



*Our Lady of the*  
**WAYSIDE PARISH**

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*Runners and walkers toe the line as they await the start of the tri-parish race to help our neighbors in need.*

September 24, 2023  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

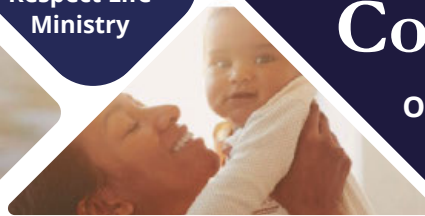




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# Respect Life Corner

OCTOBER 2023



## RESPECT LIFE MONTH IS ALMOST HERE

October is the month of Our Lady but also when we celebrate the joy and dignity of every human life. This year's theme from the USCCB is **Radical Solidarity**. Join us for a month of prolife events and look for more information on how to participate in the coming bulletins and [OLWparish.org](http://OLWparish.org).

### October 1 | Mass

We launch Respect Life month with Respect Life Sunday. Meet the Respect Life Ministry at our table by the Gathering Place.

### October 13 | Novena

The Respect Life Novena begins! This novena prays for the protection of human life, with a different pro-life prayer intention each day. Subscribe at [RespectLife.org](http://RespectLife.org).

### October 21 | March for Life

Northwest Families March for Life in Palatine St. Theresa Dolan Center, 455 N Benton, Palatine, IL

### October 22 - 24 | 40 hours of Perpetual Adoration

40 hours of perpetual adoration for life! Join us in offering 40 straight hours of prayer for those who have suffered from or are affected by the horrors of abortion. Sign-up genius coming soon to [OLWparish.org](http://OLWparish.org).

### October 30 | Donuts and Donations

Donuts after mass and last day for baby shower donations and Amazon registry for the Aid for Women pregnancy center. [HelpAidForWomen.org](http://HelpAidForWomen.org)

We'd love for you to join our ministry!  
Email [RespectLife@olwparish.org](mailto:RespectLife@olwparish.org) today.

## WHAT IS RADICAL SOLIDARITY?

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new opportunities and new responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love.

Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women."

The only honest stance in these cases, is that of **radical solidarity with the woman**. It is not right to leave her alone." Experience shows that when a mother is supported, "she is even capable of heroism."

Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish.

### We're hosting a month long baby shower!

Our Amazon registry and/or list of items will be posted in October. We hope you will join us in supporting Radical Solidarity with women in need. All proceeds to go to Aid for Women pregnancy center.

More information on how to help moms? Go to [WalkingWithMoms.Weebly.com](http://WalkingWithMoms.Weebly.com)



**Position Available**  
**OPERATIONS DIRECTOR**

**Our Lady of the Wayside has initiated a search for an Operations Director for the Parish.**

The Operations Director will serve as professional administrator and strategic leader of Our Lady of the Wayside. In this critical role, the Operations Director will work closely with the Pastor and Principal (as applicable) and the Director of Vicariate Operations to drive positive financial performance of the Parish. The Operations Director assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the human, financial, and physical resources of the Parish, in accordance with Archdiocesan policies and guidelines. This role will have responsibility for leadership of operations staff (bookkeepers, office, and maintenance staff).

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/48ksV9g> or scan the QR code with your camera phone.



**THE GREATEST GIFT**

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*



*Father Arthur Marat*

It is tempting to think like the laborers in the Gospel that God is more generous with others than with me. This temptation arises when we desire the wrong thing: what God gives instead of God Himself. What the laborers who had worked all day in the field failed to see was the same thing that the older brother in the story of the Prodigal Son was blind to: they had the far greater gift to be with the landowner all day.

**When we die, our reward for following Christ will not be wages or wealth, land or goods; it will be union with God.**

This is our aim. This is what will bring us true happiness. And all the circumstances of our lives are intended by God to bring about this union and to draw us ever closer to Him. So the job that you did not get, the misunderstandings that occur between spouses, a difficult child who rebels and becomes addicted to drugs, and the next great thing you cannot attain—these are all permitted by God so that we can seek Him. He is our end. And if we keep this always in mind, we will see that God is always generous with each of us—so generous, in fact, that He tailors even the smallest details our lives to us (while respecting our free will) in order to guide us to Him.

