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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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Our Lady of the Lake Mission Statement

We, the Parish of Our Lady of the Lake, united in baptism and empowered by the Spirit, endeavor to live our commitment to proclaim God's love by: being a welcoming parish community; worshipping, working and celebrating together; serving the spiritual and material needs of all; spreading the Gospel through personal witness; inviting each parishioner to active participation in our parish life and in surrounding communities; and, through our unique call, welcoming our many visitors.

We share our gifts and ourselves in the name of Jesus. †

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7 - November 13

Events

SATURDAY~November 7

Welcome Women
9:00-11:00am~Faith Formation Room

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00-4:30pm~Confessional

SUNDAY~November 8

Coffee & Christ
9:15-10:15am~Faith Formation Room

K of C Lunch & Talent Show
Noon~Parish Center

MONDAY~November 9

No Events today

TUESDAY~November 10

Adult Bible Study
9:15-10:15am~Faith Formation Room

Bereavement Ministry
2:00-4:00pm~Heritage Room

OCIA
6:30-8:30pm~St. Ignatius Room

PSR
6:30-8:30pm~Classrooms

WEDNESDAY~November 11

★ GOD BLESS ★
OUR VETERANS!

Stitchers
9:00am-Noon~St. Francis Room

PSR
6:30-7:30pm~Lower level of church

THURSDAY~November 12

OLL Game Day
1:00-3:30pm~Faith Formation Room

Break Open the Word
6:30-8:00pm~St. Mother Teresa Room

FRIDAY~November 13

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00-9:00pm~Chapel

SATURDAY~November 14

No AM events today

Mass Times

SATURDAY
5:00pm
7:00pm(Spanish)

SUNDAY
8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY
9:00am

TUESDAY
9:00am

WEDNESDAY
5:30pm

THURSDAY
9:00am

Adoration

TUESDAY
9:30am - 3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY
9:30am - 7:00pm - Chapel

We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.

Flower Intentions

For the week of

Nov. 7- 13

Robert & Deloris Neustel (Wedding Anniversary)

Mass Intentions

Sat. 11/7 5:00pm
Hazel Ackerman †

Sat. 11/7 7:00pm
Taney County Parish Family (L)

Sun. 11/8 8:00am
Lou Ann Newman †

Sun. 11/8 10:30am
Flo Heib †

Mon. 11/9 9:00am
Souls in Purgatory †

Tue. 11/10 9:00am
Baumgard Family (L)

Wed. 11/11 5:30pm
Don Terry †

Thur. 11/12 9:00am
Peter Maxwell (L)

Coffee & Christ

9:15am to 10:15am
Faith Formation Room

Join Us for
Foundations of Faith:
A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Nov. 8 ~ Session 11

The Eucharist

CCC 1345-1346 (The Mass of all Ages)
CCC 1362-1372 (The Sacrificial Memorial of Christ)
CCC 1373-1381 (The Real Presence of Christ)
CCC 1391-1411 (The Fruits of Holy Communion)

Nov. 15 ~ Session 12

The Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick

CCC 1441-1448 (The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation)
CCC 1451-1460 (The Acts of the Penitent)
CCC 1468-1470 (The Effects of the Sacrament)
CCC 1520-1523 (The Effects of the Anointing of the Sick)
CCC 1526-1532 (In Brief: The Anointing of the Sick)

Break Open the Word

We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month
6:30-8:00pm
St. Mother Teresa Room

Come & join us when you can to learn how the Holy Spirit talks to us and prepares us for Sunday Mass.

