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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
8:00am, 5:00pm
Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSION

Tuesday
7:00-8:00pm
Saturday
4:00-4:45pm

WEEKDAY

Monday
7:45am
Tuesday
7:45am
Wednesday
7:45am
Thursday
7:45am
Friday
7:45am

OCTOBER 11, 2026

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

We're so glad you're here!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or are part of our parish family, we pray that you feel welcomed and encouraged as we pray together.

May you experience God's presence, find encouragement in His Word, and leave renewed in faith and hope.

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WELCOME!



MASS INTENTIONS

MON., OCT. 12

7:45am William O'Keefe, req. by family

TUES., OCT. 13

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

WED., OCT. 14: St. Callistus I

7:45am Deceased Members of the Rajcula Family, req. by Joe Rajcula

THURS., OCT. 15: St. Theresa of Jesus

7:45am Noreen Kennedy, req. by Betty Stahl
James McNulty Sr., req. by family

FRI., OCT. 16: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:45am Ruth Conroy, req. by Ray Conroy
Martin O'Malley, req. by Mary & Michael Collins

SAT., OCT. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00am Rocco DiSavino, req. by Nicola & Judy DiSavino

5:00pm Claire Batchler, req. by Brian Batchler

SUN., OCT. 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Cosimo Mazza, req. by Dave & Cathy Wolfe

9:00am Tommy Giampaolo, req. by Michael Consolazio

11:00am William Morrison, req. by Marguerite Morrison

THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY

For those in need of God's healing, strength, and comfort. Please scan the QR code to share a prayer intention or pray for those in need.

PASTOR NOTE

Well, the Feast of the Donning of the Winter Mittens came early this year. Usually, we would be able to hold off until mid-November before having to fire up the heat in the church. Not so this year. I received a 6:00 a.m. text from good old Jerry Ronan, who opens the church faithfully each weekday morning, alerting me to the fact that hints of winter came early and the building was uncomfortably chilly. I told him I would be over soon to rectify the situation. So, on October 6th—a full five weeks early—"Operation Warm Up" went into effect and the heating system was fired up. I hope that is not a premonition for this upcoming winter.

Jesus tells a parable in this week's Gospel reading about the king who invited his people twice to a wedding feast for his son. The people invited on his first guest list chose not to attend. Enraged, the king then told his servants to invite anyone they could find. So they did. The banquet hall was filled but when the king arrived to the banquet, the guests were not dressed in their wedding feast clothes, so he had them all done away with; the reading reminds us "many are called, but few are chosen." However, "many are called, but few are chosen" is not a reason to despair or to speculate about who is saved. It simply reminds us that hearing the call is not enough; we must respond faithfully. For us today, the parable asks am I letting work, possessions, or other concerns crowd out God's invitation? Or, if having accepted it, am I allowing that invitation to change how I live accordingly?

More contemplation material for the Adoration Chapel, indeed!

Father O'Neill



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of William O'Keefe, at the request of his family.

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
WEEKEND OF OCT 3-4

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Weekly Total	$16,679.50
Seminarian Fund	*$3,640.00*

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May God bless you now and always.



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, Oct 11, 2026
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
A place set for you at the table
That tiny wafer we receive at Communion and the little sip we take from the cup doesn't seem like much of a feast. But look at it this way: As it says in one of the Mass prayers, it's the "foretaste and promise of the Paschal feast of heaven." Our little banquet in church is a sacrament, the visible sign of an invisible reality. What we don't yet see is the fullness and completeness of life to which the sign points, described in scripture as a wedding reception. The nice thing about this wedding is that we, as the church, are not simply guests—we are the bride!
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 or Matthew 22:1-10 (142). "Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet ... and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

Monday, Oct 12, 2026
Preserve and protect
Nineveh was an ancient Assyrian city located across the banks of the Tigris River from modern-day Mosul, Iraq. It gained biblical fame for being spared by God because it heeded the prophet Jonah's call to repentance. Today, lack of protection from natural elements and looters has led to the ancient city's 3,000-year-old ruins being included on a Global Heritage Fund list of world sites on the verge of irreparable loss and destruction. The unrepentant of Jesus' day seem to have forgotten all about Nineveh. Let's not make the same mistake. Be a voice for the protection and preservation of great historical sites that remind us of our roots.
Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467). "At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it."

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026
Honor the sorrowful mysteries
"I am a man of constant sorrow." So goes the bluegrass song popularized in the movie O Brother, Where Art Thou? Many of us have seen our share of sorrow, but few have made a hard-and-fast vocation of it. Mary of Nazareth, too, was warned that the sword of sorrow would pierce her heart. Seasons of suffering afflicted her, but they did not deter her from experiencing the joy, light, and glory of others. When faith works through love, the whole spectrum of life finds its balance. Tuesdays are for honoring—in Rosary-speak—the "sorrowful" mysteries of life.
Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468). "For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."