So, when the temptation to be jealous or envious of others arises, say to yourself: “Lord, I have you. What more do I really need?”

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One way in which God has blessed our parish during the past few years is through the tireless work of our Operations Director, Ewelina Sokolowski. God has been calling Mrs. Sokolowski to dedicate more time to her family, so she will be leaving our parish. Mrs. Sokolowski has played an integral and important role in ensuring that our parish operations run smoothly and efficiently, and the entire parish staff is grateful for her service, collaboration, and leadership over the past few years. Thank you, Ewelina; we will miss you and we ask God to bless and reward you!

Yours in Christ,  
 Father Arthur

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*Sunday Collection for September 17, 2023*



	This Week	Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	\$11,781		
Mail and Walk-up	\$3,830		
eGiving	\$8,949		
<b>Total Sunday</b>	<b>\$24,560</b>	<b>\$34,135</b>	<b>(\$9,575)</b>

	Total
Seminary Collection	\$4,489

School Support	This Week	YTD
Rebek	\$2,028	\$11,485

**Thank you for your generosity!**

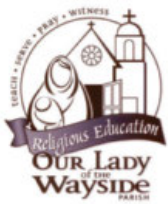


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Or... Scan the QR Code with your mobile phone camera.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## REP Schedule for the Weeks of September 25 & October 1, 2023

### Sunday, September 24

- 4:00 pm, 8th grade Sunday Encounter youth ministry meeting, Middle School Gym

### Tuesday, September 26

- 5:00 pm, 1st – 4th grades, Elementary
- 6:00 pm, NO CLASS Grades 5-8
- 7:15 pm, 2nd grade parent 1st Reconciliation meeting – on Zoom

### Sunday, October 1

- 9:30 am, Family Mass

### Tuesday, October 3

- 5:00 pm, 1st-4th grades, drop off at Elementary Bldg, pick up at church at 6:30 p.m.
- 6:00 pm, First class meeting, 5th-8th grades, drop off at church, pick up at Mid School
- 6:00 pm, Opening Mass for REP – parents please join us!
- 6:30 pm, 8th grade Parent Meeting in Gathering Place

### Feast Celebrating the Archangels



On September 29 we celebrate the feast of the archangels — Raphael, Michael and Gabriel. Angels are sent to assist in God's plan of salvation. They bring messages to the faithful along their path of daily life. Raphael was

sent by God to accompany Tobias in his quest to find medicine for his father. Michael was sent to fight God's battles. Gabriel is the angel who delivers special messages to those favored by God. We first hear of Gabriel through St. Luke's depiction of the Annunciation.

From: <https://teachingcatholickids.com/raphael-michael-and-gabriel-feast-of-the-archangels/>

*Sharing our faith in community*

**OLW Family Mass**  
**Oct 1 - 9:30 a.m.**

To register:  
<https://bit.ly/OctFamMass>




All 2nd - 8th graders in our parish are invited to volunteer



## SPRED... THE LOVE

Our Lady of the Wayside's SPRED Program volunteers answer Jesus' call to discipleship by walking side-by-side with adults with developmental disabilities on their faith journeys. **We are in urgent need of volunteers** to help maintain the program's continued success, and we invite you to prayerfully consider joining our wonderful team.

To learn more,  
email Lynne Toomey at:  
[spredchair@olwparish.org](mailto:spredchair@olwparish.org)



# Scenes & Smiles From Around Our Parish



The **Saint Vincent de Paul Fun Run/Walk For the Poor** was a great time for all who participated, organized and volunteered. 130 participants trekked either a 1-mile or 5K course with the assistance of 30 volunteers and the Arlington Heights Police and Public Works Departments.



Proceeds will be used to provide food, housing, transportation, medical and referral services to parishioners and others in need living within our tri-parish boundaries.

To see **more event photos**, visit: <https://bit.ly/48oUVZF> or scan the QR code.



Our Lady of the Wayside's **Faith Into Action Ministry** put their faith in action in the School gym after last Sunday's 9:30 Mass. They made encouraging Bible verse boxes for OLW Staff and prayed for those who received what they made. They also enjoyed donuts, coffee and conversation.