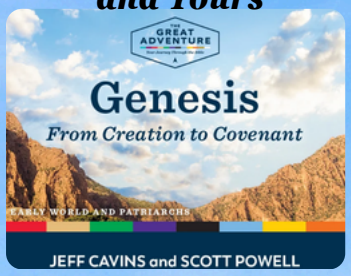
Thur. Nov. 12th

- *1st Reading~Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*
- *Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*
- *2nd Reading~1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*
- *Gospel ~ Matthew 25:14-30*

Adult Bible Study

10:00AM
Faith Formation Room

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant
The Beginning of God's Story— and Yours



Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Session 4

Genesis 6:1–22 The Wickedness of Mankind
Noah Makes the Ark as God Commands
Genesis 7:1–24 The Great Flood
Genesis 8:1–22 The Flood Subsides
God's Promise to Noah
Genesis 9:1–29 The Covenant with Noah
Noah and His Sons
Genesis 10:1–32 Nations Descended from Noah
Genesis 11:1–32 The Tower of Babel
Descendants of Shem
Descendants of Terah



Looking for a simple way to serve your Parish?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has the following times available

Tuesdays

10:00-11:00am
11:00am-Noon
Noon-1:00pm
2:00-3:00pm

Thursdays

10:00-11:00am
11:00am-Noon
2:00-3:00pm
3:00-4:00pm
4:00-5:00pm
5:00-6:00pm

If you are available for any of the specified time slots, please reach out to Julie Johnsonbaugh at julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com






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Collection through Nov. 1, 2026

Envelopes:	$10,626.00
Plate:	$ 350.00
Green Envelopes:	$ 3,557.00
Total:	$14,533.00

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Parish Financial Report July 1, 2026- September 30, 2026
(Parish finances run on a fiscal year, July - June)

Account Group:	YTD Actual
INCOME:	
Collections - Envelope	$ 139,933.93
Collections - Plate	$ 18,928.26
Collections - Green Envelopes	$ 43,932.92
Future Development -- Grotto	$ 37,875.00
Outreach Ministries (Our Lady Cares, Give 5, Left Pocket)	$ 23,796.02
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (PC- HVAC unit)	$ 67,248.15
Other Income Sources	$ 35,920.73
Total Income July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026	$ 367,635.01
EXPENSES:	
Salaries & Salary Related Expenses	$ 123,472.46
Insurance (Property, Liability, Workers Comp	$ 12,650.00
General and Administrative Expenses [+]	$ 153,076.34
Priests Mutual Benefit Society (PMBS 3% fund)	$ 5,143.81
Diocesan Assessment (1% fund)	$ 1,624.60
Outreach Ministries (Our Lady Cares, Give 5, Left Pocket)	$ 11,989.78
Total Expenses July 1, 2026- September 30, 2026	$ 307,956.99
	$59,678.02
Net Profit July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026	
Diocesan Special Collections Totals	
Collected July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026	
Paid to Diocese July 1, 2026 -September 30 2026	$ 7,664.87
Variance due to paying in July for collections in June & collections in September paying in October	$ 6,726.85
Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2026	
Total Balance of Operating Account	$ 448,471.39
Total Balance with Diocesan Trust Fund	$ 74,513.03
Grand Total All Bank/Trust Accounts:	$ 522,984.42



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

A Call to Foster Vocations in Our Diocese

A few weeks ago, our diocese held its annual Clergy Institute, where priests and deacons from across the diocese gathered for prayer, fellowship, and continuing formation. One of the featured presenters was Vocation Ministry, a national organization that helps dioceses promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Their message was both simple and inspiring: vocations flourish when the entire Catholic community embraces the responsibility of praying for, encouraging, and supporting those whom God may be calling. In the coming weeks, our parish will have an opportunity to join in this important mission.

Throughout the history of the Church, God has never ceased calling men and women to serve Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters, and religious brothers. Yet every vocation begins with an invitation from God and is nurtured by the prayers, encouragement, and support of the Christian community. Vocations do not emerge in isolation. They grow within families, parishes, schools, and friendships where faith is lived and shared.

Our diocesan partnership with Vocation Ministry is not simply about increasing numbers. It is about creating a culture in which people are open to hearing God's voice and courageous enough to respond. While many are called to marriage and family life, others may discover that God is inviting them to the priesthood or religious life. The possibility of such a call deserves our prayerful attention and support.

Jesus instructed His disciples, **"Ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest"** (Matthew 9:38). Those words remain just as urgent today. Our Church needs holy priests to celebrate the sacraments, preach the Gospel, and shepherd God's people. We also need religious sisters and brothers whose lives of prayer, service, and witness reveal God's love to the world.

