30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 25, 2026

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

Upcoming November Events
Knights of Columbus - Turkey BINGO

All Souls Day **(Monday)** Mass Times available on the calendar

Changes to Thanksgiving Mass Times

Baby Bottle Campaign Ending, please turn in bottles over the weekend of October 31st and November 1st.

Church Census Ending

Próximos eventos de noviembre
Caballeros de Colón: BINGO de pavos

Los horarios de las misas del Día de los Fieles Difuntos **(Lunes)** están disponibles en el calendario.

Cambios en los horarios de las misas de Acción de Gracias

Finaliza la campaña de los biberones; por favor, entreguen los biberones durante el fin de semana del 31 de octubre y 1 de noviembre.

Concluye el censo parroquial

Mass Intentions
We invite all of our brothers and sisters to submit Mass Intention requests. A donation of $10 is requested for each intention. Donations may be placed in the office drop box, in the collection basket during Mass, or given in person at the parish office.
Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Intenciones de Misa
Invitamos a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas a solicitar intenciones para la Misa. Se solicita una donación de $10 por cada intención. Las donaciones pueden depositarse en el buzón de la oficina parroquial, en la cesta de colecta durante la Misa o entregarse en persona en la oficina parroquial.
Agradecemos enormemente su generosidad y sus oraciones.

Faith Formation Schedule
Wednesdays
Northside Elementary, 2-3pm
Madelia Elementary, 4:30-5:30pm
Middle School and Older *(St James & Madelia)*, 7-8pm

Thursdays
surrounding areas to St. James, 7-8pm

Registration closes November 20, 2026. Please call Parish Office to register.

Horario de formación en la fe
Miércoles
Northside Elementary, de 2p a 3p
Madelia Elementary, de 4:30p a 5:30p
Estudiantes de secundaria (Middle School) y mayores *(St James & Madelia)*, de 7p a 8p

Jueves
Zonas aledañas a St. James, de 7p a 8p

Las inscripciones cierran el 20 de noviembre de 2026. Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para inscribirse.

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Mass Intentions for the week of October 26 - November 1, 2026

Mon 26	No Mass		
Tues 27	8:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Donavon & Genevieve Anderson
Tues 27	7:00 pm	St. Mary Parish - *Spanish*	✠ Charles & Vida Larkin
Wed 28	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Sandy Seibert
Thurs 29	7:00 pm	St. James Parish - *Spanish*	*por las almas del purgatorio*
Fri 30	8:00 am	St. James Parish	Gregory Lopez Sr & Gregory Lopez Jr
Sat 31	7:00 pm	St. Mary Parish - *Spanish*	*pro populo*
Sun 1	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Todd Heckman
Sun 1	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Brad Schmidt
Sun 1	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - *Spanish*	*por las almas del purgatorio*

2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

Parish	Goal	Received	Donors
St. James	$18,967	$2,350	7
St. Mary	$12,193	$1,310	10

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes must pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

"And of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you." ~ Genesis 28:22

As of October 18, 2026	*St. James*	*St. Mary*
Church Support needed per week:	$5,595	$2,926
Church Support giving last week:	$2,967	$2,515
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	$78,330	$40,964
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	$55,950	$33,992

Weekly Readings

MONDAY October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32 – 5:8
Lk 13:10-17

TUESDAY October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21-33
Lk 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY October 28
Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

THURSDAY October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10-20
Lk 13:31-35

FRIDAY October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1-11
Lk 14:1-6

SATURDAY October 31
Blessed Virgin Mary
Phil 1:18b-26
Lk 14:1, 7-11

SUNDAY November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Reflections and Guidance ~ Reflexiones y Orientación

St. John Paul II: A Pope Who Taught Us to Pray

On October 22, the Church celebrated the feast of St. John Paul II. As we pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, especially during his recovery, we might ask ourselves: Why do we continue to remember and honor a Pope who died more than twenty years ago?

For many of us, John Paul II was the Pope we knew for much of our lives. His pontificate lasted more than 26 years, from 1978 to 2005. His extraordinary personality, his travels throughout the world, and his powerful preaching brought countless people closer to Christ.

He was also a Pope who prepared the Church to enter the third Christian millennium. His pontificate brought forth important fruits of the Second Vatican Council, including the promulgation of the new Code of Canon Law in 1983 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1992. Through his writings and teachings, he tirelessly defended and explained the Catholic faith.

Yet, beyond these extraordinary accomplishments, **what made John Paul II truly great was his holiness. And the secret of his holiness was prayer.**

Those who knew him personally often testified that prayer was as necessary to him as breathing. Despite his countless responsibilities, he never considered prayer a waste of time. He frequently visited the Blessed Sacrament and spent long hours in prayer, even during his exhausting apostolic journeys.

In his apostolic letter Novo Millennio Ineunte, he reminded the Church that holiness requires learning the art of prayer. This was not simply something he taught; it was something he lived.