The **Religious Education Family Home Study Program** also had their first meeting of the new school year in the school's classrooms.

To see **more photos**, visit: <https://bit.ly/3Zs7m2z> or scan the QR code.



Energy was high, hearts were warmed, and bellies were filled last weekend at the **Christian Family Movement (CFM) Lasagna Dinner**. 118 guests, including adults and children attended.



OLW is bringing the FAMILY back to Christian FAMILY Movement. CFM – Making Friends, Making Disciples, and Making a Difference. You're invited to sit in on a CFM meeting or event. Email Katy or Matt Baumgartner at [CFMchair@olwparish.org](mailto:CFMchair@olwparish.org) for more information.

To see **more event photos**, visit: <https://bit.ly/3RuubRu> or scan the QR code.



Our Lady of the Wayside's **Little Saints Pray and Play** gathered in the Parish Center recently for fun, faith and friendship.

Wee ones ages six and under and their parent(s) get together twice monthly, normally in the Gathering Place from 9:30 to 10:30 am, to hear bible stories, learn about saints, pray, sing, and play.

You're welcome to join them! For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/45U5e68> or scan the QR code.



# Little Saints Pray and Play



**Who:** Young children (infants through 6 years) and their parent(s)

**What:** Join us for a fun time of faith and friendship. Together we will read Bible stories, learn about saints, pray, sing, and play. Then enjoy a time to connect and chat while the kids play with the provided toys.

**Where:** Gathering Place



**When:** Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am twice monthly during the school year

**Fall Dates:** September 14 & 28, October 19, November 2, 16 & 30, December 14

Email [olwlittlesaints@gmail.com](mailto:olwlittlesaints@gmail.com) for the most up to date schedule and information.

## Bingo, Bags, and Baubles

Order your tickets by Monday, Sept 25!

Saturday  
September

When you call Bingo, you can win a designer handbag.

in the OLW gym **30** doors open at 6pm

There will be raffle baskets for you to win as well.

Tix are \$50 or \$35 for seniors and include Bingo cards, champagne at door, drinks, and light bites.



Tickets: [bit.ly/OLWBingo](https://bit.ly/OLWBingo) or use QR code or bring a check to the parish office



# BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

## The Vision of Man Fully Alive



**That Man is You!** is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

**Join Our Lady of the Wayside's Men's Group in the Gathering Place for food, fellowship and faith discussions on Saturday Mornings at 7 AM.**

#### SCHEDULE:

- 7:00 AM – Breakfast
- 7:20 AM – Presentation Begins
- 8:00 AM – Small Group Discussion
- 8:30 AM – Program Ends



All men are welcome!

**To Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/mr27brav>

For info contact John Ourednik at [mensgroup@olwparish.org](mailto:mensgroup@olwparish.org).

Women of Wayside  
Coming this Fall!

The Women of Wayside Small Faith Community is the start of something special at our parish. These small groups of women will study together monthly, share their faith and build community for each other. We will help each other grow and support one another as we share the difficulties and joys, the challenges and blessings, in how God is working in our lives. We hope that in this atmosphere of faith they can go deeper in relationship with God. And, as a result, bring Christ to our corner of the world.

We would love for you to be part of this community and to bring a friend with you! Please email Flo Trunk at [mflotrunk@gmail.com](mailto:mflotrunk@gmail.com) to join a group or get more information.

Converted  
Committed  
On Mission



**Illinois Right to Life Action's 50th Banquet** will feature EWTN's Raymond Arroyo and be held at The Carlisle Banquets (435 Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL) on **Friday, October 13, 2023**. Cocktail hour will start at 6 pm, with dinner served at 7 pm.

VIP tickets to the event include a private cocktail hour with Raymond himself. Purchase yours today!

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3PzGE4G> or scan the QR code.



Please Join Viator House of Hospitality for a



Taste of Viator House

October 7, 2023

6 pm - 9 pm

**The Society of the Danube Swabians**

625 Seegers Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016

Enjoy food from many of our participants' nations, silent auction, wine pull, and an opportunity to make an incredible difference in the lives of the young men who call Viator House of Hospitality their home. \$100 Ticket, \$1000 Table of 10. Alcohol-free tables available.

