

“For everyone who exalts himself will be *humbled*, but the one who humbles himself will be *exalted*.”



MARIAN FATHERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SAVE THE DATE to kick off Advent during this
Year of the Immaculata

Plan to join us for an exciting **Parish Mission**, presented by the **Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, December 1-4, 2025**.
Our speaker will be **Fr. David Gunter, MIC**. The Mission will be on The New Advent.
Admission is free, materials will be made available on Blessed Virgin Mary and Divine Mercy.
For more information, call Darlah 260-235-0413.

You can view the list of all Marian events at www.thedivinemercy.org/events.

Weekend Mass Times

SATURDAY (VIGIL) 5 PM
SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass Times

MONDAY 5:30PM
12:05PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Adoration in the Chapel

Tuesdays 7am-5pm, Wednesday 9am-8pm,
Thursday 7am-5pm

Open Prayer in Church 7am—7pm

Holy Days of Obligation

SEE CURRENT BULLETIN / CALENDAR

Sacrament of Penance

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 11:30-11:55am,
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5-5:30pm,
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by
appointment call the Parish Office

Hospital/Homebound

PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OF YOUR STATUS

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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NEED PRAYERS?

Contact one of our
Prayer Chain Ministers

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MISSION STATEMENT

"As a Catholic community, we commit ourselves to faith formation, prayer and stewardship empowering us to live, love and teach in the likeness of Jesus."

AUGUST 31, 2025

Mass Intentions



MON, SEPT 1

9:00 a.m.

TUES, SEPT 2

12:05 p.m.

WED, SEPT 3

12:05 p.m.

THURS, SEPT 4

12:05 p.m.

10:30 a.m. ****Mass at Astral** +John & Doris Hall—Kevin Beuret

FRI, SEPT 5

12:05 p.m.

SAT, SEPT 6

5:00 p.m. (vigil)

SUN, SEPT 7

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Feid, Kelly, Shelestak & Teets Families—Jean Feid
10:30 a.m. For the Parish Community

WEEKDAY (Labor Day)

+David Daniel Blevins—Family

WEEKDAY

+Will Reynolds—Larry & Karen Wrona

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

NO MASS

WEEKDAY

Living & deceased members of the Larimer & Wrona Families

+John & Doris Hall—Kevin Beuret

WEEKDAY

+Alfred & Verda Curry

WEEKDAY

+Sharon Feters—Tom & Diane Ward

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Living & deceased members of the Feid, Kelly, Shelestak & Teets Families—Jean Feid
For the Parish Community

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If you do not currently receive envelopes

please call the parish office to register or re-register.

Please be sure to take a few minutes to register. This can be done online at www.iccauburn.com, pick up a registration form in the gather space or stop by the parish office.

It is very important for all Catholics to be registered. This is especially important when you request letters of testimony to become a sponsor for baptism or confirmation or wishing to be married. Young adults over 18 years of age who are living at home and in the working world should be registered on their own. College students or those who are mentally or physically challenged are the exception.

REGISTER AND BE A PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY!

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

9:15 a.m.

NO Morning Prayer Group / Gather Space

HEALING NIGHT

Religious Education (Grade 1-8)

Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 1



Labor
Day

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

Join praying the Rosary on

Saturday, September 13 at 12 pm (noon)

at the **north side** of the

DeKalb County Court House sidewalk.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE
ROSARY IN PUBLIC!**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Can you spend an hour with Jesus? We are in need of an adoror for **Tuesday 3-4pm** and **Wednesday from 2-3pm**. Please call the parish office if you can spend an hour with Jesus.

**The Adoration Chapel
is open 7am-7pm daily.**



The **Knights of Columbus** is hosting a soccer challenge on **Saturday, September 13th at 3 pm** at the YMCA soccer field. Ages 9 through 14 boys and girls are eligible to participate. Winners will be required to present a birth certificate to advance to the next level. There will be local, district, regional and state levels of competition. If there are any questions, please contact Larry at 260-920-4031.



