


**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025**

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33

Offering 	St. Mary	St. Mark
Sunday Contributions	2749.000	967.52
Online Giving	0.00	0.00
Rectory Roof (weekly)	—	2639.00

Jesus said, “Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple”. When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. **Everything that we have belongs to God alone.** All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



BULLETIN PRAY FOR OUR SICK — Please contact the parish office when we can remove a name from the prayer list. Going forward the names will be listed for one month only, unless the parish office is notified. **Thank you!**



**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (RCIA)
St. Mary and St. Mark**

The adult education classes will begin **Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's parish hall. Please note the day of the week has been changed from Monday to Wednesday!** All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these classes to learn more about our Catholic faith. Classes will be taught by Father Schulte.



Pray to End Abortion! 



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 **Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00 AM (W) All Parishioners

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 **St. Peter Claver**
8:00 AM (P) Mary Jo Ward

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:00 AM (P) Darlene Eaton

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:00 AM (W) +Father Richard Cortese

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
8:00 AM (P) Titus Wessing

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 **St. John Chrysostom**
8:00 AM (P) +Edwin & Vivian Schulte
6:00 PM (P) Sharon Wiese

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:30 AM (P) +Michael Smith
10:30 AM (W) +Jerry & Joyce Moore

SERVER SCHEDULE

ST. MARY

SEPTEMBER 13 - 6:00 PM - SATURDAY

Lector – Gabe Wheelan

Ushers – Volunteers

Server – Chase Henderson

SEPTEMBER 14 - 8:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector – Mark Welch

Ushers – Volunteers

Server – Bodie and Asher Marable

ST. MARK

SEPTEMBER 7 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Mark Martin

SEPTEMBER 14 - 10:30 AM - SUNDAY

Lector — Jan Ala

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Pat Dailey — Baby Gray and Family — Theresa Cooley
Ray Davenport — Sandy Davies — Khoy Michael DeWitt — Becky Ghrist
Bill Hannant — Mary Kay Hayden — Joyce Kuck Jace Michael Kunkle
Aaron McCarter — Aniyah McCarter — Kingston McCarter — Chris Nichols
Gary McCartney — Dawn Partain — John Peters — Dave Pfeiffer
Kay Rowley — Carol Seybold — Teresa Shank — Jason Shireman
Lyndell Shireman — Mary Fran Smith — Raylan Turnbull — Carol Ward
Sharon Wiese — Colleen Wishall — Barb Wright



Catechetical Corner

By Dominique Welch: Director of Parish School of Religion



Saint Carlo Acutis
& **SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**
to be canonized (be declared Saints) September 7, 2025



- Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.
- Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: **“I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven.”**

- Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

- Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.
- Carlo died when he was 15 years old

- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, born on April 6, 1901, to a prominent and wealthy Italian family, became a popular role model soon after he died on July 4, 1925, at the age of 24.
- Despite being raised by agnostic parents, Frassati's inclinations to help others manifested in his childhood. Once, as a child, he answered the door to find a mother begging with her son who was shoeless. He took off his own shoes and gave them to the child.

- At an early age, he joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer and obtained permission to receive daily Communion, which was rare at the time.
- At the same time, he was known among his friends as “Il Terrore” (“The Terror”) due to his fondness for practical jokes.
- He became notable for giving literally everything he had to the poor. He would even use his bus fare for charity and then run home to be on time for meals.
- An avid and accomplished mountain-climber, he saw many parallels between Catholic life and his favorite pastime. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with occasions for prayers and conversations about faith on the way up or down from the summit.

- After what would become his final climb he wrote a simple note on a photograph: **“Verso L'Alto” (“To the heights”)** — a phrase that has become a popular Catholic motto.

from the Catholic News Agency (CNA)

ST. MARK ALTAR SOCIETY

Our monthly **St. Mark's** Altar Society meetings will pick up again on **September 9 at 6:30 pm** in the church basement. We will be discussing lots of items, and we need lots of new ideas and suggestions. **Please make an effort to join us.** If you are unable to attend this meeting, please note that all future meetings will be the **second Tuesday of the month.**

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters



On Saturday, September 13, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

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Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time

Saturday, September 13, 1:00 p.m.

Location

**Knights of Columbus grounds, outdoors, near entrance to main clubhouse
700 S. 36th Street, Quincy IL**

Special Details

Please bring a lawn chair

**Sponsored by Right to Life
of Adams County**

Local Contact

Jean Cook, 217-430-6967

For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW)

Annual Convention — Wednesday, October 1, 2025
St. Paul's Trinity Hall and Church
Highland, Illinois

Mass: Bishop Paprocki

Registration forms:

ST. MARY — Gathering Space
ST. MARK — Back of church

ST. MARY PSR REGISTRATION

Classes will begin this Wednesday,

September 10th.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the first night (6:00 PM) as Kyle Holtgrave from the Diocese will be making a presentation.

ATTENTION!

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SEPTEMBER

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Parent MEETING

We will be having a talk from Kyle Holtgrave, from the Office of Catechesis beginning at 6pm. Registration paperwork will also be available for those who still need it.

@ ST. MARY'S
PARISH HALL

If you have any questions, contact Dominique Welch,
Director of PSR @ (217)285-6702
or religiousestmarys@gmail.com

Celebrate the canonization of
St. Pier Giorgio Frassati
and St. Carlo Acutis
and support diocesan vocations!

T-shirts celebrating these two young saints are available for order and 100% of profits will support vocations to the priesthood in our diocese!

Art by Fr. Daniel McGrath!

100% Cotton Navy T-shirts available in youth XS—adult 5XL. Fundraiser hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Virden, IL.

To order: scan the QR code or go to sacredheartvirden.com

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Donut Sunday! — THIS SUNDAY, September 7, after 8:30 AM Mass, Parish Hall.

PSR Classes Begin — Wednesday, September 10th — see info about parent meeting!

Adult Education Classes — BEGIN Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall.

Right to Life Chain — Sunday, October 5, 12:30 to 1:30 PM — Pittsfield Square.

Pork Loin Dinner — Sunday, October 12.

Men's Group — Saturday mornings, 6:45 AM, Parish Hall.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle — Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass, Gathering Space.

Women's Study — Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 AM, Parish Hall.

Legion of Mary — Friday mornings, 9:45 AM, Gathering Space.

Food Pantry Collection — First weekend each month at Masses (September 6 & 7).

24-Eucharistic Adoration — (October 3 & 4)

ST. MARK

St. Mark Altar Society Meeting - Tuesday, September 9 in Church basement.

Pray the Rosary — Tuesday mornings, 8:00 AM, Church.

Men's Group — Thursday mornings, 6:45 AM, Church Basement.

Bread of Love (for the week of) — September 15, October 27, December 8.

This Sunday, September 7, 2025, the Catholic Church will celebrate the canonization of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. The two young Italian laymen will be the first saints canonized by the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV.

**Blessed
Carlo Acutis**



**Blessed
Pier Giorgio
Frassati**

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:30 AM / Saturday 6:00 PM

Daily Mass: Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: **after Saturday evening Mass** or by appointment.

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Weekend Mass: / Sunday 10:30 AM / NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Daily Mass: Mon., Thurs. 8:00 AM **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** **after Sunday Mass**

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8:30 AM -- 11:30 AM
12:30 PM -- 4:30 PM