Perhaps this is the greatest lesson St. John Paul II leaves us today. We admire his courage, his teachings, and his remarkable accomplishments. But **if we truly wish to honor him, we must imitate his life of prayer.**

How much time do we dedicate to prayer? How much time do we spend before the Blessed Sacrament? Would our lives be different if we gave prayer even a portion of the time we spend on our phones, social media, or daily distractions?

The Church needs saints today, and saints are formed on their knees.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!

Fr. Mariano Ruiz, IVE

San Juan Pablo II: Un Papa que nos enseñó a rezar

El pasado 22 de octubre, la Iglesia celebró la memoria de San Juan Pablo II. Mientras rezamos por nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa León XIV, especialmente por su recuperación, podríamos preguntarnos: ¿Por qué seguimos recordando y honrando a un Papa que falleció hace más de veinte años?

Para muchos de nosotros, Juan Pablo II fue el Papa que conocimos durante gran parte de nuestras vidas. Su pontificado duró más de 26 años, desde 1978 hasta 2005. Su extraordinaria personalidad, sus viajes por todo el mundo y su poderosa predicación acercaron a innumerables personas a Cristo.

Fue también un Papa que preparó a la Iglesia para entrar en el tercer milenio cristiano. Su pontificado dio importantes frutos del Concilio Vaticano II, entre ellos la promulgación del nuevo Código de Derecho Canónico en 1983 y del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en 1992. A través de sus escritos y enseñanzas, defendió y explicó incansablemente la fe católica.

Sin embargo, más allá de todos estos extraordinarios logros, **lo que hizo verdaderamente grande a Juan Pablo II fue su santidad. Y el secreto de su santidad fue la oración.**

Quienes lo conocieron personalmente testimoniaban con frecuencia que la oración era para él tan necesaria como respirar. A pesar de sus innumerables responsabilidades, nunca consideró la oración como una pérdida de tiempo. Visitaba frecuentemente al Santísimo Sacramento y pasaba largas horas en oración, incluso durante sus agotadores viajes apostólicos.

En su carta apostólica Novo Millennio Ineunte, recordaba a la Iglesia que la santidad exige aprender el arte de la oración. No era simplemente algo que enseñaba, sino algo que vivía.

Quizás esta sea la enseñanza más importante que San Juan Pablo II nos deja hoy. Admiramos su valentía, sus enseñanzas y sus extraordinarias obras. Pero **si verdaderamente queremos honrarlo, debemos imitar su vida de oración.**

¿Cuánto tiempo dedicamos a la oración? ¿Cuánto tiempo pasamos delante del Santísimo Sacramento? ¿Serían distintas nuestras vidas si dedicáramos a la oración aunque fuera una parte del tiempo que pasamos con el teléfono, las redes sociales o las distracciones cotidianas?

La Iglesia necesita santos hoy, y los santos se forman de rodillas.

¡San Juan Pablo II, ruega por nosotros!

Padre Mariano Ruiz, IVE

Church Calendar ~ October 25 - November 7, 2026

Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 31
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Comfrey, MN** **St. Paul's Catholic Church Mass at 10am.** *Sausage Dinner, drive-thru only.* 11am-1:30pm Meal Tickets $16, sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans.	**St Mary School** **Coffee and Wreath** orders due	**St. James** **Rosary** at 7:30am **St. Mary** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm*	**St. Mary** **Rosary** at 8:00am	**St. James** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm*	**St Mary School** **No school,** *Teacher workday*	**31th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil**
Sunday 1	**Monday 2**	**Tuesday 3**	**Wednesday 4**	**Thursday 5**	**Friday 6**	**Saturday 7**
All Saints Day Day Light Savings Time **Fall Back an Hour!**	**All Souls Day** **Mass Times** *St Mary, English 8am* St James Cemetery, English 11am *St James, Spanish 7pm*	**St. James** **Rosary** at 7:30am **St. Mary** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm*	**St. Mary** **Rosary** at 8:00am **St Mary** **CCW Meeting** 5:30pm at Social Hall **St James** **Knights of Columbus Meeting** 7pm in Room 8	**St. James** Eucharistic Adoration 8pm / ***Adoración Eucarística*** *8pm* **St Mary School** **Early out at 12:30pm.** *Conferences from 1pm to 6pm.* **St James** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Begins at 8pm until 8am Friday *Everyone is welcome* **Exposicion del Santisimo Sacramento** Empieza a las 8pm, hasta las 8am el viernes *Todos son bienvenidos*	**St James** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** ends at 8am *Everyone is welcome* **Exposicion del Santisimo Sacramento** terminando a las 8am *Todos son bienvenidos* **Mountain Lake** **Mt Lake Christian School** 710 11th St. N., Mt Lake, MN *60th annual borscht supper* and 5th & 6th grade bake sale. 4:30pm-8pm *7th grade and older $10, K-6th grade $5, Pre-K Free*	**32th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil**

National Vocations Awareness Week