Fourth Annual Walking Pilgrimage
from Kendallville **Sunday, September 14 at 1pm** to
Our Lady, Patroness of America Center.
Concluding with Benediction and a cookout beginning at
5pm For details and to **RSVP** visit:

PatronessofAmerica.org



**Christ Renews His Parish
Women's Retreat**

September 13th and 14th, 2025

**Immaculate Conception Church
Auburn, IN**



**Christ Renews His Parish
Men's Retreat**

September 20th and 21st, 2025

**Immaculate Conception Church
Auburn, IN**



If anyone is in need of anointing of the sick or last rites,
please call the office to speak with Father Drew 925-3930.

**PLEASE KNOW THAT FATHER DREW AND STAFF WILL NEVER ASK FOR FINANCIAL HELP, GIFT CARDS, ETC.
ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO ANY TEXTS, PHONE CALLS OR EMAILS.**

HEALING *Nights*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

7pm



You are invited to a night of Healing and Hope, where we come together in faith to encounter the love of Jesus Christ. Whether you're seeking peace in your heart, healing in your body, or restoration in your spirit, this is a night for you.

Through prayer, music, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we invite you to rest in God's presence and receive His grace. Come as you are! Bring your burdens, your hopes, and your need for healing.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 East 7th Street, Auburn
www.iccauburn.com

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Celebrate the canonization of fifteen year old Saint Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint and creator of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition. **Mass at 1pm on Sunday, September 7**, (date of Carlo's canonization) at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield Street, Huntington, IN. Father Tony Steinacker celebrant. Following is the blessing of a classroom dedicated Saint Carlo and the Eucharistic Miracles. Refreshments, books, medals, prayer cards will be available.

Wish your marriage was as hot as the temperature outside?
You deserve a **Marriage Encounter Experience!**

Give - and receive -

the gift of a more passionate, connected, and loving marriage.

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience at St. Charles Parish, Fort Wayne, Saturday and Sunday, September 27th-28th.

There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Enjoy a weekend with your loved one and return to the comfort of your own home overnight. Apply at www.wvme-ni.org, or with questions at: application@wvme-ni.org or 260-484-1664.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION



Now thru September 7

Diapers (size 3 and up)

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Hygiene items:

Feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap

Dry goods: Pasta, rice, and other shelf-stable staples

Canned goods

New socks and underwear for children and adults



Rest in Peace

We wish to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of

PATSY LEFFLER

May perpetual light shine upon her and may all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Funeral Mass Thursday, September 4 at 3:00pm
Immaculate Conception



"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him..."

Luke 14.8

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Wishing everyone a beautiful September and new school year!

I would like to encourage everyone to take to prayer how each of us can more and more center our lives around our Eucharistic Lord Jesus at our parish and how we can focus our lives on drawing people here to the Eucharist.

First, we each can take a full sheet of paper to prayer and call upon the Holy Spirit to show us each how to primarily center on the Eucharist with our whole hearts. Make a list on a sheet of paper. Secondly, on the other side of the paper, make a list of how we each personally can spend time inviting people to come to our parish to meet our Eucharistic Lord.

Then, put this paper near your daily prayer area to constantly refocus on this plan and to make adjustments.

Another idea is to talk about your plan with others as a way to inspire each other and give each other ideas for our own plans. Maybe some of our ideas could be carried out in common.

This plan will be our individual plans for the fullness of joy in our lives and for eternal life. And it will be the plan for our parish to become what it truly is: A Eucharistic Community. Come Holy Spirit to help us center our lives on the one who loves us - Jesus Christ our Lord!

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Drew

LABOR DAY

St. Mary Church in Avilla will be having their **Labor Day Festival** with Bar BQ Chicken or Pork Chop Dinner **Monday, September 1**. Vendors, County Store, Silent Auction and Kid's games. Vendors will be available 9am to 2pm and serving will be from 11am to 2pm. All are welcome to come for the fun!

