. Since Jesus became a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don't need to flee it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in the eternal life. Acutis fell into a coma and was taken to the intensive care unit for a blood-cleansing treatment. After a cerebral hemorrhage, he was declared brain dead on 11 October. Acutis was officially pronounced dead the next day, 12 October 2006, at 6:45 pm. He was 15 years old.

Funeral and Enshrinement

Tomb of Carlo Acutis with his body at the Sanctuary of the Spoliation in Assisi

His parents brought home his body to lie in repose, and people came to pay their last respects for four days. A crowd of strangers attended his funeral, including young people who had abandoned the Church, and those who returned for a memorial Mass three months later.

It was Acutis's final wish to be buried in Assisi. On 6 April 2019, his body was brought to the Sanctuary of the Spoliation and venerated at its final resting place.

Legacy

Due to his enjoyment of video games in life, Acutis has been described as the "first gamer saint". A website was created for his canonization cause. Others were created for educators, young people, and prayer groups, and for each of the four exhibitions that he inspired.

Part of Acutis' popularity has been linked to how easily young people can identify with him, symbolized in the red polo shirt he is often shown wearing.

Opening of the cause

On 12 October 2012, the sixth anniversary of his death, the Archdiocese of Milan opened his cause for canonization. On 13 May 2013, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints issued a *nihil obstat* stating there was nothing preventing the cause from moving forward. He was then named a Servant of God, the first stage on the path towards sainthood. Pope Francis confirmed his life as one of heroic virtue on 5 July 2018, declaring him Venerable.

Beatification

On 14 November 2019, the Vatican's Medical Council of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints expressed a positive opinion about a miracle in Brazil attributed to Acutis's intercession. In 2020 the Catholic Church recognized the curing of a child's pancreatic disease as a miracle attributed to Acutis's intercession. On the death anniversary of Acutis, Luciana Vianna had taken to Mass her son, Mattheus, who had the congenital defect of an annular pancreas which made eating difficult. Beforehand, she had prayed a novena asking for Acutis's intercession. During the prayer service following Mass, Mattheus kissed the clothing relic of Acutis and asked he should not "throw up as much". Immediately following the Mass, he told his mother that he felt healed and asked for solid foods when they arrived home. Until then, he had been on an all-liquid diet. His doctors subsequently confirmed a normal appearing pancreas by ultrasound. Following this, Acutis's mother told the press that her son had appeared to her in dreams saying that he would be not only beatified but also canonized a saint in the future. After a detailed investigation, Pope Francis confirmed the miracle's authenticity in a decree on 21 February 2020, leading to Acutis's beatification.

However, within a month of the decree, the beatification ceremony was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Italy, during which the country was placed on lockdown. It was rescheduled for 10 October 2020 and was held in the Upper Church of the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi in Assisi, Italy, with Cardinal Agostino Vallini presiding on the Pope's behalf. The postulator for Acutis's cause was Nicola Gori.

Canonization

On 23 May 2024, Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Acutis. The miracle attributed to his intercession occurred in 2022, when a Costa Rican woman named Valeria Valverde had fallen off her bike in Florence, Italy, and suffered a brain hemorrhage with doctors giving her a low chance of survival. Her mother, Lilliana, prayed for the intercession of Acutis and visited his tomb. The same day, Valverde began to breathe independently again and was able to walk the next day with all evidence of the hemorrhage having disappeared.

On 1 July 2024, Pope Francis presided at an ordinary consistory of cardinals, which approved the canonization of 15 people, including Carlo Acutis. On 20 November 2024, it was announced that Acutis would be canonized in the 2025 Jubilee during the Jubilee of Teenagers from 25 to 27 April 2025, with the Diocese of Assisi confirming it would be on Sunday, 27 April. However, following Pope Francis's death on 21 April 2025, Easter Monday, the Vatican announced the ceremony would have to be postponed for the papal funeral and subsequent conclave.

