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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 18, 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. 19: Sts. John de Brebeuf & Issac Jogues

7:45am Dan Castagna, req. by Michele Castagna

TUES., OCT. 20: St. Paul of the Cross

7:45am Fred & Ursula Otto, req. by Ron & Katrina Freier

WED., OCT. 21

7:45am Intentions of All Our Parishioners

THURS., OCT. 22: St. John Paul II

7:45am Ted Layton & Jay Wanat, req. by Cathi Sullivan

FRI., OCT. 23: St. John of Capistrano

7:45am Nora & Patrick O'Leary Sr., req. by Betty Stahl

SAT., OCT. 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:00am Rose & Domenic Verlezza, req. by Anna Verlezza

5:00pm Edward Farrell, req. by Doug & Debbie Tricarico

SUN., OCT. 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Roseline Nwachukwu, req. by Shirley Nwachukwu

9:00am John Kayner, req. by Dr. Pellegrino

11:00am John & Ann Eimev, req. by Larry & Judy Kish

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Business owners in the congregation today, have you ever considered your company a mission field, an opportunity to bring the love of Christ into daily work? Our Diocese has partnered with His Way At Work to invite you to consecrate yourself and your business to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act of consecration helps you steward your company according to God's will, shaping a workplace rooted in faith, care, and eternal purpose.

Should you have any questions, or if you would like additional materials for your bulletin or parish website, please contact Luigi Manente or Ann Wheeler who are organizing this initiative from the Diocesan level at DOBGuilds@diobpt.org.
Thank you for your generous pastoral care and for helping the lay faithful discover that their daily labor can become a true offering to the Lord. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless you and your ministry abundantly.

MASS OF REMEMBERANCE NOVEMBER 6 @ 7:00 PM

The Mass is intended to remember family members who have died in the past year.

If you wish to have a loved one remembered at the Mass, please contact Rita in the Parish Office at 203-775-1035.



Invitations to the Mass will be mailed to the families of loved ones whose funerals were celebrated at St. Joseph over the course of the year.

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WEEKEND OF OCT 10-11

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Online Giving	$6,302.00
Weekly Total	$11,378.50

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Thank you so much for your generosity.
May God bless you now and always.



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, Oct 18, 2026
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
One for all and all for one
What exactly do we "owe" our government? Certainly, we have an obligation to our fellow citizens to be law abiding. We can also work to change those laws we may disagree with. More than anything, we owe our nation, and each other, engaged citizenship—participation in the civic and public life of the society. We owe it to our fellow citizens to participate in some way in building a better society, to work for the "commonweal," as it was once known. Our greatest debt is not our taxes but the debt we owe each other. Find a way today to make a contribution, great or small, to the commonweal.
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145). "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Monday, Oct 19, 2026
MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
No one said it would be easy
The Jesuit Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues came to North America largely to convert as many members of the Huron tribe to the Catholic faith as possible. Working under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions, they managed to bring a few thousand souls into the church. Their encounters with the indigenous people had good and bad consequences on all sides. The accounts of the gruesome torture and deaths of the missionaries read like the script of a horror movie. But their lives and deaths watered the seeds of faith, as the blood of martyrs often does, and helped bring Catholicism to this continent. Remember the courage and perseverance of all martyrs the next time you are called upon to make a sacrifice or open your heart to new ideas.
Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

Tuesday, Oct 20, 2026
Bound through one body
Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, written during his imprisonment in Rome, reads as a testament to the desire and struggle for unity in the Early Church. With the use of the words one and together Paul implores the Christians of Ephesus, both Jew and Gentile, to see themselves as bound through their being parts in the one body of Christ. Today more than ever, it is astoundingly easy for us to avoid associations with anyone outside our immediate circle of friends. Mass communications and digital technology have paradoxically allowed us to become more isolated from the stranger down the block. How does Paul's message about the body of Christ address the divisions in society today?
Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

