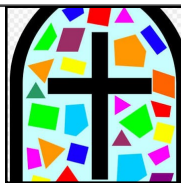


**Sunday, October
4th, 2026**
Mass Intentions



Monday, October 5th

7:30AM OSF with Fr. Deus

Tuesday, October 6th

8:00AM For Bob Wells by the Martindill Family

Wednesday, October 7th

7:45 AM NC mass for The People

8:00AM For Joe & Mary Rottmann by Joe Rottmann with Father Jim Myers

Thursday, October 8th

8:45AM SC School Mass For Chuck Schroeder by Joe & Jennifer Skowronski

Friday, October 9th

8:00AM For JT Watts by Paul & Pat Cooley

Saturday, October 10th

5:30PM For The People

Sunday, October 11th

7:30AM For William & Freda Mis by Diana Wallace

10:00AM For Vince Koers by the Koers Family

Prayer Devotions

Rosary

Monday 6:30 PM at Holy Family for cancer patients and a cure

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Church Open for Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

“Following Venerable Shuman’s example,” said the Pope, “our shared responsibility as men and women of faith is to bear witness that, beyond all borders, it is always possible to meet one another, forge friendships, and seek peace.”

Cemetery Maintenance: We are in need of more support towards Resurrection Cemetery. A green envelope has been provided. Please give if you can! We appreciate every donation. Thank you!

Food Pantry: Needs: Pancake mix, syrup, and cereal.

Wants: Pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Sunday Collection for Sunday, September 27, 2026



Sunday Collection \$4,485.00
Online Giving \$730.00
Total \$5,215.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Remember our Sick & Homebound † Father Bo Schmitt, Jamie Raiper, Joyce Melton, Sissy Romack, Nyla Neal Hicks, Rowan Huffman, Taylor Huffman, Hart Williamson, Libby Beninati, Christy Lowery, Donna Kennedy, Jayne Donahue, Lily Harden, Karen Selvin, Carol Koebrich, Neil Newman, Faye Williamson, Keaton Wilkerson, Ron Masengale, John Beninati, Briget Kleiss, Pam Lane, Jim Reuther, Francis Lane, Janet Elliott, Mike Roark, John Roark, Jeffery Sparks, Bill Dressler, Michael Miller, Lincoln Downing, Scott Burgess, Mary Ann Merchen, Harvey Bryant, Pieterella Jenkins, Traca Shahan Zorns, Chase Rouse & family, Jay Huffman, Vicky Simons. ***Contact the office to be placed on this list. To add someone other than yourself, please ask permission of the person or their family.***

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Dear St. Paul Parishioners,

We have been honored to decorate the church for many years. Sadly, we feel it is time for us to pass the torch to new volunteers. We will be available to answer questions and assist with large holiday set ups as you begin this wonderful journey. Please consider doing your part to beautify St. Paul’s. Thank you for supporting and encouraging us. If you have any interest, please call **Ellen Wright 217-260-2815**, **Jody Legett 217-446-4420**, or the Parish Office 217-442-5313.

Holy Family Parish Bingo Night

Holy Family will have a fun-filled bingo night on Sat. Oct. 17th at 7pm. Bingo is completely FREE! Everyone-old & young- is invited! Light snacks and drinks for the kids and adults will be served. There will be lots of fun prizes for the whole family! This is a great opportunity for mom and dad to send the kids to Bingo with the grandparents while enjoying their own night out on the town. Lets join together for some fun!



Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (c. 1181 – 3 October 1226), known as **Francis of Assisi**,^[a] was an Italian^[a] **mystic**, poet and **Catholic friar** who founded the religious order of the **Franciscans**.

Born into a wealthy family in **Assisi**, Italy, he was inspired towards a life of poverty and religious devotion as a young man and began his efforts by repairing chapels and caring for the sick in his hometown. Soon after, he gathered a band of followers in the city who joined in his lifestyle, and following a journey to Rome to meet **Pope**

Innocent III, he received approval for the foundation of the **Order of Friars Minor**, which is commonly known as the Franciscan Order.^[1] Under his leadership, the order rapidly increased in size. Notable events in his religious career include his meeting with **Clare of Assisi**, who founded the Second Order of St. Francis commonly known as the **Poor Clares**, his journey to Egypt in 1219 in an attempt to convert the sultan **Al-Kamil** and put an end to the conflict of the **Fifth Crusade**, and his arrangement of the first live **nativity scene** as part of the annual **Christmas** celebration in **Greccio**. According to Christian tradition, Francis displayed **stigmata** resembling the wounds on the hands and feet of crucified Christ during the **apparition** of a **seraphic** angel in a **religious ecstasy** in 1224 and died two years later in 1226 at the age of 44.^[b] One of the most venerated figures in Christianity,^{[9][4]} Francis was **canonized** by **Pope Gregory IX** on 16 July 1228. He is commonly portrayed wearing a brown **habit** with a rope tied around his waist, featuring three knots symbolizing the **evangelical counsels** of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Francis is associated with patronage of animals and the **environment** and, along with **Catherine of Siena**, is **patron saint** of Italy.