If you would like to donate a silent auction item (vacation home/travel or miles, sporting or event tickets, food & adventure experiences, gift cards, housewares, and arranged baskets), or bottle(s) of wine (\$15 or greater in value) for the wine pull please email Clyde Walter at [cwalter@viatorhouse.org](mailto:cwalter@viatorhouse.org).

REGISTER HERE



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**Vicariate I Ministry Commission**

**MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING**  
for new Ministers of Care

**When:** Saturday, September 30 and  
Saturday, October 7, 2023  
Sign-in: 8:45 – 9 a.m.  
Session: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Where:** St. Edna Catholic Church  
Fr. James Doherty Center  
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd.,  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



**RESERVATIONS:** You **MUST** contact the Ministry of Care Coordinator at your parish prior to registering for this workshop. You may register at [bit.ly/VIMOCfall23](https://bit.ly/VIMOCfall23). Questions? Contact either Deacon Joe Yannotta [jjannotta@stedna.org](mailto:jjannotta@stedna.org) or Diane Yannotta, Ministry Coordinator, at [dyannotta@comcast.net](mailto:dyannotta@comcast.net).



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**QUIGLEY DAYS**  
**September 30, 2023**

**10 a.m.** Mass and Adoration, Lunch  
St. James, Arlington Heights

**Noon** Paintball Explosion, East Dundee

Transportation available.



For details and to register:  
[forms.office.com/r/eG1ZVY2p8Q](https://forms.office.com/r/eG1ZVY2p8Q)  
or scan code.



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## SEPTEMBER

9/10: KICKOFF!  
9/17: PEER MINISTRY  
9/24: PEER MINISTRY

## OCTOBER

10/01: PEER MINISTRY  
10/08: PEER MINISTRY  
10/15: PEER MINISTRY  
10/22: HALLOWEEN FELLOWSHIP  
10/29: NO PM

REGISTER



HERE!

ALL PEER MIN NIGHTS ARE ON SUNDAYS FROM 7-9PM, AFTER THE 6PM TEEN MASS

QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT: [YOUTHMIN@OLWPARISH.ORG](mailto:YOUTHMIN@OLWPARISH.ORG)

## Bible Study

*In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30*



Join us for lively discussion of next Sunday's readings:

Exodus 18:25-28  
Philippians a2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

Join us in the Cabrini Room of the Parish Center or email [biblestudy@olwparish.org](mailto:biblestudy@olwparish.org) for a sign-in code.  
For a sample video, visit: <https://bit.ly/45qgJCb>



## JOIN OLW'S AFTERNOON BRIDGE GROUP

Our Lady of the Wayside Afternoon Bridge Group Meets on the third Thursday of the month (September through May) at noon in the Gathering Space. Players of all levels are welcome.

If you have a partner, great. If you do not have a partner, I will try to find one for you.

Please call Pat Ragone (847) 392-0674 for more information.



# FLU SHOTS SEPT 30 & OCT 1

## SAVE THE DATE!

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE WILL BE GIVING FLU SHOTS

**When:** Saturday, September 30, & Sunday, October 1, 2023

**Time:** Before, during, and after the 5 pm, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am, and 6 pm masses

**Where:** Gathering Place

**How old do you need to be to get a flu shot?** 3 years and older

**Hosted by:** Walgreen's Pharmacy

*\*\*Covid-19, Pneumonia, Shingles and High Dose Flu (for those over 65) vaccines are available.*

**Cost:** Medicare B and most private insurances **cover the cost of the shot**. If you do not have insurance, the cost of the shot is \$45.00.

**Consent Form:** To minimize waiting time in line, we **strongly encourage** you to print and bring a completed **Vaccine Consent Form**. Click the following link, or cut and paste it into your browser to access this form: <https://bit.ly/2ZqtvQW>.

**Please bring with you:** Both your prescription card and insurance card in case the prescription plan does not cover the flu shot, they will bill your medical plan. Also, if you are on Medicare, please bring your card. Walgreen's will process all claims to the insurance (after the shot is given) at their store and contact the patient directly if there is a copay.

