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**WAYSIDE PARISH**

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*Our Lady of the Wayside Church Dedication, May 11, 1958.*

**October 8, 2023**  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*





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# Respect Life Corner

OCTOBER  
2023

## LIVING RADICAL SOLIDARITY

An excerpt from Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
statement on Respect Life Month 2023

Since 1973, the year the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide in *Roe v. Wade*, the month of October has been set aside by the U.S. bishops as a time to focus on protecting God's precious gift of human life. While we thank God that the terrible reign of *Roe* has ended, we also recognize that abortion still continues in most states and is aggressively promoted at the federal level. A great many prayers, sacrifices, and good works are still desperately needed to transform a culture of death into a culture of life. Our public witness, our marching, and our advocacy must continue, yet laws alone will not end the tragedy of abortion.

While ending legalized abortion remains our preeminent priority, **the most immediate way to save babies and mothers from abortion is to thoroughly surround mothers in need with lifegiving support and personal accompaniment.** This is radical solidarity. St. John Paul II first defined "radical solidarity" in this way: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ...

Being in radical solidarity with women who are pregnant or raising children in difficult circumstances means putting our love for them into action and putting their needs before our own. Pope Francis reminds us that solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset," a transformation within our own hearts...

Our initiative, [WalkingWithMoms.com](http://WalkingWithMoms.com) provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions to help transform our parishes into places of welcome, support, and assistance for pregnant and parenting mothers facing difficulties.

And so, this October, I invite all Catholics to think about building a culture of life in terms of radical solidarity. We are the Church. Our prayers, witness, sacrifices, advocacy, and good works are needed now, more than ever. We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world today and we each have a personal responsibility to care for one another.

Read the rest of his statement at: [www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-23-RLM-Statement.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/rlp-23-RLM-Statement.pdf)

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

**We're hosting a month long  
baby shower with all proceeds  
going to Aid for Women.**

### HOW TO ACCESS THE WISHLIST

Use this QR code to access the Amazon Wishlist. Please ensure all items donated are new. Items will be sent directly to the Aid for Women pregnancy center in Wheeling, and then divided across all pregnancy centers and the two maternity homes.



### DONATION BINS

If you wish to donate something that is not on the wishlist - we will place donation bins in the hallway near the Gathering Place and the Parish Office. Please note that only new items will be accepted.

**October 13 | Join the Respect Life  
Novena** by accessing the QR Code here.



**October 21 | Meet us, March for Life**

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

**October 22 - 24 | Sign up for 40 hours  
of Perpetual Adoration** via the QR code  
today! AND join us for donuts after mass  
on October 22.



# OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for October 1, 2023



|                  | This Week | Budget   | Variance  |
|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Sunday Masses    | \$13,558  |          |           |
| Mail and Walk-up | \$4,040   |          |           |
| eGiving          | \$9,054   |          |           |
| Total Sunday     | \$26,652  | \$34,135 | (\$7,483) |

| School Support | This Week | YTD      |
|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Rebek          | \$130     | \$11,760 |

**Thank you for your generosity!**



**e-GIVING is e-ASY-PEASY**

[www.givecentral.org/location/120](http://www.givecentral.org/location/120)

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



## FIDELITY YIELDS PEACE

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Father Arthur Marat

One of the greatest fruits produced from a life lived in fidelity to Christ Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church is **peace**. If peace is lacking in our lives as Catholics, in our societies, in the Church, and in the world, then we would do well to ask ourselves in what ways we have ceased to be faithful to the Lord, to rely on Him in everything, and to remember His goodness.

Faithfulness to God should bring us peace because, by living according to God's commands, we allow Him to be in charge of our lives, trusting that He wants for us all the good things that St. Paul describes in his letter to the Philippians: what is true, honorable, just, pure, gracious, excellent, praiseworthy. It is when we cease to allow God to be God for us that we find ourselves like the "wild grapes" of the first reading, left to their own destruction, not because God (the owner of the vineyard) does not care, but because He respects our free will.