On 13 June 2025, Pope Leo XIV announced at a general consistory that Acutis would be canonized alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati. The canonization took place in St. Peter's Square on 7 September 2025, presided over by Pope Leo. His parents and siblings attended and his younger brother Michele did one of the readings during Mass.



The Digital Disciple: What Youth Can Learn from Carlo Acutis

By CAUDMedia

October 6, 2025

Photo: Eucharistic Miracles Display at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City

Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be declared a saint, offers a powerful and profoundly relevant roadmap for young people across America and the world. Born in 1991, his short life (1991–2006) merged a deep, ancient faith with modern technology, proving that holiness is not a relic of the past but an attainable reality in the digital age. His unwavering love for the Holy Eucharist stands as the central pillar of his inspiring example.

1. **The Eucharist:** Your Highway to Heaven (Daily Mass & Adoration)

Carlo Acutis's life teaches youth a fundamental truth: the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of a Christian life. He called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."

Key Takeaways for Youth:

- * **Prioritize the Real Presence:** Despite his parents not being particularly religious, Carlo sought to receive his First Holy Communion early and attended daily Mass afterward. He understood that Christ is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the consecrated Host.

- * **Embrace Daily Communion:** His example challenges young people to move beyond Sunday obligation and make the Eucharist a daily, or at least frequent, spiritual nourishment.

- * **The Power of Adoration:** Carlo spent significant time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Adoration). He saw this as standing before the "Sun," saying, "When we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints." Youth can learn to carve out short, intentional moments of prayer before the tabernacle or in adoration.

2. **Digital Discipleship:** Using Tech for Truth

A self-taught programmer and video game lover, Carlo Acutis didn't shun technology; he sanctified it. He utilized his computer skills to create a website cataloging all the known Eucharistic Miracles worldwide.

Key Takeaways for Youth:

* **Sanctify the Screen:** Carlo proves that technology—from coding to social media—is a gift from God that can be used for good, not just distraction. He leveraged his passion to evangelize and share the truth of the Catholic faith.

* **Be an “Original,” Not a “Photocopy”:** One of his most famous quotes is, “All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies.” This powerful message encourages youth to reject the pressure of consumerism and conforming to the crowd, instead using their unique talents and personalities to serve God.

* **Focus on the Infinite Goal:** Carlo lived with the understanding that “Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland.” His life challenges young people to keep their eyes on Heaven and use their time and talents, including their digital lives, to prepare for eternity.

3. Holiness in the Ordinary: Faith and Charity

Carlo Acutis lived an otherwise ordinary teenage life—he loved soccer, playing the saxophone, and hanging out with friends. Yet, his intentional charity and prayer made his life extraordinary.

Key Takeaways for Youth:

* **Live Integrity:** He regularly went to Confession, knowing it was essential to clean the heart and prepare it for the Eucharist. This commitment to truthfulness and repentance is a powerful lesson in living a life of integrity.

* **Care for the Poor:** His love for Christ in the Eucharist led directly to a deep love for Christ in the poor. Carlo used his allowance to buy sleeping bags for homeless people and volunteered at soup kitchens. His example teaches youth that love for God must translate into practical charity for others.

* **Offer Suffering:** Diagnosed with terminal leukemia at 15, Carlo offered his immense suffering “for the Lord, the Pope, and the Church.” His courage in the face of death is a profound lesson in sacrificial love and turning personal trials into spiritual offerings.

Carlo Acutis is a saint in sneakers, a pioneer of digital evangelization, and an eternal reminder to young people everywhere that they are called to holiness now, not just later. His path to sainthood was paved with his love for Jesus in the Eucharist and his genius use of the internet to share that love with the world.

To learn more about his life and the Eucharistic Miracles, check out this video: Carlo Acutis : The Young Saint Who Changed the Internet. The video is relevant as it directly explores Carlo Acutis’s life, his use of technology, and his devotion to the Eucharist.