



October 4, 2026

SEVEN SORROWS

of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

DAILY MASS:

Monday: 8:00am
Tuesday: 8:00am
Wednesday: 8:30am
Thursday: 6:00pm
Friday: 8:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday: 5:00pm-5:45pm
Saturday: 7:15-7:50am and 3:30-4:15pm

ADORATION: (in the Chapel)

Monday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am-10:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00pm
Friday: 9:00am-Noon



St. Francis of Assisi *Feast Day* 800 years ago

St. Francis of Assisi's feast day is celebrated annually on October 4th, marking the day of his burial in 1226, 800 years ago.

St. Monica Holy Hour Wednesday, October 7th @ 7:00PM

The Holy Hour is a powerful and moving devotion, where we gather to worship Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to ask for His Mercy, and to invoke St. Monica's intercession for the return of our brothers and sisters to the Faith.

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RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Church is alive around the world! How do I know that?

Last weekend, Pope Leo visited France, going to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris to pray at the renovated home of Catholicism in that country. He also celebrated Mass in central Paris with 700,000 faithful, held a beautiful prayer vigil with 80,000 youth, and visited Lourdes as a pilgrim.

On the other side of the world, 50,000 members of the universal Church arrived at the indoor dome in Saint Louis to proclaim that Archbishop Fulton Sheen is one step closer to being proclaimed a saint. Archbishop Sheen is one of us, having grown up in Peoria, IL, but he was always first and foremost a man of the universal Church.

This was seen in his fidelity to the Teachings of the Church, but also in his work for the missions throughout the world. He lived the Faith in every respect!

It is hard to remember, because we live out our Catholic Faith every week in our local parish, but the Church we belong to is a world-wide Faith. People everywhere love who we love, and worship who we worship: Jesus Christ. Over a billion people pray the same prayers we pray!

And at times, it may feel that God is “losing”, and that the Church is dying. Jesus Christ is making sure that she continues, and flourishes. I truly believe that we are in a time of renewal in the world of our Church. May it be growing and purified!

Please, let's use this time as a parish to renew our own commitment to the Faith of Jesus Christ, so that we may be ready to accept those who are running to the salvation offered by Jesus in our Church!

Vacation Churches

I thought -- with the ending of the summer -- that parishioners would stop sending pictures of the churches they attended for Mass on vacation. I was WRONG! And it is so beautiful that you keep sending them. Here are several more. It is so great to see where you worship our God, no matter where in the world you are!



St. Stephan Cathedral,
Passau, Germany



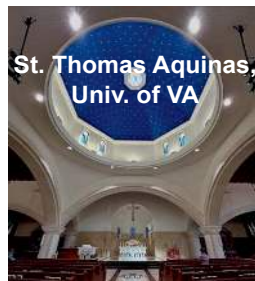
Basilica of San
Lorenzo, Florence, Italy



St. Charles,
San Diego, CA



St. Anne, Bethany Beach, DE



St. Thomas Aquinas,
Univ. of VA



St. Vitus Cathedral,
Prague

God bless you!

Fr. Sahd

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Twenty - Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:30 am Special Intentions of William
and Iva Mae Young
6:00 pm +Marie Shivetts

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 St. Faustna Kowalska

8:00 am +Frank Dinga

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026 St. Bruno

8:00am +Steve and Marie Horney

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 am Special Intentions of Angelo Licata

7:00 pm St Monica Holy Hour

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CONFESSION

6:00 pm +Mark Shipkowski

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026 St. Denis and St. John Leonardi

8:00 am +Donna M. Notarangelo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

7:15 am - 7:50 am CONFESSION

8:00 am +John and Lillian Hirsch and Family

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm CONFESSION

4:30 pm +Patsy Klingeman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am +Deceased Members of Shank
and Relken Families

10:30 am Our Parish Family

6:00 pm +Robert Maracci



SUNDAY OFFERING

September 27, 2026

Sunday giving \$11,304.00

Online giving 4,299.25

Total \$15,603.25



Scan for Online Giving

2026 DAC

Goal: \$177,793

Collected & Pledged: \$158,794 (89%)

Capital Campaign

If you have questions, please reach out to Campaign Manager Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or rmusser@kirbysmith.com.



Thank you for your continued dedication to Seven Sorrows!