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Catholic Charities'

Do Small Things Together Material Drive



AUG 30 – SEPT 7

Drop off **new items** in Catholic Charities' blue donation barrels at your Church in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta's Feast Day on September 5th.

COLLECTION ITEMS:

- ☒ Diapers (sizes 3+) & unscented wipes
- ☒ Canned food & dry goods
- ☒ Hygiene items
- ☒ New socks and underwear

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For list of items, visit: ccfwsb.org/events/do-small-things

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

AUGUST 30 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7

- Diapers (sizes 3+) and unscented wipes: To support families with young children.
- Adult diapers (sizes S-L): To support older adults.
- Hygiene items: Feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap for basic cleanliness.
- Dry goods: Pasta, rice, and other shelf-stable staples for nutritious meals.
- Canned goods: To provide a variety of healthy options for families.
- New socks and underwear: To provide a basic need for low income or homeless individuals.



Save the Date **Rosary Rally 2025**

Date: September 7

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Location: University
of Notre Dame

*This free family event
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to pray the rosary,
listen to inspiring speakers,
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Fourth Annual Walking Pilgrimage

from Kendalville

Sept. 14th
@ 1:00 pm

to Our Lady,
Patroness of
America Center

Concluding with Benediction and a cookout
beginning at 5:00 pm

For details and to RSVP visit: PatronessofAmerica.org



September
27th, 2025
6:00pm

✦ MYSTERY THEATRE

MURDER ON
THE MENU

35.00 per person ✦ ✦

Sponsor a table: 300.00 (10 seats)

Event includes: appetizers and one drink ticket

Beer and Wine flights 10.00

Silent Auction and Raffle

St. Therese Catholic Church
2222 Lower Huntington Rd

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Auburn, Indiana

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimages

Join us during this Jubilee Year as we embark on seven pilgrimages to parishes across the diocese. All the faithful are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one or more of the nine pilgrimage churches in the Diocese during this Jubilee Year and have the opportunity to obtain jubilee indulgences (see reverse side).

Each month, we will provide a flyer with the specific details of that month's pilgrimage, and a signup sheet will be placed by the kiosk in the Gathering Space at Church for those interested in joining us. Below is the list of pilgrimages we have planned.

May 28 (Wednesday - Our Lady of Fatima), Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.
Cathedral tour, Visit Museum, Mass at 12:05

June 6 (Friday), Our Lady, Patroness of America, Rome City – Tour, First Friday Devotion includes 5:30 pm Rosary, 6 pm Mass, Supper

July 15 (Tuesday), SS Peter & Paul Church, Huntington – 5 pm Mass, tour, dinner

August 13 (Wednesday), St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola – **Jubilee Mass** 6:30 pm

September 3 (Wednesday), St. Michael the Archangel Church, Plymouth – **Jubilee Mass** 6:30 pm

October 8 (Wednesday), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne – **Jubilee Mass** 6:30 p.m.

November 1 (Saturday – All Souls Day), Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame – Rosary at the Grotto, Basilica tour, Bookstore, lunch. Possible stop at St. Pius X Church, Granger.

Join Us!





How to Gain the 2025 Jubilee Year Indulgence during Pilgrimages and Visits to Jubilee Churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

These are the nine designated Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend:

- ♦ Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- ♦ St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- ♦ Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- ♦ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne
- ♦ SS. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington
- ♦ St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola
- ♦ St. Pius X Church, Granger
- ♦ St. Michael the Archangel Church, Plymouth
- ♦ Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw

The faithful who undertake a “pious pilgrimage” to any of the above diocesan Jubilee churches can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by devoutly participating in any of the following:

- ♦ Holy Mass
- ♦ a celebration of the Word of God
- ♦ the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer)
- ♦ the Way of the Cross
- ♦ the Rosary
- ♦ the recitation of the Akathist hymn (an Eastern Catholic hymn)
- ♦ a Penance Service, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents

The faithful can also obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any of the above Jubilee churches and there spend time in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with all the following:

1. the Our Father
2. the Profession of Faith (e.g., Nicene or Apostles’ Creed)
3. invocations to Mary, the Mother of God (e.g., the Hail Mary)

What conditions must be met to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence? To obtain any indulgence, one must intend to gain the indulgence via the prescribed work. One must also be baptized, be in a state of grace, and not be excommunicated.

To obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgences, all the following conditions must also be met:

1. Being truly repentant and receiving sacramental absolution in the Sacrament of Penance
2. Reception of Holy Communion
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father on the same day as the indulgenced work, either through the recitation of one Our Father and one Hail Mary or through the recitation of another appropriate prayer for the Pope’s intentions.
4. The exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin. (If this condition is not met, one can still receive a partial indulgence from the prescribed work.)

The first two actions (Confession and Communion) may be fulfilled within 20 days before or after the indulgence opportunity. However, it is most appropriate if they are done on the same day as the prescribed work. A single sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but separately receiving Communion is required for each indulgence. Only one of the above plenary indulgences can be obtained per day.

SAVE THE DATE!



**SAVE THE DATE to kick off Advent during this
Year of Immaculata**

Plan to join us for an exciting **Parish Mission**, presented by **the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, December 1-4, 2025**. Our guest speaker will be **Fr. David Gunter, MIC**. The Mission will be on The New Advent.

Admission is free, materials will be made available on Mary and Divine Mercy. For more information, call Darlah Brennan, 260-235-0413.

You can view the list of all Marian events at
www.thedivinemercy.org/events.

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RETURN

HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILD BACK TO THE CHURCH

**Tuesday | September 30 | 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.
St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne
Free Book Provided!**

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September 20, 2025
10:00 AM-7:30 PM



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World Apostolate of Fatima,
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Annual Holy Mass & Breakfast

Saturday ~ October 4, 2025

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

7:30 am: Sacramental Confession, First Saturday Devotions, Holy Rosary

9:00 am: Holy Mass: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades,

Fr. Glenn Kohrman & Fr. Robert Garrow

After Holy Mass:

A Marian Procession followed with breakfast at the Grand Wayne Center

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Gabe Castillo

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Our Lady's Clarion Call!

Pray the Most Holy Rosary with us!
Sunday, October 5, 2025

Join us in the Holy Rosary Garden: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by: Divine Mercy Funeral Home
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All welcome to bring bag
chairs and foam kneelers.

Bus Trip :

ST. Therese relics at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica and Solanus Casey Center

October 6, 2025 Monday
Leave St. Therese @ 7am
return 8pm

Sign up at church office
260-747-9139

cost is 50.00 per person Itinerary will be given
56 seats available once you are signed up

You're Invited to Celebrate Life!



28th Annual Fall Banquet

October 14th, 2025

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum



Sponsorships, tables, and tickets are all available!
Visit ichooselife.org/banquet for more details.

