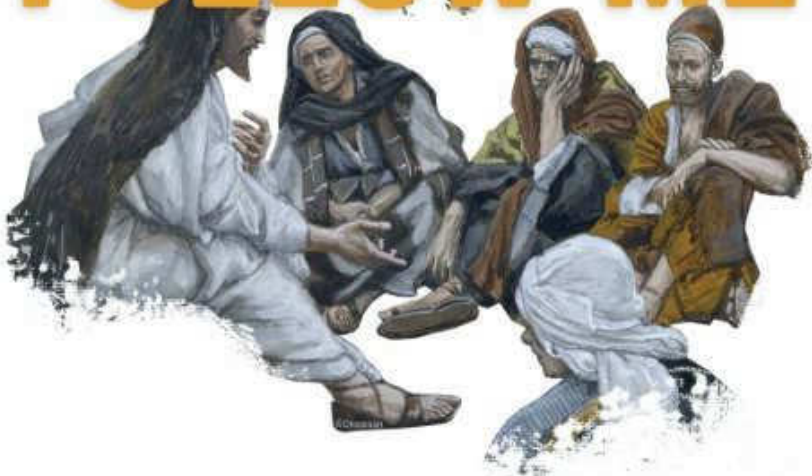


TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

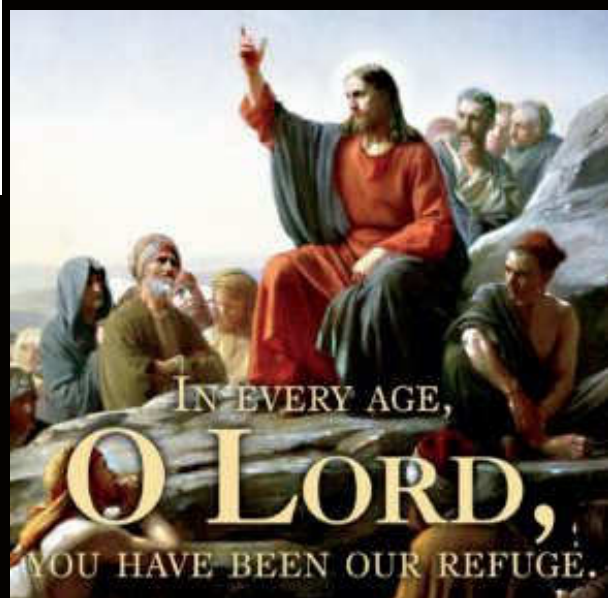


"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Jesus said,
"Anyone of you
who does not
renounce
all your
possessions
cannot be
my disciple."

Luke 14:33

RECEIVE HIM NO LONGER
AS A SLAVE
BUT AS A BELOVED BROTHER



IN EVERY AGE,
O LORD,
YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE.

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

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



Mass Intentions

MON, SEPT 8

5:30 p.m.

TUES, SEPT 9

12:05 p.m.

WED, SEPT 10

12:05 p.m.

THURS, SEPT 11

12:05 p.m.

FRI, SEPT 12

12:05 p.m.

SAT, SEPT 13

5:00 p.m. (vigil)

SUN, SEPT 14

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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SAINT PETER CLAVER

+Kathryn LeRoy—Family

WEEKDAY

+Karen Scott Gerig—Mary Schmidt

WEEKDAY

+Richard Malcolm—Gene & Michelle Poinsette

WEEKDAY

+Becky Dirig—Paul Glass DDS

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

+Cecilia Shoude

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For the Parish Community

+Joe, Richard & Kenny Malcolm—

Alan & Susan Diefenbach

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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.

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

12:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer Group / Gather Space

Pastoral Council Meeting / Parish Office

Sub Committee Meeting / Parish Office

Ladies Guild Meeting / Parish Hall

Rosary / DeKalb County Court House

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Next week our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Can you spend an hour with Jesus? We are in need of an adorers for **Tuesday 3-4pm** and **Thursday from 1-2pm**. Please call the parish office if you can spend an hour with Jesus.

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

All ladies of the parish 18 and over are invited to attend our Ladies Guild meeting **Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.



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!**



PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council meeting
Tuesday, September 9 at 7pm
in the parish office conference room.



