



# Assumption Catholic Church

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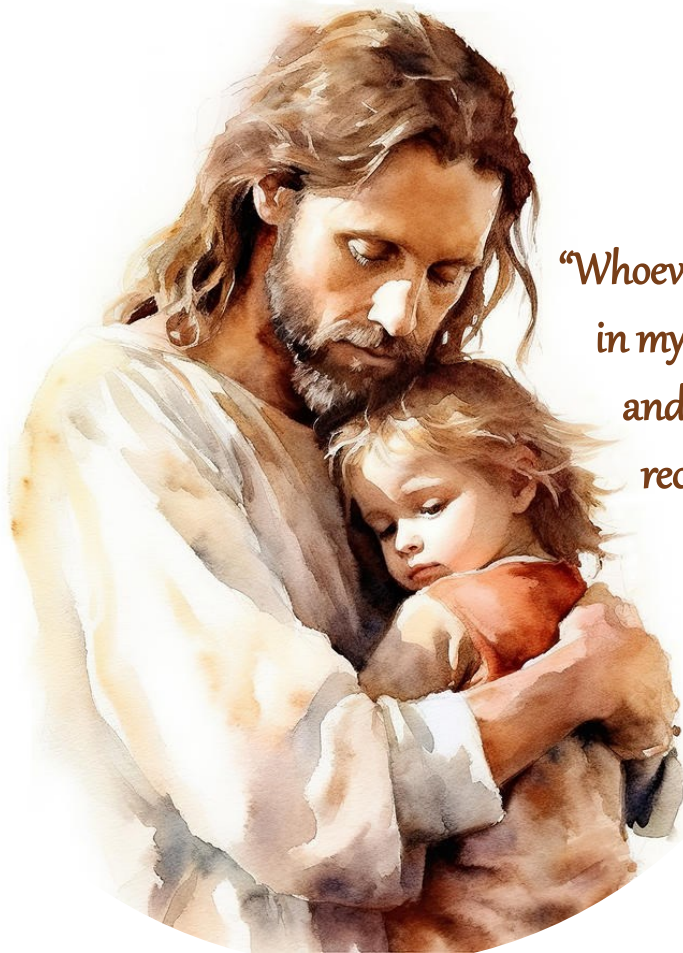
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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 22, 2024**



*“Whoever receives one child such as this  
in my name, receives me;  
and whoever receives me,  
receives not me but the One who sent me.”*

MARK 9:37



*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more.

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Mt. 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, egoism, narcissism, self-centeredness, vanity etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Cor. 4:7). Are we ready to humble ourselves and to serve as Jesus did?

### Readings for Next Sunday,

September 29, 2024

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-48

## Saint of the Week... St. Vincent de Paul

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Vincent was a short-tempered person. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others. Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity. He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

St. Vincent de Paul died in Paris in 1660. He is the patron saint of charities and volunteers.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: Sept. 27



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Jeremy Taylor, Maleigha Taylor, Doris Tetrick, Courtney Whiteman.

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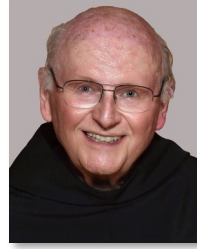
My most gracious thanks to all of you who supported our Catholic Sharing Appeal this year! Our hope was to reach 100% before our parish officially turned 150 on September 20 ... and you made it happen!

**Our goal was \$17,615, and as of today our gifts total is \$18,350.**

As you know, the first 50% received toward the goal helps support Catholic education, evangelization, and outreach efforts across our Diocese, as well as grant opportunities for all parishes and schools. We can continue to accept donations for the Catholic Sharing Appeal through December 31, all of which will come back to our parish.

This year of jubilee has indeed been an unforgettable one. Thank you for supporting our parish in so very many ways, including this annual appeal. May God continue to bless all of you!

