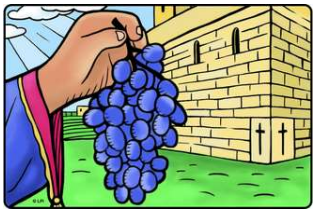
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October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am ***Gary & Dori Kropp and Leona & Rick De Ruyter From Jim & Jodi***

10:00 am Mass at St John's — Gary Schaumberg & Deceased Family Members

Tuesday, October 6

8:15 am NO Mass or Services at St John's

Wednesday, October 7

8:15 am NO Mass or Services at St John's

9:00 am ***Holy Communion Outside of Mass***

9:15 am ***Adoration & Benediction***

Thursday, October 8

8:15 am Mass at St John's — Jerry & Lavonne Jaskolski

Friday, October 9

8:15 am ***In Memory of Lillian Van De Yacht*** ***Love, Family***

Saturday, October 10

4:00 pm Mass at St John's — Gerlad Linsmeyer

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am ***Clifford Dembroski for Our 64th Wedding Anniversary Love, Karen***

10:00 am Mass at St John's — Pete & Minnie Vosters

Confirmation at ABVM Pulaski 1:00 PM



The Rosary will be said before each Mass the month of October, beginning at 7:40 am. Sign-up sheets to lead are in the entrance of church.

The October Bulletin is Sponsored in Memory of

Tom La Combe

Love, Sandy & Family



Matthew 21:33-43

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

INCOME FOR WEEK:	
Church Support	$ 1865.00
Loose Collection	$ 163.00
Votives	$ 12.45
Christian Women Dues	$ 5.00
RE Program Fees	$ 870.00
RE Program Donation	$ 540.00
DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:	
Menn Law Firm - Easement	$ 300.00
RE Food - Reimbursement	$ 80.27
RE Food - Reimbursement	$ 137.28
WeShare CC Fees	$ 6.20

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, October 11 8:00am

Lector Chris Stedl

Distributor Julie Skinkis

Servers Jackson Banker
Jordan Banker
Liberty Schroeder

Ushers Rick Stedl
Ken Linsmeyer

Virtues, *Explained!* MAGNANIMITY

Magnanimity, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, describes "the stretching forth of the mind to great things." (Sum. II-II, 129, Art. 1) This virtue protects souls from the temptation to do honorable things for intentions that fall short of honorability.

Magnanimity shares much with the virtue of humility, but unlike humility, it specifically seeks what is great — but never the distinction of being called great. A magnanimous person's focus is solely on accomplishing as much good as possible, as effectively as possible.

When Joseph learned that Mary, his betrothed, was with child through the Holy Spirit, he had a chance to distinguish himself as a virtuous man. In calling for Mary's punishment, he could have condemned immorality loudly and publicly, while distancing himself from what appeared to be sin.

Instead, he did the opposite. He did what he knew to be right. He exhibited magnanimity, and the world was never the same.



Blessing for Life

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life! May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath.
Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity.
Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well.
Amen.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?

Answer: The Body of Christ/The Blood of Christ



2026 Coats for Kid's collection dates:
September 28th - October 29th

Fall is here and as we gear up for the colder months, there are many underprivileged children and families that need a warm coat to get them through the cold winter months. Bring your new or gently used coats to **Muehl Public Library**, **Sal's Food (Freedom or Black Creek)**, **Don's Quality Market**, Papa Murphy's, YMCA's, Fleet Farm's, and more. Prefer to shop online? Purchase coats from the **Salvation Army's Walmart Registry**, and they'll ship directly to them! It is through donations from individuals, churches, businesses and foundations that we are able to offer this assistance to individuals and families in need. 2,759 coats were distributed to kids in 2025.

Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar
Seymour Food Pantry
St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.

OCTOBER: Spaghetti & Sauce
Noodles, Pasta, Macaroni