October 11, 2026

Dear Parishioners,
In the Second reading today from St. Paul to the Philippians, St. Paul wrote: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19)" Paul calls the disciples to put their trust in Christ, knowing that it is Christ that blesses our efforts and makes them fruitful. The message from St. Paul is in accordance with the teaching by the Prophet Isaiah as well. "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines...(Is25:6)" God is providing the banquet and yet the people are not coming as revealed through Jesus! Many of the invited guests are not coming, then in the end everyone is invited and yet some of those who attend are not chosen. Jesus concludes that many are invited but few are chosen. It is for us to work as if the coming of the kingdom depends upon us, and to trust knowing the coming of the Kingdom depends on Christ! Pray that we may be chosen and pray for others that they may merit to be chosen as well. Often, we focus on the call and yet there is a universal call to holiness that God sends out through the Gospel and through the Church, yet, it is the responsibility of each of us to answer that call and to work and pray as one chosen to assist in making that call permanent! May God give us that grace and may we generously respond to it!
Peace,
Fr. Jeff

The Parish Office will be closed Monday October 12

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give your marriage the gift of time together! Strengthen your communication, deepen your relationship, and renew your Sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The final 2026 weekend is December 4-6 in St. Peters, Missouri. For more information or to apply, visit wwme.org or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mark Marchello	Taylor Marti	Virginia Pollman
Carmen Koonce	Sarah Wells	Cyndi Weiss
Mary Siebert	Leo Rakers	Paul Tully
Fran Heimann	Bill Hart	Dean Coleman
Joanne Carter	Ginny Hay	Kaleb Durbin
Mike Willeford	Lily Wells	Isabel McLaughlin
Evelyn Thies	Richard Morgan	Cory Elam
Melissa Marti	Harold Thull	John Jackson
Doreen Whalen	Mary Margaret Roberts	Sherri Beckham
Carla Clover		

Bulletin items please send the information to bookkeeper@stlawgreenville.org or call the church office. **Please note: <u>All items must be received by 10am on Wednesday to be included in the bulletin that same week.</u>** To view online go to flock-note.com/stlgreenville.com

Budget Goals as of October 5, 2026

Total Regular*	$7,768
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	$3,923
Surplus/ Deficit	$3,845
Annual Support Needed (Budget) 7/26-6/27	$204,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/26-6/27	$57,267

Parish Support October 3 & 4, 2026

*Envelopes/ Online Giving	$7,373,29
*Loose Cash	$360.00
*Vigil Candles	$35.00
Sister Parish	$70.00
Improvement Fund	$30.00
Religious Ed Fund	$45.00
Cemetery Fund	$263.00
Season of Stewardship	$105.00
Black & Indian Mission	$1,040.00
World Mission	$25.00
	TOTAL $9,346.20

<u>World Mission Sunday</u>

World Mission Sunday is not just another special offertory. On October 18, Catholics around the world will pray and give together for the Church's mission where the faith is too young, poor, or persecuted to support itself.
This year marks the 100th World Mission Day, with the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: "One in Christ, united in mission." As the Holy Father emphasizes, every baptized Catholic shares in the Church's missionary vocation. World Mission Sunday makes that concrete. Extra envelopes in back of church.

<u>Readings for the week of October 12</u>

- **Monday**

First Reading: Galatians 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5: 1
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7
Gospel: Luke 11: 29-32

- **Tuesday**

First Reading: Galatians 5: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48
Gospel: Luke 11: 37-41

Wednesday

First Reading: Galatians 5: 18-25
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Gospel: Luke 11: 42-46

- **Thursday-St. Teresa of Avila**

First Reading: Ephesians 1: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Gospel:Luke 11: 47-54

- **Friday**

First Reading: Ephesians 1: 11-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Gospel: Luke 12: 1-7

- **Saturday-St. Ignatius of Antioch**

First Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel: Luke 12: 8-12

- **Sunday**

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Second Reading: First Thessalonians 1: 1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

Tuesday Oct 13	Weds Oct 14	Thurs Oct 15	Friday Oct 16 @ HSHS	Saturday Oct 17	Sunday Oct 18
Rose Toennies	Don Doll	Vesper & Virginia Marti	Shirley Potthast	5:30pm Oscar & Loretta Lehn	8am Pricilla Marti From Marti Family
From Pat Young	From Denise Potthast	From Valarie Leidner	From Mel Berman	From Gloria Hertz & Doreen Whalen	10am People of St. Lawrence

Bible Study with Fr. Jeff Wednesday October 14th at 6:30pm in the Posch. Please read Isaiah chapters 31-45

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
10/17/2026	5:30PM	Sharon Elam	Nita Durbin	Mary Dickenson Volunteer	Outreach Committee
10/18/2026	8:00AM	Denny Potthast	Carson Caylor	Chelsea Reeves Linda Marti	Vonder Haar Family
10/18/2026	10:00AM	Tom Klincar	Ella Marcoot Nora Marcoot	Amy Alderman Liz Nolker	Lawler Family

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>

Parish council will meet on 10/20 at 6:30 in the Posch, all parishioners are welcome to join.
Finance council will meet on 10/26 at 6:30 pm

<u>St. Lawrence Adult Choir</u>

Please join us for choir practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm!

<u>Book Club</u>

Our October book is <u>The First Witch of Boston</u> by Andrea Catalano. We will meet on Monday, October 26th at 1pm in the Posch Center. All are welcome.

<u>Food Pantry Volunteers</u>

October is St. Lawrence month at the Bond County Food Pantry. Help will be needed to unload trucks on Thursday 10/15. Help is also needed for food distribution for dates and times please call Joe Whalen at 618-292-4519 if you can help

<u>Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women Gathering</u>

Date & Time: Friday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m.
Location: St. Jerome Parish in Troy
The event will include prayer, refreshments, fellowship, and guest speaker, Clyde Nosser, presenting "Finding God in Adversity" and discussing the homeless outreach project Feeding Body and Soul. Attendees are encouraged to donate items for the project, including protein bars, powdered drink mixes, wipes, non-refrigerated drinks, $10 McDonald's gift cards, or monetary donations and a suggested donation of $5 per person will help cover event expenses.

<u>St. Paul New Year's Retreat for Youth</u>

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend St. Paul Catholic Church's New Year's Retreat. Kick off the new year with music, inspiring speakers, fun activities, and opportunities for prayer and faith growth. For retreat dates, registration information, and costs, visit St. Paul Highland's youth retreat page or contact Carrie Albaugh at chenrichsalbaugh@stpaulhighland.org.

PSR News/Updates

DRE/CRE Mary Beth Kuenstler
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No PSR Class October 14—BCCU2 early out.
PSR Classes October 21, 28

Wednesday Eve Meal, October 14
Menu: Soups
We will have a meal even though PSR is not meeting.
There will still be Bible Study & Choir Practice!

<u>Bond County Grandfamilies Round Table</u>

Support group for grandparents and older relatives who are raising grandchildren or other younger family members. The group is being launched in partnership with the Bond County Health Department and is intended to provide a welcoming environment for caregivers to connect, share experiences, and learn about community resources. Different guest speakers will be featured each month. The meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Bond County Health Department in Greenville, Illinois. Scheduled dates include October 27, November 17, and December 15. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Celebrating this week October 11-17

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Bill Beckert	Craig & Maura Campbell
Victoria Disch	Robert & Dena Determan
Carrie Dunn	Bryan & Dana Marcoot
Shelly Forys	Bob & Donna Whalen
Mary Beth Kuenstler	
Parker Mewes	
Joan Petroski	
Janice Rench	
Cruz Tischhauser	

