
Pulpit Announcements

27 September 2026

Gift Shop/Bookstore

Next Sunday, the 1st Sunday of the month of October,
the Shrine's Gift Shop/Bookstore will be open during morning Mass times
from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for your convenience.

Fall has arrived – a good time to curl-up with a good inspirational book or two!
Regular hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Saturday. Come on in and browse.

St. Francis and the Blessing of Animals

St. Francis is the Patron Saint of animals – his feast day is next Sunday, October 4th.

All are invited to bring their furry or feathery friends next Sunday at 3:00 pm
to receive a blessing on the walkway fronting the Shrine.

The blessing will be extended on Monday, October 5th, with the blessing of burlap swatches
(as *sacramentals*) that can be used to convey St. Francis' blessing to your own pets at home.

Shrine Parking

Validated free parking to the Shrine is always available at the John St. Parking Garage.

BRING YOUR TICKET TO THE SHRINE FOR VALIDATION

The Bank & CTI lots are only available to us as per the usual restrictions.

Autumn Raffle

We are inaugurating what we hope will become an annual Fall Season Mega Raffle
to help meet our day-to-day operating expenses as we enter the cold weather months.

The top prize is \$10,000 dollars and will be drawn on October 25th.

Individuals or groups can purchase tickets in the lobby today or the Gift Shop on weekdays.

A limited number of tickets will be sold – increasing the odds of winning.

Full details are in the Bulletin and on our Website.

Food Pantry

Non-perishable food items for the poor may be brought to stock our Food Pantry.

Rather than canned goods, at this time they are especially in need of
baby food, baby diapers, cereals, pasta and children's snacks & applesauce cups.

Offertory Donations

Since we do not pass the collection baskets thru the pews at Offertory time,
all are reminded to please place your regular Offertory donation for today's Sunday Mass
in any of our Offertory Collection Boxes at the exits – as you leave the Shrine.

Thank You!