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. Questions? Please contact Larry at 260-920-4031.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



All Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Homebound Ministers will be recommissioned at all Masses
September 20 & 21.

**Please see Father Drew
if you are unable to attend.**

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.**



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimages

October 8, 2025 (Wednesday)

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne
Jubilee Mass 6:30 p.m.**

During the Jubilee Year of Hope, all the faithful are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one or more of the nine pilgrimage churches in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and each will offer a special Jubilee Mass. The faithful who undertake a “pious pilgrimage” to any of the diocesan Jubilee churches can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by devoutly participating in Holy Mass.

On Wednesday, October 8, come with us as we travel to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Fort Wayne, to join them for their Jubilee Mass with Bishop Kevin Rhoades.

ITINERARY

- 3:30 p.m. Meet at the ICC parking lot
- 3:35 p.m. Carpool to Tavern at Coventry in Fort Wayne
- 4:05 p.m. Arrive at Tavern at Coventry for dinner (at your expense)
- 5:15 p.m. Carpool to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
- 5:25 p.m. Arrive at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
- 5:30 p.m. Spend time in the 24 Hour Eucharistic Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Jubilee Mass
- 7:40 p.m. Carpool back to ICC
- 8:10 p.m. Arrive back at ICC

Addresses: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne
Hall's Tavern at Coventry, 5745 Coventry Lane, Fort Wayne

Sign up sheet is on bulletin board by the Kiosk.

Deadline to sign up is October 1

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

September 20th and 21st, 2025

**Immaculate Conception Church
Auburn, IN**



Attention Craft Shoppers! St. Joseph Parish, on the corner of Brooklyn and Hale, is looking for individuals interested in shopping for handmade and homemade items at our Craft Bazaar this fall, on **Saturday, October 11** from 9am to 3pm. For more information, call Jan at 260-436-5768 or Corinne 260-704-8006

Saint Joseph Hospice Suites at Saint Anne Communities is inviting you to our Hospice Benefit Gala on **Tuesday, October 21**. Funds raised at our black-tie event will support the grand opening our Catholic Hospice, opening Spring of 2026. To sponsor, attend or donate to our silent auction contact naria.nancarrow@sacfw.org or call 260-602-4822. Visit www.sacfw.org and scroll up or use the QR code.



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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.wmme-ni.org, or call with any questions at: application@wmme-ni.org or 260-484-1664.

Women's Conference –Saturday, October 4

Women's Conference Kingdom Builders 5th Annual Catholic Women's Conference **Saturday, October 4** at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum (4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne). This year's theme is **Behold: I Make All Things New** (Revelation 21:5). The Kingdom Builders Conference is a day for all women who seek restoration, inspiration, and connection with the Lord and other women. Attendees will experience a day of spiritual growth and renewed joy in their particular vocations so that they are able to be the light of Christ in our world. The conference includes nationally renowned speakers, Reconciliation, Adoration, Holy Mass celebrated by Father Daniel Scheidt from St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Fort Wayne. Also praise and worship, breakfast, lunch, shopping, and time to grow in friendship with other women.

Tickets are \$95 per person. Visit buildingthroughhim.com/conference or call 260-222-9551.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings and peace to everyone!

I just want to keep everyone updated on our planning for our church interior beautification. The conversation have been going well and it is all in God's timing. We have just completed discussions of the basic direction to go for our sanctuary. Our sub-committee and architects have a good consensus among us and we like where we have landed for the basic design. It will look Roman Catholic Classic. Our church is modern and so we are bringing together a traditional look that works with our interior. Early on, our group talked about going for a traditional-modern look. We found a good one. People will not say that we look like this or that church from our area but they will be drawn here just the same for beauty will save the world. Praised be Jesus Christ now and always!

There is a unity between worship, belief, and life. How we worship says reveals how we believe and so says something about how we are to live. May our interior church beautification lead us to a deeper love and adoration for the beauty of Jesus Christ, a deeper attentiveness and wonder for the truth of He and the Church, and from this love and truth- have a holy and joyful zeal to share His goodness with the wider area and bring them here to worship Jesus together. Amen!