October is Respect Life Month

During the month of October, we are especially called to recognize, cherish, and defend the God-given dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death. The **Peoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PDCCW)** invites the faithful throughout our parishes to join us in prayer for the protection of human life, for the strengthening of families, and for our legislators and leaders who are entrusted with decisions that affect the dignity and protection of every person.

Prayer for the Sanctity and Protection of Human Life :

God, our loving Father, Creator and Lover of all life, You fashioned every human person in Your own image and likeness. Give us the strength and courage to defend and protect human life from conception to natural death. Help us to serve actively in upholding the sanctity and dignity of every human life. We pray that our legislators and leaders may be guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit to act courageously and responsibly in defense of human life. Strengthen our families and help us to follow the loving example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the faithful witness of St. Joseph. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Devotions to our Lady of Walsingham will be on Sunday, October 4, 2026 starting at 2:40pm at the Church of the Holy Trinity. We are invited to honor and seek the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham with the recitation of the Rosary, followed by a special Liturgy of Devotion to Her at 3:00pm. A reception will follow. The Church of the Holy Trinity is located at 308 N Vermilion St, Danville, IL.

Knights of Columbus Annual Golf Outing



Knights of Columbus' Annual Golf Outing will be held Saturday October 3rd at Harrison Park Golf Course starting at 1:30 pm. For only \$75, a player gets 18 holes, cart, hole prizes and food. We are looking for hole sponsors for a cost of \$100. If you would like to play and/or be a sponsor please call Rich Miller at 217-497-3209 or Allen Rathgeber at 217-304-

8919. Proceeds from this event go to food pantries and other local organizations.



**VATICAN
NEWS**

Today, the Gospel presents us with a dramatic parable that has a sad ending (cf. Mt 21:33-43). A landowner planted a vineyard and took good care of it. Then, needing to go away, he entrusted it to some tenants. When harvest time drew near, he sent his servants to collect his crop. But the tenants maltreated and killed them. So, the owner sent his son, and those tenants killed him too. How come? What went wrong? (...) With this parable, Jesus reminds us what happens when people deceive themselves into thinking that they are self-made, and they forget to be grateful, they forget the real basis of life: that good comes from the grace of God, that good comes from his free gift. When one forgets this gratitude to God, one ends up facing one's situation and limitations no longer with the joy of feeling loved and saved, but rather with the sad illusion of needing neither love nor salvation. These people stop letting themselves be loved and find that they are prisoners of their own greed, prisoners of the need to have more than others, of wanting to stand out over others. This process is ugly, and it often happens to us. Let us think about this seriously. Many dissatisfactions and recriminations, many misunderstandings and many feelings of envy arise from this. And, driven by resentment, one can fall headlong into a spiral of violence. Yes, dear brothers and sisters, ungratefulness generates violence, it takes peace away, and makes us feel and yell when we speak, without peace, while a simple "thank you" can restore peace! (Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 October 2023)



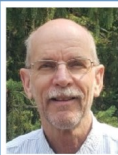
**CATHOLIC
SPIRIT RADIO
NETWORK**

Catholic Spirit Radio is hosting a one-day pilgrimage on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, to The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Marytown (Year of St. Francis Indulgence Site) in Libertyville, IL and to the National Shrine of St. Jude in Chicago, IL. There will be pickups in Normal and Pontiac. To register, please go to catholicspiritradio.com and click on the "Spirit Pilgrimage" tab in the menu. For questions, call Kathy at (309) 828-6554 or Carolyn at (309) 830-4164. There is an EARLY BIRD special until October 10, 2026, and registration deadline is Nov. 5, 2026.



Don't forget about our upcoming Mission Retreat with Hal-low's Deacon Mark Danis October 24th, 25th, & 26th. Deacon Danis will be leading group sessions on the evenings of Sunday, the 25th, and Monday, the 26th. Refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars now and use the free code for a year's free membership!!!

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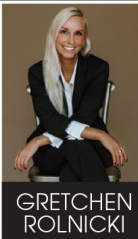
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