***It is always good to take a few moments each day to reflect on our lives and see where we have tried to be faithful to God and where we have failed. Then, we should trustingly offer both our strivings and our failures to the Lord, awaiting His mercy and asking for His assistance.***

Just as the owner of the vineyard in the Gospel sent His son, so did God the Father send us His Son Jesus to help us along our way. We are not alone. We have God on our side. We have Christ Who strengthens and accompanies us. God sees our efforts and our good will, and He will make up for what is lacking if necessary. Let us – like children – trust in God, be faithful to Him, and await His help and intervention in our families, societies, Church, and world. And let our hearts remain in peace because what people "has a God as near to them as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon Him?" (Deut 4:7).

Yours in Christ,  
Father Arthur

### DID YOU KNOW...

The "Solemn Dedication" publication of Our Lady of the Wayside, published in 1958 – just before our new Church was dedicated – praises volunteers and parishioners who worked tirelessly and gave selflessly to raise funds to build the parish. It reads, in part... ***"Each affair, large or small, brought people of a common mind together for common action – Catholic Action with a visible as well as invisible objective."***

Read more HERE:  
<https://bit.ly/3EZ3vRk>







**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.



LET'S PUT OUR  
*Faith into Action*



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**10:30-11:30AM**  
**OLW GYM**

Service Hour Opportunity!

DROP IN! OR STAY THE WHOLE HOUR!



*Serve*  
 Make a rosary prayer kit



*Pray*  
 Pray for recipients



*Connect*  
 Enjoy some coffee, doughnuts, and conversation!

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

**Outdoor Family Rosary**

Bring your family to the Mary Grotto on Park Street

4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in October

Rosaries and instruction provided

Meet at the rectory stairs on Park Street



**Position Available**  
**YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR**

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

The Youth Ministry Director at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish is a member of the parish staff who works as a pastoral minister involved in a variety of ministries that serve to support and strengthen parish outreach to area youth (seventh to twelfth grade). This includes a variety of new and existing opportunities and programs designed to evangelize and form our youth including, but not limited to, curriculum and event development, recruitment, leadership development and training, fundraising for youth activities including the mission trip, management of the confirmation program, and more.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/3PRWesC> or scan the QR code with your camera phone.

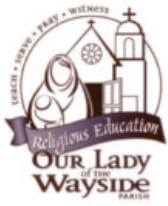




# WILDCAT PROWL

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## REP Schedule for the Weeks of October 10 & 17, 2023

### Tuesday, October 10

- 4:30 pm, Outdoor Family Rosary; meet at rectory stairs on Park Street
- 5:00 pm, 1st–4th grades meet
- 6:00 pm, 5th & 6th grades meet; no 7th or 8th grade!

### Sunday, October 15

- 10:30–11:45 am, Home Study Classes and Faith into Action

### Tuesday, October 17

- 4:30 pm, Outdoor Family Rosary; meet at rectory stairs on Park Street
- 5:00 pm, 1st–4th grades meet
- 6:00 pm, 5th–8th grades meet

### Sunday, October 22

- 4:00–5:15 pm, 7th grade Youth Ministry Encounter Meeting



### Our Lady of the Rosary



In the 16th century, Pope Pius V was having trouble with the Ottoman Turks, who were a real danger to Christians. The Christians and the Turks fought each other at sea. While the battle raged, many people recited the rosary with the special intention of the Christians winning. The Christians believed their success was by the

Blessed Virgin's intercession, and now this special feast day is celebrated each October in remembrance.

From: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/saints-stories-for-all-ages/our-lady-of-the-rosary/>

## St. Mark's Food Collection: October 8

On **Sunday, October 8** we will have our monthly food drive for St. Mark's Parish. Drop off non-perishable food at the parish garage from **between 9 am and noon**.

Most-needed items include:

- pasta noodles & sauce
- canned tuna & chicken
- canned vegetables
- soup
- cereal
- chili
- mac & cheese
- bagged sugar
- dry white beans



"Alms are an inheritance and a justice which is due to the poor and which Jesus has levied upon us." - Saint Francis of Assisi

SAINT MARKS FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Thank you for your past and future generosity in this important ministry.