If you are covered by a HMO insurance plan, please check with them to see if they will cover the cost before coming for your flu shot.

**If you are paying out of pocket, they will take only cash or check.**

If you have any other questions, please call Kathy O'Neill at **(224) 518-1780**, or by email at [parishnurse@olwparish.org](mailto:parishnurse@olwparish.org).

## What to Expect at Your Annual Checkup

SEPTEMBER IS HEALTHY AGING MONTH



Everyone should have an annual physical for overall health, but what exactly are doctors looking for and what can you expect at a checkup?

While in some ways that can depend on the patient, there are certain tests that are standard during a yearly checkup, explains Dr. Katarzyna Scigacz, an Advocate Medical Group internal medicine physician.

And it's important not to skip those annual visits with a primary care provider, Dr. Scigacz says. Having a checkup every year provides your doctor with a better picture of your overall health, offers the perfect time to update any medications and discuss annual vaccinations like a flu shot, and can even catch a health issue early, she says.

"Oftentimes, if we can identify something in its early stage, or if someone is at risk, we can help mitigate," she says.

Here's what to expect each year at your checkup, according to Dr. Scigacz:

- **Blood pressure:** This important reading measures the pressure that is put on your artery walls. Some people only get a blood pressure reading when they visit a doctor. Others may have to take regular readings for certain health conditions.
- **Weight:** Even if jumping on the scale isn't your favorite thing, your doctor needs to know if it's creeping up, or down.
- **Medical history:** If you have a family history of a disease or condition, doctors will know what to screen for and you will know more about your risks. For example, prediabetes doesn't have symptoms and can soon turn into diabetes. Knowing family history can determine appropriate precautions and screenings.
- **Blood tests:** Doctors will order a series of standard blood tests to look for abnormalities, but also to determine your baseline. That can include labs that show thyroid, kidney and liver function, along with a complete blood count.
- **Mental health:** More providers are now screening for depression. Sometimes patients won't volunteer information related to their mood unless they're directly asked.
- **Immunization:** Doctors will recommend a flu shot, especially during certain times of the year. **Next weekend, September 30 & October 1, OLV is hosting a Flu shot clinic, see bulletin or website for more details.**

Dr. Scigacz says doctors could also include other tests or screenings, depending on a patient's age, gender and other factors. That can include recommending a mammogram, offering an STI screening or other tests. Many also take the opportunity to remind patients to seek out dental and vision screenings, she adds.

*Article contributed by: Kate Thayer*

## Sunday, Sep 24, 2023

### At home in the world

Free to leave, free to stay. Liberty of movement is a right most of us take for granted. Have you resided in more than one place? On this 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis asks us to imagine a world in which everyone has the option to stay or go as they please. It necessitates a world in which staying is safe: free from discrimination, violence, and dire poverty. All would have the protection of equal rights and respect, and could reach their potential in their present circumstances. Until that day, welcoming the stranger is our sacred obligation.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

## Monday, Sep 25, 2023

### Be creative for the sake of creation

The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, began on September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). There is still more than a week left for you, your family, your cohort of friends, your school, and your parish to renew your relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. How? Pray. Read Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'*. Coordinate a cleanup project or other sustainability effort. Use your voice and advocate for climate justice. Best idea yet? Come up with one no one has thought of!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it ... rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light."*

## Tuesday, Sep 26, 2023

### Freely share the gifts you've been given

Cosmas and Damian were legendary. Many churches have been built in their honor, and their names make the short list of saints enshrined in Eucharistic Prayer I, used during the Mass. During the final years of Rome's brutal persecution of Christians, the twin physicians lived in Syria—then an eastern province of the Roman Empire. Not only were they gifted healers, but they refused to charge for their services. As they explained, "We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, 'Freely have you received, freely give.'" How have you been blessed by God, and how can you share that with others?

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

## Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023

### Now on tour

Today is World Tourism Day. According to the United Nations, the tourism sector employs one in every 10 people on Earth, and millions more benefit economically from tourism, though the wealth generated isn't always shared equitably. For tourists, exploring new places and enjoying favorite ones can be exhilarating—but bad behavior can ruin a trip. Keeping an attitude of openness and gratitude, as well as respect for local people and customs while on

vacation or a tour can transform the experience. Archbishop Rino Fisichella of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization wrote in anticipation of today's observance, "A tourism that respects the person and the environment opens the way to perceiving the goodness of the Father who reaches out to everyone with his love." It's hard to imagine a better souvenir than that.