Experience shows that vocations flourish where they are expected, prayed for, and openly discussed. Young people are far more likely to consider a vocation when they encounter priests and religious who serve with joy, and when they know their family and parish will support them in exploring God's call. A healthy vocation culture begins not in the seminary or convent, but in our homes and parish communities.

Perhaps the most important thing we can do is foster an atmosphere where vocations can flourish. Many vocations begin with a simple question: **"Have you ever considered that God may be calling you?"** A word of encouragement from a parent, grandparent, teacher, priest, deacon, or fellow parishioner can help someone take the first step in discerning God's will.

God's call is often heard quietly. It may come through a growing desire to serve others, a deeper love for the Eucharist, a call to prayer, or the example of a joyful priest or religious sister. Discernment unfolds through prayer, the sacraments, Scripture, and participation in the life of the Church.

As our diocese launches this renewed effort to foster vocations, let us renew our own commitment as well. Pray daily for those whom God is calling. Encourage young people to be open to His plan. Support vocation initiatives through your participation and stewardship. Most importantly, never underestimate the impact of your prayers, example, and encouragement.

The Lord is still calling laborers into His harvest and each of us has a role in helping those vocations flourish. May we be a parish family that helps others hear God's voice and find the courage to answer with generous hearts: **"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"** (1 Samuel 3:9).

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Office of the Bishop

November 7, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As your bishop, one of my responsibilities is to make sure you will have priests you need in your parishes. Priests to celebrate the Mass, to forgive sins, to anoint the sick, and to walk with you through every season of life. That responsibility does not rest on me alone. God continues to call men to the priesthood, and often, a young man begins to recognize that call because someone else sees his faith and gifts and takes the time to encourage him.

Next weekend, November 14, every parish in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will participate in Called by Name.

I ask you to prayerfully consider the Catholic men between the ages of 15 and 35 in your family, parish, school, workplace, or community. Who are the faithful young men in your parish that love Jesus and His Church? Who do you see who has a generous heart, sound character, leadership ability, or a spirit of service?

If a young man comes to mind, please submit his name. You do not need to know whether he has considered the priesthood. By nominating him, you are simply saying, "We see your gifts, and we want to recognize you as a young man of faith."

Each man nominated will receive a personal letter from me, along with encouragement and invitations to opportunities for prayer, fraternity, and vocational discernment. The Vocation Office will help him take the next step of listening more closely to where God may be leading him.

Please pray, consider the young men you know, and submit a name. Your encouragement could have a lasting impact on a young man's life and on the future of our Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Edward M. Rice

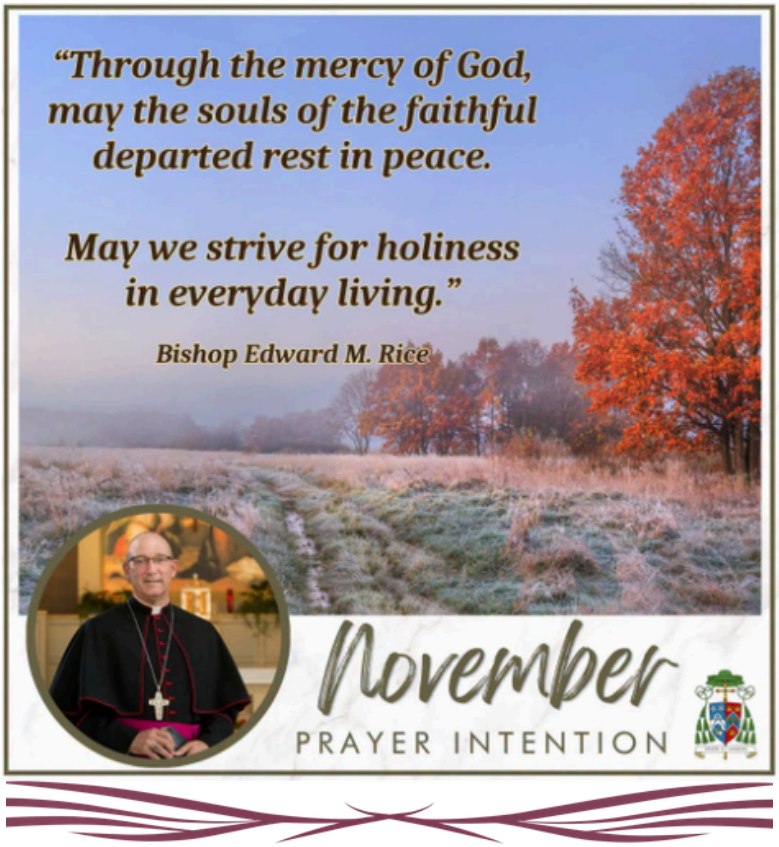
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Altar of Remembrance