Non-perishable food is now being accepted during the week in the lobby of the Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATE!

*Celebrating Seventy Years of Catholic Education*



**CELEBRATE**  
OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PARISH

**Soiree**

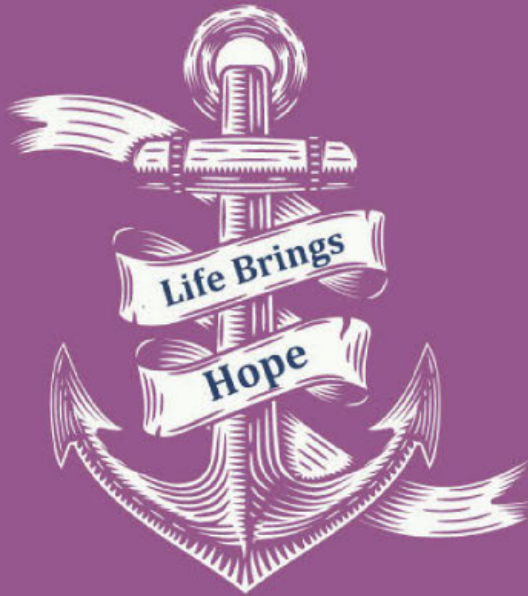
*A party to conclude the parish's year-long anniversary celebration, with a focus on celebrating Catholic education.*

**FEBRUARY 24, 2024**  
**METROPOLIS BALLROOM OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**  
**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Interested in sharing your ideas for the Soiree?  
Join us for an advisory group meeting at 7pm on Oct 12 in the Neumann Room of the Parish Center.



# NORTHWEST FAMILIES March for Life



*"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'" — Jeremiah 29:11.*



**SATURDAY**

**OCT. 21<sup>ST</sup> 2023**

1:00 - 3:00 PM

ST. THERESA DOLAN CENTER GYMNASIUM  
455 N. BENTON, PALATINE

Doors open at 12:30 for T-shirt sales and informational display tables

**1pm** Gather in the gym for music, prayer, and inspirational speakers!

**2pm** Walk to Northwest Highway lining the street with pro-life supporters!

**3pm** Return to the gym to be renewed with refreshments and prayerful thanks!



Find us at   @NorthWestFamiliesforLife

Sponsored by NorthWest Families for Life, local churches and the Knights of Columbus  
[www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com](http://www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com) 847-651-4877 NWFL526@gmail.com





OLW HANDBELL CHOIR

# COME RING WITH US!

NO PREVIOUS RINGING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! IF YOU CAN READ MUSIC (EVEN IF YOU'RE RUSTY), YOU CAN LEARN TO RING!

Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:30  
Musicians from high school age and up are welcome!  
Contact Cynthia Seputis, Handbell Director, at [Cseputis@att.net](mailto:Cseputis@att.net)  
Handbells are the **ULTIMATE** (musical) team sport!

NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM


# JOIN THE CHOIR!

Contact Dan McMahon, Music Director  
[musicministry@olwparish.org](mailto:musicministry@olwparish.org)  
847-253-5353 ext. 225

**Adult Choir – Ages 14 and up!**  
Rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory basement. We sing at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and special holidays!

**Ensemble – Ages 14 and up!**  
Rehearsal is every Tuesday at 7:30p.m. in the rectory foyer. The Ensemble provides music at the 9:30 a.m. mass every week, as well as special holidays!

**Cantors & Instrumentalists**  
Cantors lead our sung worship at Masses without choirs. Instruments are welcome at all of our Masses both choir and cantor. Contact Dan McMahon for more information.



# CFM

Christian Family Movement

FAMILIES PROTECTED AND PREPARED

## Putting on the Armor of God

The mission of CFM is to – promote Christ-centered marriage and family life; - to help individuals and their families to live their Christian faith in everyday life; and – to improve society through actions of love, service, education, and example.