Wednesday, Oct 21, 2026
Best foot forward
In the year 287 two brothers with similar names, Crispin and Crispinian, were martyred in Rome. They were ordinary guys, cobblers and shoemakers by trade. They have become the patron saints of anyone trying to avoid sore feet. Look into your closets. Take the shoes you don't need and donate them so that others might walk without pain and so honor these two obscure saints and martyrs.
Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

Thursday, Oct 22, 2026
Get fired up!
Have you ever tried to share your passion for something and gotten a lukewarm—or worse, an indifferent—response? We can all probably relate to the frustration of Jesus: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49, 50b). Jesus has a message of love and unity, but they're slow in being realized. That's because we're slow. We don't like to change. We don't like other people to change, either. But remember the words of Doctor of the Church Saint Catherine of Siena: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." In other words, as Christians, we must change. We must "be rooted and grounded in love," says Saint Paul. It is time to get the fire started.
Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

Friday, Oct 23, 2026
Everybody's doing it
"If all your friends jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge, would you jump, too?" a mother asked her son, who just complained that all his friends were doing something that he wasn't allowed to do. But the mom would have none of it. Using the reproach learned from her own mother, she was simply teaching her son to see the error of what everybody else was doing and choose a better way. As Catholic writer G.K. Chesterton put it: "Right is right, even if nobody does it." We Catholics can be lured by popular opinion and political policy to the wrong side of the moral tracks. But Christ teaches us to follow our consciences. Be sure to keep yours well informed.
Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?"

Saturday, Oct 24, 2026
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Fruitful efforts
In biblical terms, fruitfulness is seen as a sign of God's blessing. Mary was the bearer of good fruit par excellence. In her womb and her witness, she brought God's work to fruition by giving birth to Jesus and offering him a mother's love and care. We are called to participate in Mary's witness by becoming nurturers and bearers of Jesus' Good News. How can we imitate Mary's courageous and generous actions in our own lives today? What good fruit can we bring forth?
Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9 (478). "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down."

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS





ONLINE WORK DUE THIS WEEK

Grade 1	Ch. 5: Adam and Eve & Assessment
Grade 2	Ch. 5: God is Offended & Assessment
Grade 3	Ch. 5: The Father of God's People & Assessment
Grade 4	Ch. 4: God Prepares a People & Assessment
Grade 5	Ch. 4: Realm of the Angels & Assessment
Grade 6	Ch. 4: They Made The Most of It & Assessment

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

GRADES 7-12, FRIDAY EVENINGS

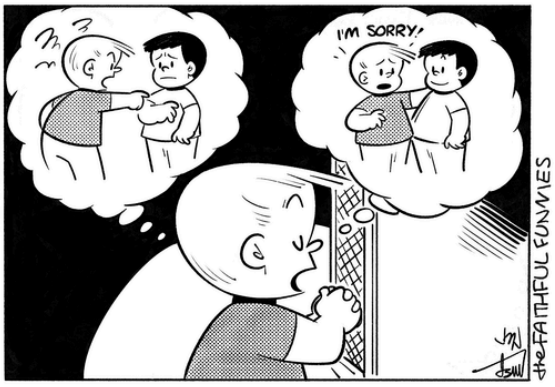
Youth Group is where faith meets real life! Students in grades 7–12 take what they've learned in Religious Education and put it into practice through games, service, conversations, challenges, and community. It's a place to build friendships, ask questions, grow in faith, and discover what it looks like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

For more information, as well as the full Ignite calendar, please go to:
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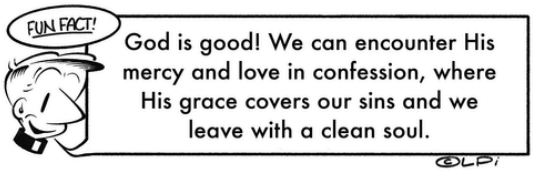


"A joyful heart is good medicine..."
Proverbs 17:22

"How is confession like autumn?"



"You turn over a new **leaf**."





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.

SAINTS, SOULS & SWEETS EVENT

Our Young Families Ministry is hosting a All Saints celebration with a Trunk or Treat Twist! See page 5 for details.

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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