Bring a photo of your deceased loved one to be placed on the altar of remembrance

We will honor and pray for them throughout the month of November



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Memorial Flag Pole



OLL Games

Join us November 12th OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room



OLL Train - The Dirty Six

BIG Winner Julie J -187
out 5 times
Ann Marie -210 Remy -239
Eva -248 Joe -332
Lil' Winner Ed -469
The smiling table as Ed
wonders what do I do next?

Have some time on Thursday? Come see what OLL Game Day is about...
Fr. J said SWOOP is a great game for any group, filled with FUN!



Swoop - Five Gals and a Guy

Big Winner Margaret -150
she is the BIG Smile!
Judy - 167 looking pleased!
Dan -183 "A Guy" wishing for
another Guy to join him!
Tie of 377 for the two Sharons!
Sharon S & Sharon A
Lil' Winner Jeanie -465
not looking too happy!

Mahjong Table

Monnie -25 Judy O -0
Joyce -0 Brenda -50
Fr. J -25, sat in for
3 hands and won one
(missed the photo op)
Played once to the wall
and no one was a winner!



Thanks to Judy O for her time and talent in teaching Mahjong!
We, the students, are finally to the point of saying we are enjoying
Mahjong and having fun! Have an interest? Come join us!



PSR

(Parish School of Religion)

Schedule for

November & December



All classes will be held in the lower level of the church, please use the north entrance



Tuesday

6:30-8:30pm

A deeper dive into OUR Catholic Faith

- November 3
- November 10
- November 17
- December 1
- December 8
- December 15

Classes RESUME January 12th





Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm

Traditional Classroom PSR

- November 4
- November 11
- November 18
- December 2
- December 9
- December 16

Classes RESUME January 13th



Thanksgiving Vigil Mass & Blessing of the Bread



Wednesday November 25th at 5:30 Mass





Advent Penance Service

Sunday Dec. 20th 3:00pm In the church



If you have any questions regarding PSR(Parish School of Religion), Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.

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Amendment 3

STATEMENT OF MISSOURI BISHOPS ON DEFEAT OF AMENDMENT 3

We are profoundly saddened that Missouri voters chose to reject pro-life Amendment 3 and the legal protections for women and children we had hoped to restore.

This result, however, does not mark the end of our work. The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to advocate for policies that uphold the dignity of every person, protect the most vulnerable among us, and provide compassionate support to those in need, as she has always done. We remain steadfast in our commitment to accompany mothers and fathers facing hardship in their pregnancies and to offer hope and healing to those who have been wounded by the scourge of abortion.

To the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of good will who worked tirelessly during this campaign, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

In the days ahead, may God strengthen our resolve to defend the dignity of every human life. May the following prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila, Doctor of the Church, reignite our hope:

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

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Approved November 4, 2026



Almighty God,
on this Veterans Day we thank you for the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces.
Reward their courage, their sacrifice and their faithfulness to duty.
Bless the veterans who are still with us:
heal their wounds of body, mind and spirit,
give them work, a home and friends who understand them,
and let them never feel forgotten.
Grant eternal rest to those who have died,
and teach us to build the peace for which they hoped.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Blood Drive

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, MO 65616

Friday, November 20, 2026
Noon-5:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR
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Welcome.
There is More to Life

Women of Our Lady of the Lake - A Special Invitation to You!

Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe a better person?

Do you sense that something's missing in your life?

Come to the next Women's Welcome Retreat!
March 6 & 7, 2027!

Whether you want to draw closer to Christ, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday – you will find what you're looking for – and more. It's a great opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey!