Every 1st Friday of the month thru April  
Come to a meeting & see if CFM is for you!



Contact Matt & Katy Baumgartner at [cfmchair@olwparish.org](mailto:cfmchair@olwparish.org)! We hope you'll join us!

## Bible Study

In Person & Online / Friday Morning 9:30



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

Isaiah 25:6-10  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22: 1-14

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>



# Holistic Mental Health Series

“Many youth and adults alike are experiencing too much stress and too little peace. But how do we change? How do we help young people cope with stress and anxiety and discover more of God’s peace?” - Author Roy Petitfils

## SERIES GOALS:

- Awareness and Understanding about Holistic Mental Health
- Acceptance and Reducing Stigma through Education
- Creating a Safe Place to Learn and Share for Parents



### SERIES #1: PARENTS OF K - 5TH GRADE

October 4, 2023  
6 PM - 7:15 PM  
at St. Mary’s in  
Buffalo Grove



### SERIES #2: PARENTS OF 6 - 8TH GRADE

November 14, 2023  
6 PM - 7:15 PM  
at Our Lady of  
Wayside in  
Arlington Heights



### SERIES #3: PARENTS OF H.S. TEENS/EARLY COLLEGE

December 3, 2023  
7 PM - 8:30 PM  
at Our Lady of  
Wayside in  
Arlington Heights

**Presented By: A Team of Professional Catholics**  
serving the Parish communities.



## QUESTIONS?

*Please forward any questions to your parish’s Director of Religious Ed.*

# Lotsa Shotsa!!!



A record number of vaccines were distributed – before, during and after all masses last weekend.

A combined total of **232 Flu, High-dose Flu, COVID booster, RSV, Pneumonia and Shingles vaccines** found their way into the arms of **130+** brave Parishioners of all ages.

Father Arthur extends a **BIG OLW THANK YOU** to our partner, Walgreens Pharmacy at Golf and Arlington Heights Roads, and to Kathy O'Neill for their commitment to the health and wellbeing of OLW parishioners! They worked tirelessly Saturday evening and all day and night Sunday distributing vaccines.



## Grief Support Group for Adults - FALL, 2023

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

Our Lady of the Wayside Ministry of Bereavement offers a grief support program for adults. This six-week program is open to adult men and women parishioners who have suffered the loss of a spouse, parent, adult child or sibling through death.

**"Companions on the Journey" – A Place and a Time to Heal**

**Wednesdays – November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and December 6, 2023**

**10 am to 12 pm in the Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Ministry Center**

Even with deep faith, grief work is hard. People say you should be "over it by now," but you are not; you may feel lonely, angry, depressed, overwhelmed or confused; others have gone back to their daily routines, but your life will never be the same. Strong feelings may surface months, and even years after the person died. The goal of this group is to help you understand your feelings are normal; guide you in learning about the grief process; and give you a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and experiences in a faith setting.

**Registrations are limited. Please register by no later than Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**

TO REGISTER:

Stop by the parish office to complete a registration form or  
call Kathy O'Neill at **224-518-1780**



**KATHY O'NEILL, R.N.** 

**COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL HEALTHCARE**

## **7 Ways to Support a Domestic Violence Survivor**

Acts of domestic violence occur every day, mostly behind closed doors. Nicole Glaser, manager of Aurora Sinai Medical Center's healing and advocacy services, shares how you can support someone you know.

### **1. Learn the warning signs**

**Physical:** Look for black eyes, swollen lips, red or purple marks on the neck, sprained wrists or bruised arms.

**Emotional:** Survivors may have low self-esteem, be overly apologetic, fearful, experience changes in sleeping/eating patterns, become anxious, have substance abuse issues or show signs of depression.

**Behavioral:** Look for changes in behaviors of becoming withdrawn, cancelling plans, being late, isolation and increased privacy about personal life.

This is not a comprehensive list and someone struggling does not have to experience all these symptoms to require help. If you suspect someone is struggling and requires immediate assistance, call the **National Domestic Violence Hotline-800-799-7233**.