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Drew



God Bless
Our Grandparents



ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary this year, along with their families, are invited to attend the Jubilee Anniversary Mass with Bishop Rhoades on **October 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne** with a ticketed reception to follow. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two free tickets to the reception. Additional reception tickets for family and friends may be purchased for \$10 each. Children 10 and younger are free. To register, please go to diocesefwsb.org/anniversary-masses.

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

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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!



**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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JULY 31-AUBURN
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THAT MAN IS YOU! HAS PROVEN TO:

- Facilitate a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.
- Turn the hearts of fathers to their spouse and children.
- Form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and greater society.
- Form bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

St. Vincent de Paul Parish
In the Life Center
1502 E Walled Road
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

SCHEDULE:

Saturdays
Beginning September 6th
6:45 AM - 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION:

SaintV.org/TMIY

Registration is required!

Fourth Annual Walking Pilgrimage

from Kendalville

Sept. 14th
@ 1:00 pm

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

September
27th, 2025
6:00pm

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Event includes: appetizers and one drink ticket

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St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne
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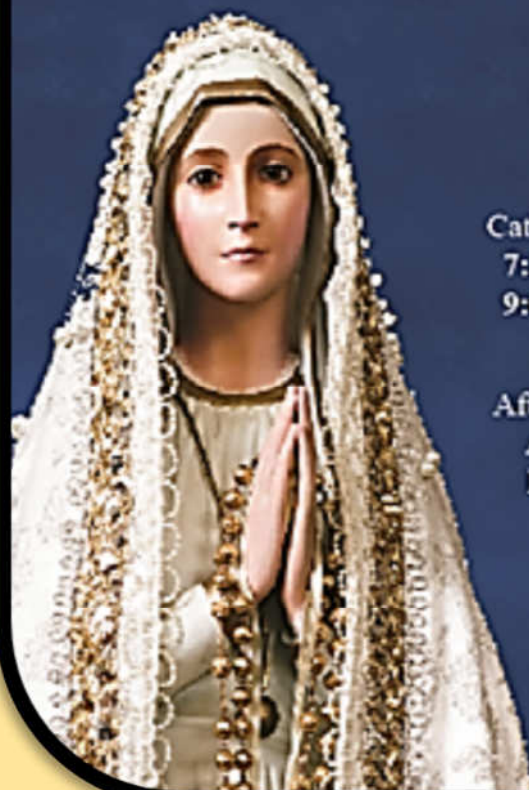
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Saturday ~ October 4, 2025



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

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

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

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After Holy Mass:

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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.

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28th Annual Fall Banquet

October 14th, 2025

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum



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Keynote Speaker

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Program begins at 6:30 pm.





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**ST JOSEPH, GARRETT
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PRESENTS**



July 20th 11:30am in the Community Center

**“The Theology of NFP: Insights from John Paul II’s
Theology of the Body”**

Join us for a talk looking at natural family planning (NFP) as viewed through the lens of Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body as we examine how our practice of NFP within marriage should be rooted first and foremost in the dignity of the human person.



September 16th 6:30pm in Bennett Hall

“The Church’s Response to IVF”

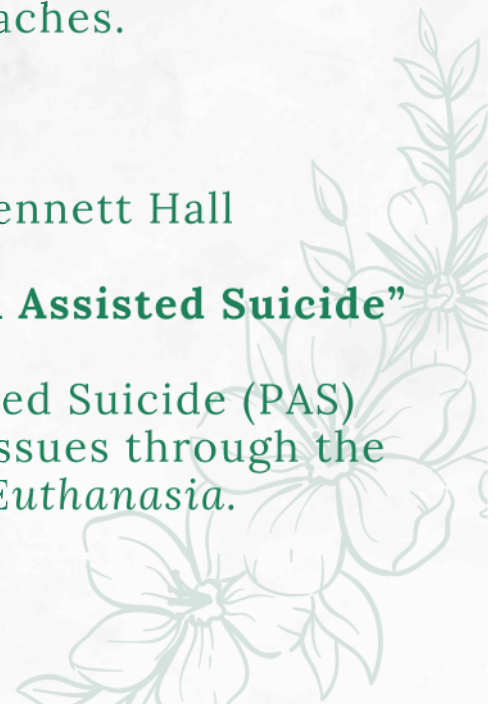
This month’s discussion will focus on IVF using *Donum Vitae* as a basis for our understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches.



