

October 2025 Update

Dear Friends,

What a blessing to start the month of October with a bang! The 1st of October is not only the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux and the beginning of the month of the Holy Rosary, but for the first time, our parish is hosting a massive gathering of our parishioners to listen to **Chris Stefanick's REBOOT** presentation. He is ready to set our hearts on fire to be bold, courageous, and unapologetic evangelists in our times.

An amazing team of volunteers worked with great dedication and passion to bring this event to our parish and make all the necessary preparations. The team for Real Life Catholic, an organization founded by Chris, were amazed at the stupendous accomplishment of our **team, led by Tina Christensen and Sue Weigand**, who managed to sell so many tickets in a record number of days. A huge thanks to them. What a blessing to have such dedicated people in our midst!

Building on the fervor enkindled by Chris' REBOOT, the parish's Flourish Our Faith team will present **Chris Stefanick's 11-week study, "Living Joy,"** an extension of the REBOOT presentation. This **begins October 16th**. Let's all learn to become missionaries of JOY.

Happily, the Feast of St. Francis (October 4th) occurs this year on Saturday. It is a day to invoke his powerful intercession for our pets. **Please bring your pets to the covered drop off area of the church at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, for a prayer and blessing.**

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month**. This annual observance helps us to focus on the dignity of human person at every stage of life. As Bishop Daniel E. Thomas of Toledo beautifully noted, "This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone." **Let us take up the challenge and be agents of hope**, especially this year when we are celebrating our Journey of Grace, Faith and Hope.

WINGS Ministry was created so that women seeking fellowship and spiritual growth might come together in a safe and welcoming environment as they navigate their busy and often messy lives. The next stage of WINGS is kicking off with a 6-

session **ENDOW study, Rosarium Virginis Mariae** (On the Holy Rosary) **beginning October 10th**. All women ages 30-50ish are invited to attend. Please sign up (see the bulletin) and receive information about upcoming service projects and social events as well.

I am grateful to the many doctors, nurses, and medical professionals who gathered on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, to help “deliver” the new **SJE Medical Ministry** for our community. When it is officially launched, members of our medical professionals’ team will be at every one of our weekend Masses to provide help in the event of a medical emergency. In honor of them, we will celebrate a **White Mass on the feast of St. Luke, Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** Please come and pray for their wellbeing.

For the first time in our short history, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary with a **Marian Procession on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6.30 p.m.** Please gather in front of the hall, from where we will begin a procession around the campus. This will finish at the Grotto, where we will then celebrate Mass. Thanks to Peter and Fran Behrens who are coordinating this initiative. **The highlight of this candle-light procession will be lighting our candles with the Eternal Flame.** You will be able to take your candle with you when you leave. There will be a special prayer card available that you can use to pray with your candle in your home.

Pope Leo XIV issued a special invitation on September 24th. He said, “I invite everyone, **every day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace:** personally, in the family, in the community.”

As part of our Jubilee, we will have a **special Trunk or Treat this October**. So that our children can enjoy this huge Jubilee Special celebration, we will hold Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 24th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Hall back yard!** With 75 decorated trunks, story time with saints, marshmallows by the fire, crafts, games, and prizes for the best trunks, it promises to be a joyful evening for all. Remember: **our Trunk or Treat celebration is all about Saints** and not dead bones. I am grateful to **Justin and Amanda Libak** and their amazing team members for orchestrating this event.

To register your trunk, please use this Sign Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAB29A4F5C25-58280790-trunk#/>

During our Silver Jubilee Year, our hearts are filled with great joy, and we want to share this joy with others. I invite each one of us to consider inviting someone else to come to St. John's and share our joy of worshiping the Lord as a community. We would like to invite them on **Sunday, 26 October, 2025, for the 9:00 and 1:00 a.m. Masses**. To make the day even sweeter, we will treat them with coffee and donuts after the Mass and give them a small gift as well. So that there is enough for all, we request that you to tell us who and how many you will be bringing. Please sign up – see the bulletin, go to our website , or look for the signs in the Narthex. **Each One Bring One is a way to let our joy spill over.**

There is so much happening this month: Please keep checking our calendar.

Have an amazing October!

With love,

Fr. John

Let me now sprinkle your calendar with some important dates to remember.

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| 1 October | Deacon Michael Bible Study in the Father Patrick Peyton Room from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This continues every Wednesday in October. |
| 1 October | Chris Stefanik and REBOOT! from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. in the church. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. |
| 2 October | Mom's Ministry Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 1 & 2. Daycare will be available in Rooms 8 & 9. This bible study will continue every Thursday in October. |
| 2 October | Flourish Our Faith at 12:30 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. |
| 3 October | First Friday Devotion at 3 p.m. in the church. |
| 4 October | First Saturday Devotion with Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. followed by the rosary. |
| 4 October | Brevard Parkinson's Alliance Symposium from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hall. |
| 4 October | Blessing of the Animals under the church canopy at 1:00 p.m. |

5 October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A vibrant faith can make us strong, loving, and wise, confident that God will guard us from all harm.

Outreach Weekend.

5 October SJE Kids at 8:00 a.m. in the Father Patrick Peyton Room and all classrooms.

5 October Sensory Friendly Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall.

7 October SAIL (Senior Adventures in Learning) continues every Tuesday in October.

7 October GriefShare begins at 12:00 p.m. and continue every Tuesday throughout the month of October.

7 October A Marian Procession beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass in the Grotto.

8 October SAIL (Senior Adventures in Learning) continues every Wednesday in October.

8 October Sunshine Ministry meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Rooms 3 & 4

9 October Flourish Our Faith at 12:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall.

11 October Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest beginning at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

12 October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord has revealed his saving power to all the nations!

15 October CCW General Meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall.

15 October Behold! In the church beginning at 7:00 p.m.

16 October Flourish Our Faith presents the start of Chris Stefanick's 11-week study, "Living Joy," an extension of Chris's REBOOT! presentation, at 12:30 pm and 6:00 p.m. This continues on the remaining Thursdays in October.

18 October White Mass for medical professionals at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

- 18 October Silver Jubilee Gala at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall.
- 19 October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will.
- 19 October Baptism Prep Class at 12:00 p.m. in Rooms 6 & 7.
- 24 October Trunk or Treat will begin at 6:00 p.m. behind the Holy Cross Hall.
- 25 October Tamil Mass at 6:15 p.m. in the church; gather afterward in the Hall.
- 26 October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord.
- 26 October Each One Bring One Weekend will be celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.
- 31 October Gratia Plena Thanksgiving Lunch will be served at 3:00 p.m. in the Hall.
- 31 October Alan Ames Healing Service begins with Vigil of all Saints Day Mass at 6:00 p.m.