**2. Make time for them** – Survivors may be more reluctant to initiate plans and would appreciate a friend taking the first step to connect. Creating time in your day for someone you suspect is suffering will generate trust and create a safe space for sharing.



**3. Start a conversation** – Once trust is established, you can initiate a conversation with the person. It's important to not push the subject and let it come naturally. You can assure the person you will be discreet and that you are concerned for their well-being. Try starting the conversation off with "I'm worried about you because..."

**4. Listen without judgement** – Be an active listener by asking clarifying questions and not providing advice. The person will tell you what they need if you give them the space to talk.

**5. Validate survivors** – Be sure to validate survivors in whatever they are feeling. You can say "I believe you" and "this is not your fault." All situations of domestic violence are complex and elicit a variety of emotions. Support them through feelings of anger, hope, fear, despair or even love.

**6. Offer support** – Once the conversation has ended, you can find ways to support the survivor. This can include locating/providing resources or creating a safety plan. It's important to respect the choices of the survivor and to not overstep. Understand that only the survivor can make their choice and that your only job is to support them through that decision.

**7. Take care of yourself** – It can be draining to actively listen to someone experiencing hardships so remember to listen to yourself too. Take time to exercise, get fresh air or anything to recharge.

Glaser likes to remind everyone that domestic violence is complicated, and someone might not be ready to leave.

"Leaving can often be most dangerous," says Glaser. "You can help support them by educating yourself on learning the signs of domestic violence and creating a safety plan."

*Article contributed by: Margaret Weiner*

**Sunday, Oct 08, 2023**

**To the greater good!**

Our country's second poet laureate, Richard Wilbur (1921-2017), fought in the Second World War. It convinced him that writing verse was serious business: "One does not use poetry ... to organize oneself and the world, until one's world somehow gets out of hand." Wilbur explained: "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things."*

**Monday, Oct 09, 2023**

**Going the distance for faith**

In the third century, Saint Denis evangelized the country that would come to be France (then called Gaul), and he is thought to have been the first bishop of Paris (then called Lutetia). He was so successful at making converts that the Roman governor beheaded him on the highest hill in the city, now known as Montmartre. It was said he picked up his head and kept preaching while walking many miles before reaching his burial site in a town later named after him. He is the patron saint of France and one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Call on him for a missionary zeal that just won't quit.

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS  
TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."*

**Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023**

**Don't shortchange charity**

In 2021, Pope Francis used today, World Mental Health Day, to pray for those "affected by mental disorders and also the victims, often young, of suicide." This June, Francis mentioned teen suicide again, decrying a "culture that leads young people to think that they are 'losers.'" Francis also emphasized the basic human right to medical care and social services—so critical for mental health—but he also pointed to us individual Christians, who in our "haste" don't often stop long enough to care for each other. "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian"—according to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan—"is to become personally involved." His advice? Learn from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who said, "charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.'"*

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023**

**A shrine for the ages**

In America's "first city," St. Augustine, Florida, many Catholics today will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of La Leche, dedicated to a Marian apparition first recognized during the time of the Spanish colonial empire. The devotion, depicting Mary nursing the infant child Jesus, traveled with settlers to Florida in the 16th century, and a shrine to her was built at Mission Nombre de Dios in the

new colony of St. Augustine. The shrine is the oldest in the United States, having received canonical coronation in 2021, and is a popular pilgrimage site for those seeking intercession related to a pregnancy. Maybe today is the day for you to offer a special prayer for someone in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name."*

**Thursday, Oct 12, 2023**

**Come as you are**

Christians whose personalities would never be called pious or meek might take heart in Caryll Houselander (1901-54), whose death we commemorate today. She smoked, drank, and was said to have a sharp tongue. But people were drawn to her for good counsel, and Houselander's spiritual writing persists. A sample: "Love is most likely to spring from another's need for us, and the fact of spending ourselves for another always generates new life in us." With your own God-given personality, warts and all, take a step today toward building the Kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find."*