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere."*

## Thursday, Sep 28, 2023

### Lighten the load

You may have heard the old English Christmas song about a Bohemian king who became Saint Wenceslaus, in part because of his great charity. The most famous tale from the charitable king's life was recorded in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus." The king helps a poor man keep from freezing by trodding a path in the snow for him, easing the man's journey to shelter. It ends with an admonishment to do likewise for anyone who suffers and "[you] shall yourselves find blessing." Do a favor for someone in need today, and like Wenceslaus, you will find blessing.

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"*

## Friday, Sep 29, 2023

### Entertaining angels

Care for strangers has always been a strong imperative in Christianity. Yet in today's highly politicized environment, it is challenging to reach out to strangers who some have deemed to be threats—people like refugees and other marginalized communities. Scripture is clear: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Angels? It's far easier to see angels from the safety of a holy card or a statue. But think for a moment and see if you have at some point encountered an angel through the presence of a stranger.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647). *"How do you know me?"*

## Saturday, Sep 30, 2023

### Christianity, by the book

As early Christianity distanced itself from Judaism, Christians began to lose touch with their faith's deep Jewish roots. Saint Jerome (born around 340) helped to reestablish the link. He learned Hebrew from a Christian monk who had converted from Judaism. More unusual for the time, he studied with Jewish rabbis to gain a better understanding of Hebrew scripture. He then spent 15 years producing the foundational Latin translation of the Hebrew Bible, which we know as the Old Testament. He later said, "For if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Crack open the Good Book today, in honor of a key figure who helped shape it.

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Jesus said to his disciples, 'Pay attention to what I am telling you.'"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

**5:00 pm Saturday, September 30, 2023**

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Peter LeTourneau

**7:30 am Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Presider: Father Gilbert Mashurano

**9:30 am Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Paul Onischuk

**11:30 am Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Presider: Fr. Gilbert Mashurano & Deacon Jerry Brennan

**6:00 pm Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat & Deacon Paul Onischuk

## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

**September 24, 2023**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



### Pray for those celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony

**II Liam Fruzyna & Ellen Bakke – October 7 at 3pm**



### Pray for the Sick

*Diane Behling, Gloria White Bonomo, Helene Bottalla, Bill Brewer, Marie DeSanto, Donna Hames, Theresa Hansen, Valerie Lund, Daniel & Delores McCloy, Marianne Saas, Stacey Scott, Fr. John Topper, Bud Trunk, Mary Weidner*



### Pray for the Deceased

*Joanne Boyle, Rosemary Cataldo, Sue Guilfoil-McArthur, Susan Pfisterer, Arlene Prosser*

## SACRED LITURGY:

**Monday, September 25, 2023**

8:30 am – William Taylor

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

8:30 am – Bill Deger, Frank Greifenstein, Edward Zaczek, Mark Schuldt

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

8:30 am – Cynthia & Ronald Armstrong

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

8:30 am – Nicholas Palmer, Lorraine Lysiak, Angelo Virgilio

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**

8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

5:00 pm – Tim Hurley, Frank Greifenstein, Ann Metzger, JoLynne Hannay, Ricardo Gonzalez

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

7:30 am – Conor Cooney

9:30 am – Kathy Freiburger, Chris Anastasia, Carm Notaro, Martin Aleghani, Victoria Nowak

11:30 am – Kathy Freiburger

6:00 pm – For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



## ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

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## Holy Communion for the Homebound & Hospitalized

Please contact Kathy O'Neill at the parish office.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call the parish office.

## Pray the Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 am – preceding 8:30 am Mass.

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Homebound or ill wanting to receive this Sacrament and the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Deacon Peter LeTourneau at the parish office to schedule a baptism. A baptismal preparation session is required for your first child.

## Sacrament of Marriage

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:30–10:30 am. Or, contact the parish office to schedule a time.



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