THIS WEEK @ SSBVM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

9:15 am Religious Ed

10:30 am Outdoor Mass Hoffer Park

MONDAY OCTOBER 5

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

6:30 pm PTT Meeting Library

7:00 pm CCW Meeting Drexel Room

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

7:00 pm KOC Meeting Drexel Room

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

6:30 pm Choir Practice Church

7:00 pm Saint Monica Holy Hour Church

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

8:30 am Church Cleaners Team #1

6:30 pm Mental Health Ministry Rectory

6:30 pm OCIA Library

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

6:45 am TMIY Upper Cafeteria

10:00 am Women of Grace School's Art Room

4:30 pm CCW Bake Sale Narthex

4:30 pm Off the Streets Boscov's Coupon Sale Narthex

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

8:00 am CCW Bake Sale (after all Masses) Narthex

8:00 am Off the Streets Boscov's Coupon Sale
(after all Masses) Narthex

9:15 am Religious Ed

10:30 am Parish Playroom Church Basement



DAILY READINGS

Sun. Oct. 4	Isa 5:1-7 / Phil 4:6-9 / Matt 21:33-43
Mon. Oct. 5	Gal 1:6-12 / Luke 10:25-37
Tue. Oct. 6	Gal 1:13-24 / Luke 10:38-42
Wed. Oct. 7	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Luke 11:1-4
Thu. Oct. 8	Gal 3:1-5 / Luke 5-13
Fri. Oct. 9	Gal 3:7-14 / Luke 11:15-26
Sat. Oct. 10	Gal 3:22-29 / Luke 11:27-28
Sun. Oct. 11	Isa 25:6-10a / Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matt 22:1-14



PULPIT & ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers located at the altar and pulpit this weekend are in honor of the

70th wedding anniversary of Stan and Jane Jurgill.

God has blessed you with a wonderful family and so many beautiful memories!

May He continue to bless you with love, happiness and strength. Congratulations!!!

Remember Our Military In Our Prayers
We would like to keep our parishioners and loved ones on active military in our thoughts and prayers. Please provide the following information & call the parish office.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>
LT. Col	Sam Herbert	Army
GYSGT	Brendon J. Parkhill	Marines
	Mackenzie Mehalick	Navy
CPT	Luke Mrakovich	Marines
SSG	Corbin Stetler	ARNG
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Lt Col	Todd Campbell	Air Force
CPT	Edward C. Stene	USAR
1st Lt	Nicholas Campbell	Marines
ACI	Trey Kephart	USAF
MGST	Daniel Brought	Marines
AIC	Nicolas A. Corradi	USAF

SENIOR MINISTRY

Glass Blowing - October 19 at 10 am. 6322 Schoolhouse Road, Elizabethtown. \$45 per person, payable at Studio. No experience necessary. Text/Call Kathy at 717-574-1929 by October 12 to reserve your space & interest in carpooling.
Holly Jolly Holiday - Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on December 11. Cost per person - \$135.. Reservations accepted through October 29. Transportation provided by Elite Coach.
Game Night (last night for 2026)- October 22 at 6:30pm.
Crafts with Pat- Cancelled. Originally scheduled for Nov. 7.
*For more information on all events see the Newsletter in the Narthex flyer rack.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

A reminder to everyone that October is Pro Life month! The bassinet for donations will be in the Narthex and all donations will go to Morning Star. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

OFF THE STREETS

OTS will be selling shopping passes in the Narthex after all Masses Oct. 10/11 for Boscov's annual Friends Helping Friends one day sale. The sale date is Wed.,10/21, and the passes are \$5 each. A pass entitles you to 25% off purchases, including sale prices. Just in time for all your Christmas shopping needs!

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Sometimes I feel Like Matthew

Matthew 9:9-13 Luke 5:27-32

Haunted by who I used to be,
by mistakes I can't erase,
wondering why Jesus would call
someone with my past.

*But the same Jesus who called Matthew
from the tax table, calls you too.*

The same Jesus who rewrote his story, rewrites yours.

NEED TO KNOW



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MEETING DATES

- October 14th
- October 28th
- November 11th
- November 18th
- December 9th
- December 16th
- January 13th
- January 27th

- February 10th
- February 24th
- March 10th
- March 24th
- April 14th
- April 21st
- May 12th




5:45 pm - 6:45pm



Lower Cafeteria, SSBVM



Parent volunteers needed:

- Financial Management
- Troop Assistant(s)*
- Field Trip Chaperones*
- First Aid/CPR Certification

*clearances needed

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Schedule:

10/11/26 - No Class
10/18/26 - Class and 8th Gr. Confirmation Meeting (9AM) Church
10/25/26 - Class and 2nd Gr. 1st Communion Meeting (9AM) Church
11/01/26 - Class and Family Mass/Treat Sunday @ 10:30am Mass



Substitute Teachers are needed for occasional days - Teaching experience
Contact Mrs. Angela Warner at awarner@ssbvm.org if interested.

School Cafeteria Volunteers are needed to help serve school lunch to our students. If you have a few hours from 10:30am - 1:00pm any day of the week Monday - Friday, we could use your help. Contact the School office 717-944-5371 if interested.

Diocesan Clearances are needed for all positions.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church.

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