**Friday, Oct 13, 2023**

**The devil doesn't have a prayer**

In an interview in *Exorcists against Satan* by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Pope Francis was asked about the devil. "It is possible that I get on the Devil's nerves," he said, "because I try to follow the Lord and do what the Gospel says. And that annoys him. At the same time, he is certainly happy when I commit some sin. He seeks man's failure, but he has no chance if there is prayer." It is a great mystery that God should permit diabolical activity, says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "but we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him" (CCC 395). Take the simple steps of daily prayer and good works to keep the devil at bay.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?"*

**Saturday, Oct 14, 2023**

**Redeeming qualities**

There was a profound division in the church during the third-century pontificate of Callistus I. The pope believed and taught that even the most serious sins like murder and adultery could be absolved in a sincere confession. His position scandalized many church leaders in Rome who didn't agree. They believed that some sins were too serious to be forgiven, and they accused Callistus of laxity and sympathizing with heretics. Eventually Callistus prevailed and Confession became the healing sacrament for all sin, even the most serious. Thank our merciful God for guiding the church toward an ethic of redemption.

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR  
TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

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



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

**Sunday:** Ez Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

## SACRED LITURGY:

**Monday, October 9, 2023**

8:30 am – Mark Schuldt

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

8:30 am – Irena Miron

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

8:30 am – Elmer “Al” Drolet, Glenn Brosius

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

8:30 am – George & Jeanne Miller, Leokadia Nowakowska

**Friday, October 13, 2023**

8:30 am – Rose Vos, Caterina Quattrocchi

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

8:30 am – James Sheridan

5:00 pm – Loretta Jarecki, Mathias & Lillian Schmitz, Connor Conroy

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

7:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

9:30 am – Daniel Nowak, Dr. Oliver Mackenzie, Jean Marie Roche, John Reichenbach

11:30 am – Kelly Trecka, Maureen Lavin

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



### Pray for the Sick

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



### Pray for the Deceased

*Joyce Kustra, Edward Olsen*



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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm

## DAILY EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 am

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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays at 9:00 am – following 8:30 am Mass.

## Tuesdays Together (Through May 30, 2024)

6:00 pm – Mass

Adoration & Confession (immediately following Mass)

## 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

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## Sacrament of Baptism

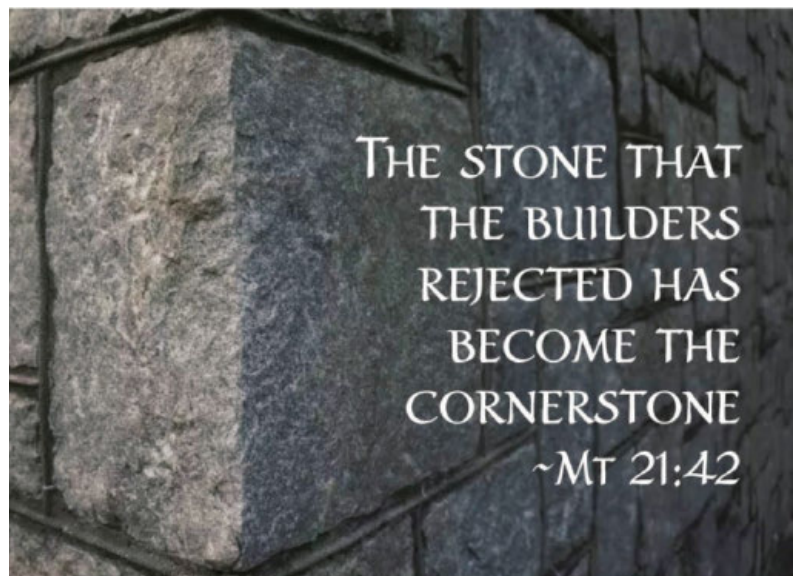
Contact Deacon Peter LeTourneau at the parish office to schedule a baptism. A baptismal preparation session is required for your first child.

## Sacrament of Marriage

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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