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Centering Prayer

ALL ARE WELCOME

Centering Prayer will resume in December
We will meet on Tuesdays
from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the library.

What is Centering Prayer?
It is more than a method; it is a prayer of consenting to God's presence and action within us, as Thomas Keating explains.

Each gathering begins with prayer and reflection, followed by 20 minutes of silence.

Thoughts and distractions during the silence are natural. Each time a thought arises, we have another opportunity to gently turn our attention back to God.

The Cursillo® Movement pursues two purposes or objectives. The immediate purpose is to provide a conduit for living what is fundamental for being a Christian, namely, the on-going and total conversion of the person. The end purpose is to vertebrae Christianity in society by means of these persons who live what is fundamental for being Christian (the love of God and neighbor) in their daily lives.

Cursillo

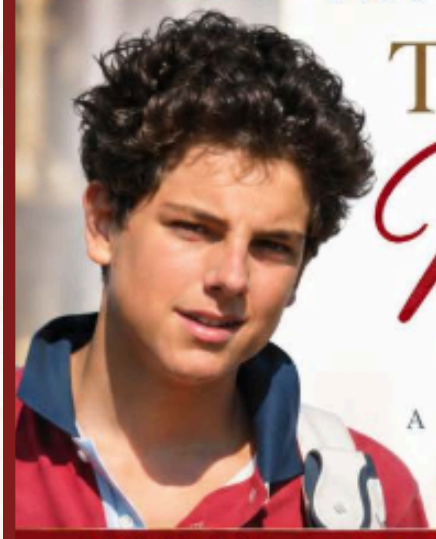
Simply explained, the purpose of the Cursillo Movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends in the Diocese:

Women's Weekends	*Men's Weekends*
November 19-22, 2026 Location: Fredericktown, MO	Date: November 12-15, 2026 Location: Carthage, MO Date: December 3-6, 2026 Location: Fredericktown, MO

More information may be found at
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ON DISPLAY

NOVEMBER 10TH – 15TH

SEAS PARISH HALL



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Come, learn, be amazed, and grow in your love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!



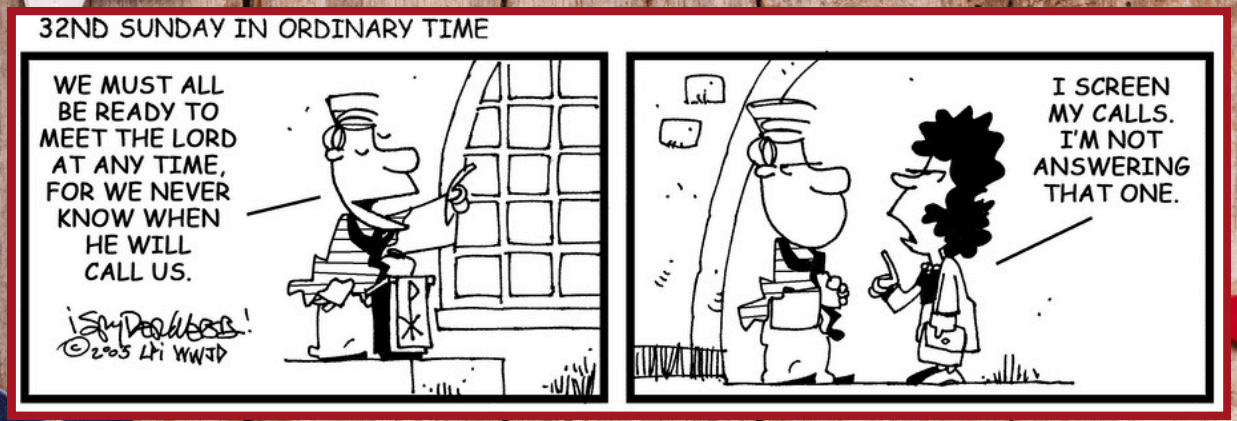


CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What musical instrument is more commonly found inside churches than not?

Answer: The organ





Worship & Observances

Prayer - Blessing for Veterans

O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs:
physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday
Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday
2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Observances for the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; *Veterans Day*

Thursday
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Friday
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Next Sunday
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
(Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.

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