November 18th 6:30pm in Bennett Hall

“A Catholic Response to Physician Assisted Suicide”

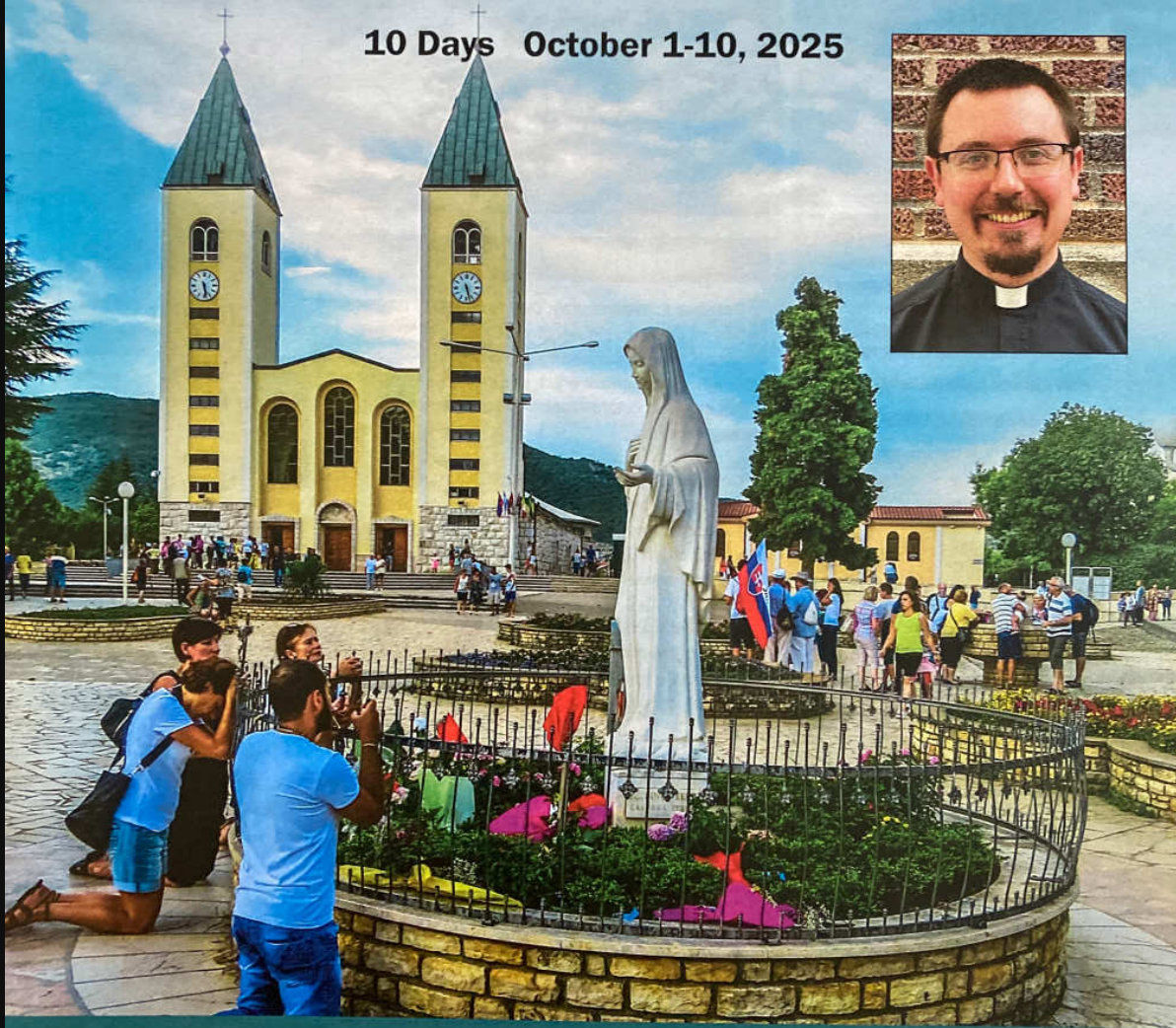
We will discuss Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) examining the ethical and moral issues through the lens of the *Declaration on Euthanasia*.



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

with Fr. Keeton Lockwood

10 Days October 1-10, 2025



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Date

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6:00 pm


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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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