Wednesday, Oct 14, 2026
The God of all
Because of their demand that people follow every prescription of Mosaic law and tradition, the scribes and Pharisees excluded many people, especially the poor and the sick, from the ranks of the righteous. Today we'd say they "sweated the small stuff" while ignoring the people most in need, sealing God behind a wall of regulations. Jesus, on the other hand, ignored and removed barriers, welcoming everyone. Perhaps Jesus had a bit of Robert Frost's Yankee wisdom: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall." In our own zeal for being right and law-abiding we need to remember Jesus who knew that God is not the property of the best and brightest or even the "rightest." God is the God of all, especially those who have no one to depend on but God.
Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469). "If you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

Thursday, Oct 15, 2026
MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
An insightful example
Today we honor one of the great women of the church, Saint Teresa of Avila, also known as Teresa of Jesus. Teresa's life seemed rather routine on the surface—she was a cloistered nun in the 1500s. But as her mystical encounters with Jesus emerged, along with her desire for a simpler, less "worldly" way of being, she began to write about the spiritual life and advocated for reform of her religious order, against strong opposition. Declared a doctor of the church in 1970, Teresa's reforms and enduring spiritual insights still carry weight. What reform, small or large, can you work toward today that can help bring about peace and spiritual growth for yourself and others?
Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54 (470). "Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."

Friday, Oct 16, 2026
The fungus among us
The famous 17,000-year-old cave paintings in Lascaux, France have, in recent history, faced recurring threats from black and grey mold and fungal outbreaks. These outbreaks were triggered by disruptions to the underground microclimate from artificial lighting, upgraded air conditioning systems, and human breath, causing damage to the beautiful art that had withstood the test of time. In a similar way, Jesus saw the danger in allowing the leaven of the Pharisees—another kind of fungus—to take up residence in the lives of his followers. Hypocrisy is a great temptation for us religious-minded folks: to profess one thing while doing another.
Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471). "Beware of the leaven—that is, the hypocrisy—of the Pharisees."

Saturday, Oct 17, 2026
MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR
Clarity under pressure
Map the distance between Antioch, Syria, and Rome: 3,716 kilometers, 39 hours by car—without traffic. Now imagine traveling that distance in chains around the year 107, with hungry lions awaiting your arrival. Even with all that, Ignatius of Antioch, approaching a brutal martyrdom, writes from the road to the Ephesians: "I do not issue orders to you, as if I were some great person. For though I am bound for His name, I am not yet perfect in Jesus Christ." His focus is on the privilege of dying for God's glory: "Being blessed in the greatness and fullness of God," he sends readers "abundant happiness through Jesus Christ, and His undefiled joy." When you face frightful realities, call on Ignatius to help you stay strong and see beyond the moment.
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472). "Hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus . . . I do not cease giving thanks for you."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the following children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 2nd:

Anna Boniello
Keira Capone
Abigail Cerpa
Anna Clifford
William Field
Aiden Freitag
Lucas French
Emma Hoffman
Kiera Jordan
Lennon Lynch
Elias Nieves
Michelle Ramirez
Carter Ruggiero
Alessandra Tieri
Alexander Torres-Galvez
Liv Yurcisin

ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 4: God's Special Gifts & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 4: God Made Us & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 4: The Promise of a Savior & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 3: Turning Away from God & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 3: Creator of Heaven and Earth & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 3: Hidden Treasure & Assessment





IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12, FRIDAY EVENINGS

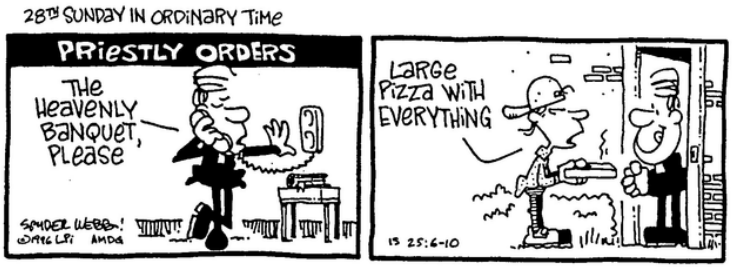
Youth Group is where faith meets real life! Students in grades 7–12 take what they've learned in Religious Education and put it into practice through games, service, conversations, challenges, and community. It's a place to build friendships, ask questions, grow in faith, and discover what it looks like to live out what we believe.

For more information, as well as the full Ignite calendar, please go to:
www.stjosephbrookfield.com/ignite-youth-ministry





"A joyful heart is good medicine..."
Proverbs 17:22



CHURCH & DIOCESAN EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Why? It's a way for us to celebrate and thank all of our wonderful parishioners and their families for all you do to support St. Joseph Church throughout the year.

When and where? Sunday, November 22, 12:00-2:00pm at the Candlewood Inn, 506 Candlewood Lake Road, Brookfield.

Who's invited? Our spiritual family. All St. Joseph parishioners and their immediate family/household members.

What else? There is no charge for the brunch. Reservations are not necessary; drop in any time between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

THIS WEEK @ ST. JOSEPH

Scan the QR code to go to our online calendar of events.

SJC BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Coping with the loss of a loved one can weigh us down physically, emotionally and spiritually, but it is not a journey we need to walk alone.
St. Joseph's 8th Station Bereavement Ministry offers comfort and help during the grieving process.
This group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center. The sessions are led by Mary Shaughnessy and Patricia Tharrington.

ST. MARGUERITE FALL FESTIVAL

St. Marguerite is hosting their 34th annual Fall Festival on Saturday November 7, 9am-4pm. There will be vendors and crafts, food, baked goods, and a vareity of holiday gifts. Entry is free.

ST. JOSEPH
Garden
MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

A PLACE FOR PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

St. Joseph Church is developing plans for a Catholic Memorial Garden and Columbarium on parish grounds, near the church. This special space would provide our parish families with a dignified, sacred place for prayer, remembrance, and the inurnment of cremated remains.

We invite you to learn more about this new opportunity for St. Joseph families. Representatives will be available after Masses to answer questions, share information about the project, show renderings of the proposed layout and design, and provide a nonbinding household interest form.

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