Keynote Speaker

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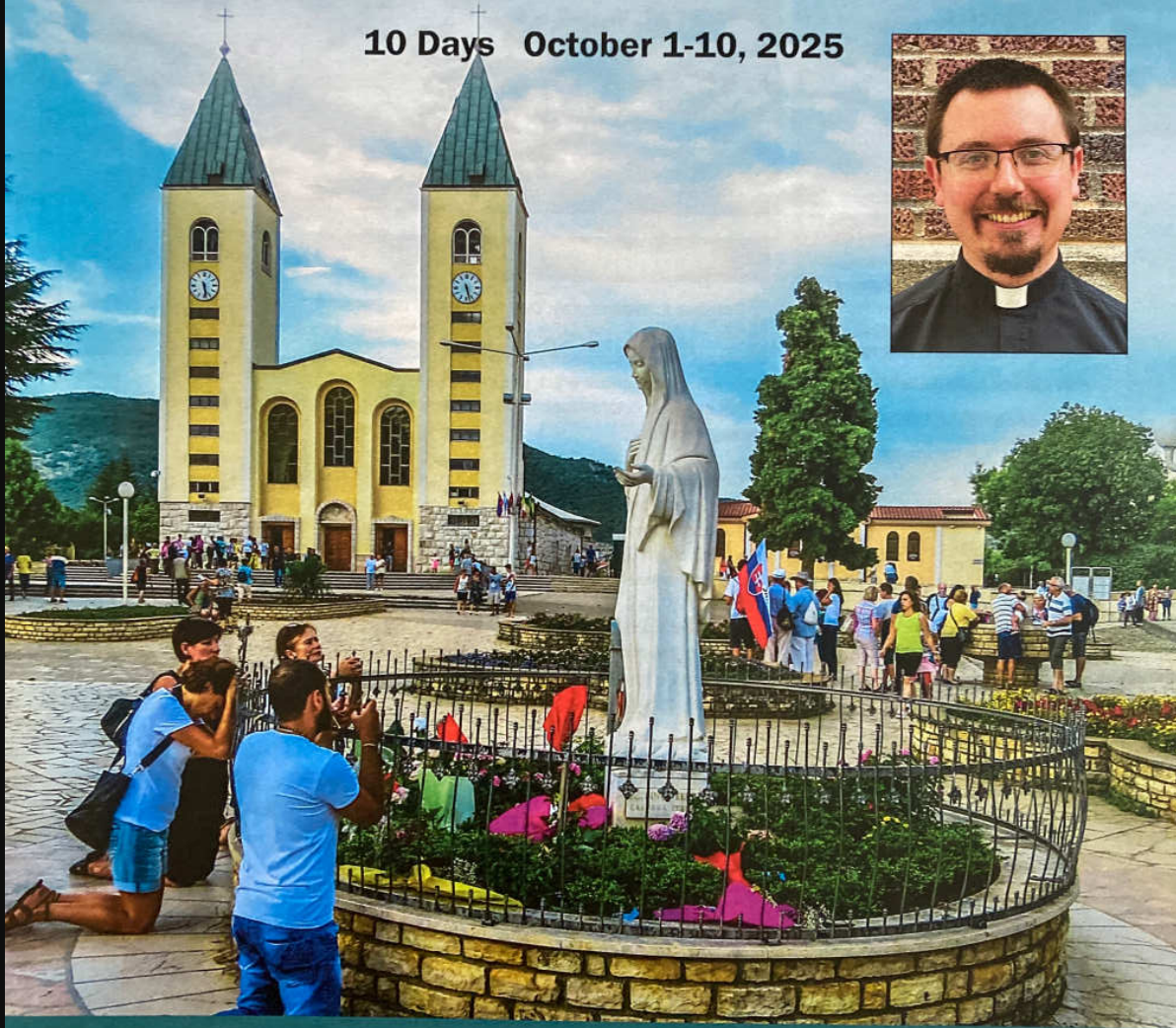
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Local Artist Exhibition

Calling all local artists' to join us for the Art Exhibition Festival 2026. Artists will feature religious themed exhibits . Appetizers and Spirits will be available during this event

Date

Feb.7,2026

6:00 pm


Location

**2304 Lower
Huntington Rd**

**Space Fee /Reserve
By Jan 19, 2026**

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Canterbury Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Bob Garrow and Fr. Cyril Fernandes | Dates: Sept.28-Oct. 8, 2026

