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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025



World Mission Sunday

If you are new to our parish please visit our website
www.quadparishes1.org to register. We look forward to
meeting you. The office is located at 306 E. Birch St.,
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MASS TIMES

Weekdays:	Weekends:
Mon. 8:00AM Visitation	Saturday:
Tues. 5:30PM St. Mary's	4:00PM Visitation
6:00PM Adoration	5:45PM St. Sebastian
Wed. 8:00AM Sacred Heart	Sunday:
Fri. 8:00AM St. Sebastian	8:00AM Sacred Heart

Confession Times-Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation
Tues.-6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's

Other times by appointment

Pastor's Pen

My goal for this week was to get the new phone system put together. I got almost everything done, I just have to port-in our old number to the new company. You should likely notice a difference in the auto-attendant that first answers the call. (I realized, in the process of recording the new greetings, that our current Mass Schedule menu has been incorrect for a long time. Oops!) There are additional greetings that I recorded, too. This system gives us a bit of flexibility that the old one did not. So, I am pleased with it. Lastly, we will be publishing direct dial numbers for each of us too. These numbers will bypass the auto-attendant and ring us directly. You will still be able to use the regular number. But, using the direct numbers will get to us even faster.

I have a couple other reminders. First, this Wednesday is a Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the parish office. Second, there is a Finance Council Meeting next Wednesday, November 5 at 6pm, also at the parish office.

This weekend is our World Mission Sunday Collection. This collection supports missionaries around the world. It helps to provide support for pastoral and catechetical programs. It helps to build new churches and to care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories.

This is a direct way to help the poor hear the word of God. It is a way to help organizations and religious orders be able to do the work of caring for our brothers and sisters around the world.

We have been working our way through *Dilexi Te*, the newest encyclical from Pope Leo. In Chapter 1, he identified the many faces of the poor in our world. It is not just those of economic poverty as we think of first. There are poverties of freedoms and of voice in society, there are poverties of morality and of dignity. There is a cultural poverty and a poverty of social weakness or fragility. Acknowledging and showing some of those faces of poverty was the work of Chapter 1.

Chapter 2 of *Dilexi Te* turns toward the theology of poverty. Basically, we are looking at the intersection of God and scripture, and poverty. In this chapter, Pope Leo looks at what we now call the *Preferential Option for the Poor*. This is a term that was created later, but has been used for many years in the Church.

God chooses the poor. We see that preference throughout the Old Testament. God hears the cries of the poor and sends someone to free them. We see this in many of the prophets, but especially in Isaiah and Amos. When there are injustices against the poor, God intervenes.

This really culminates with Christ. Scripture tells us that Christ, 'emptied himself and took the form of a slave.' (Phil 2:7). Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is doing things for the poor and needy.

Pope Leo doesn't stop there. Jesus himself is poor. Here is the God of all things, and he has to be born in the stable because there is no room for him in the inn. Then, he has to flee to Egypt because Herod wanted him killed. He was driven out of his own town when he announced the year of grace that would bring joy to the poor and the outcast. (Luke 4:14-30) He died as an outcast, crucified outside of Jerusalem.

Really, as Pope Leo says, Jesus, "experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society... He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor." (DT 19) We see clues of Jesus' social status in the Gospels. As a carpenter, he was already a lower class than farmers, who owned their land. His parents offered 2 turtledoves at the presentation at the temple. This was the prescribed offering for the poor.

Pope Leo lists many more ways that we know Jesus had to be poor. He also lists many of the things that Jesus said and did for the poor. The bottom line here is that Jesus loved the poor during his life on earth and that God loves the poor today. All of this is the basis for our love of and care for the poor in our world today.

-Fr. Adam

Mass Intentions

Mon.	10/27	Sharon Johnson (Mike & Cindy Flynn)
Tues.	10/28	Evelyn Conboy (Ralph Walters & Jean Moss) Lemuel Moss (Ralph Walters & Jean Moss)
Wed.	10/29	Ron Fuchs (Family)
Thu.	10/30	No Mass
Fri.	10/31	No Intention
Sat.	11/1	
	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:45 PM	John Kollins (Janie Kollins)
Sun.	10/2	
	8:00 AM	Betsy Bowman (Pam Blackorby)
	10:00 AM	Sharon Peters (Alice Moss) Patricia Walters (Ralph Walters & Jean Moss)

Parish Offering As of 10/23/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$881	\$1,219	\$431	\$180
Online	\$301	\$351	\$60	\$000
Weekly	\$1,182	\$1,570	\$491	\$180
YTD Giving	\$37,128	\$20,127	\$14,859	\$7,287
YTD	\$41,002	\$26,356	\$15,005	\$10,614
YTD Net	-\$3,874	-\$6,229	-\$146	-\$3,327

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

Oct 29-Pastoral Council Meeting-6:00 pm

Nov. 2-KC Deceased Members Mass-SM

Nov. 5-Finance Council Meeting-6:30 pm

Nov 12-Baptism Class 6p @ Parish Center

Pray for our sick Parishioners

Janet Blankenship, Sarah Simpson, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, Joe Gaston, Lisa Richardson, Mary Hemberger, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Dale Fitzpatrick, Mary McCray, Heather Boudreau, Sy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Kathy Piel, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood.

This week, Fr. Adam traded his office chair for a tractor seat, lending a hand on the farm. We're grateful for his example of service—whether behind a desk or out in the fields!



We are looking for new members who are male Catholic gentlemen, 18 years of age or older, who have an interest in enhancing their church and local communities. Contact Kevin Kirsch at 217-685-1819.

Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts will be served Sunday November 2 after Mass at the Parish Hall.

Donut & Cleaning Committee for November are Emily Fuchs & Judy Norris.



Last month's donations left our shelves looking quite bare. Let's rally together to restock! Remember, Food Pantry Sunday happens every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Next time you're at the store, consider picking up a few non-perishable items. If it's more convenient, feel free to drop them off at the office—I'll make sure they get where they need to go.

Missions International, the non-profit who oversees our Sister Parish program, is organizing a trip to Guatemala. The trip will be at the end of June, 2026. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Sands at sisterparish13@gmail.com by Nov 5.

Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law—**World Mission Sunday**. Your generosity today supports the **Pope's missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme—*"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"*—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

Vocations Corner

We're fast approaching All Hallow's Eve (Halloween) on Oct 31, All Saints Day on Nov 1, and All Souls Day on Nov 2. For why Catholics should definitely celebrate Halloween, listen to an interview (at the QR code) with Fr. Ambrose, a Norbertine priest now living in our diocese.





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