Day 1: Monday, September 28, 2026 | Departure for Rome -We depart Fort Wayne on our overnight flights to Rome, Italy. Drinks and meals will be served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday, September 29 | Arrival in Rome - Transfer to Assisi
Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport, we are greeted by our local guide and board our private motor coach for the scenic drive to Assisi. Along the way, we enjoy glimpses of the beautiful Umbrian countryside. After checking into our hotel, we gather for a welcome dinner and get to know our fellow pilgrims before retiring for the night. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 3: Wednesday, September 30 | Assisi & St. Carlo Acutis - After breakfast, we begin our day in the lower village of Assisi, visiting St. Mary of the Angels, where St. Francis spent a significant part of his life. We will explore the Chapel Portiuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint retreated for prayer. Next, we will proceed to the Church of St. Clare to view the Saint's body, incorrupt since her death centuries ago. St. Clare was the foundress of the Order of Poor Clare's. We will have some free time for lunch at Piazza della comuna followed by a visit to St. Mary Major. Today we will also visit the Basilica of St. Francis where Father will celebrate Mass. Finally, we will take time to visit the Shrine of the Renunciation, where the millennial Saint Carlo Acutis' body is interred, and learn more about his life and spirituality. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 4: Thursday, October 1 | Day Trip to Loreto - After breakfast we board our bus and head towards the Marian Shrine in Loreto, the Basilica della Santa Casa. Within its walls, we encounter the beautiful Madonna of Loreto and the Holy House of Nazareth. Tradition holds that this modest house is where "The Word Became Flesh," where Mary spent her early years, and where she received the visitation of the angel Gabriel. It is also believed to be the place, where Jesus was raised, and where the Holy Family lived. We will return to Assisi for dinner and an overnight.

Day 5: Friday, October 2 | Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia, Lancia, San Giovanni Rotondo - Today we will make our way to San Giovanni, in route we will visit the Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia and Lancia, the site of the Eucharistic Miracle from the eighth century. Finally, we will head to San Giovanni Rotondo to visit the shrine of St. Padre Pio. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 6: Saturday, October 3 | Exploring St. Padre Pio's Life, Monte Sant' Angelo - Today is dedicated to the town where St. Padre Pio lived for most of his life. We will visit the church of Santa Maria Della Grazie, where the tomb of St. Padre Pio is located, and offer Mass. In

the afternoon, we will visit the Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 7: Sunday, October 4 | Monte Cassino & Rome - All Roads lead to Rome... Following breakfast, we set off on a scenic bus ride, heading to Monte Cassino, where the ancient Roman town of Casinum once stood. Our first stop is the Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino, the original home of the Benedictine Order, established by St. Benedict around 529. Here we will enjoy lunch and celebrate Mass. In the afternoon we will transfer to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 8: Monday, October 5 | Vatican City & Papal Audience - In the morning, we head to Saint Peter's Square for the Papal general audience with Pope Leo XIV (subject to his schedule). Afterward, we will have a private Mass in a Chapel at the Vatican Grottoes below St. Peter's Basilica (Subject to availability). Following a brief lunch, we tour the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, marveling at the incredible art and history. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 9: Tuesday, October 6 | Exploring Ancient Rome - After breakfast, we will embark on a historic tour of Ancient Rome. We will stroll along Cobblestone streets, lined with majestic stone pines, and visit the Colosseum, a grand amphitheater of the ancient world. Along the way we'll stop for prayer at the Basilica of Saint Clement. Passing by the Roman Forum, we will witness the ruins of ancient government buildings. We'll finish the day visiting the Basilica of Santi Giovanni e Paolo, originally built in 398. It is home to the Passionists and is the burial place of St. Paul of the Cross. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 10: Wednesday, October 7 | Major Roman Basilicas - Today, we explore three of the major basilicas of Rome, beginning with St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. We visit the Holy Stairs, believed to be the steps Jesus ascended during his trial before Pontius Pilate. Next, we visit St. Mary Major, one of the oldest churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, here we will visit the tomb of Pope Francis. In the afternoon, we visit St. Paul Outside the Walls, where we venerate the tomb of St. Paul and celebrate Mass (Mass is subject to availability). Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 11: Thursday, October 8 | Our Pilgrimage Comes to an End
With a renewed sense of pilgrimage, and an invigorated love of our Catholic faith, we transfer to the Rome Fiumicino Airport and board our return flight(s) home.

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