*Fr. Thomas*



*Fr. Terry Adams, TOR*

Born into Life  
April 6, 1940  
Born into Eternal Life  
January 9, 2024

We recently learned of the passing of Fr. Terry Adams earlier this year. He was the Pastor here from 1988-1989 and passed away at the St. Francis Friary in Loretto.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May Fr. Terry's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

### Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of the upcoming Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of all God's creations, our parish will hold a Blessing of the Animals service.

Fr. Thomas will offer a special blessing for our beloved pets who demonstrate so selflessly the unconditional love of God.

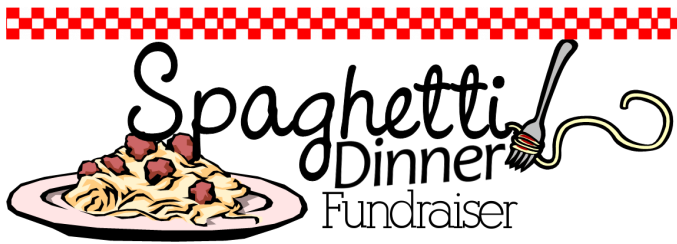


The event will take place on Saturday, October 5 at 11 a.m. in the lawn between the church and the rectory. Cats, dogs, hamsters, birds...all animals are welcome (and all should be appropriately leashed or crated).

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, September 21	4:00 pm	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman .....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Souls of Gwen & Gina DeMasi .....	Their Loving Family
Sunday, September 22	8:30 am	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto.....	Jan Chiccehitto
		Souls of Joseph & Catherine Blundon.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, September 23	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 24	No Mass		
Wednesday, September 25	5:00 pm	Soul of Joseph Willis.....	Mary Balassone
		Living & Deceased Members of the DeMasi & Turner families .....	Sue & Jean Harber
Thursday, September 26	12 noon	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Sue & Jean Harber .....	Mary Shannon
Friday, September 27	9:00 am	Intentions of Fr. Thomas & his family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
		Intentions of the Daily Mass Prayer Warriors of Assumption Parish .....	A Thankful Friend
Saturday, September 28	4:00 pm	Soul of Luisa Corpus Esteban.....	Diana Myers
		Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, September 29	8:30 am	Soul of Jordan Placka .....	Doug & Jane Placka

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, October 1 at St. Mary's Hall. Serving times are 4-6:30 p.m. (or until they run out); eat in or carry out. Price is \$10 adults, \$5 children.

Donations of cakes or other desserts are welcome! Those can be dropped off at the hall anytime the day of the dinner.

## Your Faithful Stewardship

September 14-15, 2024

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,820
Loose Donations.....	\$885
Repairs & Maintenance .....	\$35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,740</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, September 14.....	58
Sunday, September 15.....	102
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>160</b>

### Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next Sunday for the Catholic University of America. Located in the nation's capital, this research university helps students to serve the Church and nation as Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

## Light of Life Radio Ministry

Light of Life (LOL) Radio operates four Catholic radio stations in West Virginia and has been approved by the FCC to put up a station in Keyser.

In order to do this, LOL Radio is looking for a place to put up an antenna and a small space to house the equipment necessary to run the station. The station will be operated remotely from Morgantown. If you are willing to have an antenna on your property (preferably on a hilltop) and have a small space (a closet or the corner of a room) to put a computer, transmitter and a mixer, please contact Bob Carubia at 304-598-0026.

LOL radio's mission is to "proclaim the Good News of the kingdom of God" (Luke 4:43). Visit lolradio.org to learn more about their ministry.



## It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (September 22) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship and the start of another year of religious education! Thank you to the Parish Council for hosting this month's event.

### NEWS FROM

## Assumption Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and a snack to share.

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, September 28

Lector: Logan Stanislawczyk  
 Servers: Sue Harber, Alan Taylor & Morgan Gustafson  
 EMs: Cathy Pardee, Jean Harber (c), Sue Harber (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

### Sunday, September 29 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD Students  
 Servers: CCD Students  
 EMs: Pam Williams, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
 Cantor: Linda Marsh  
 Greeters: CCD Students

### Saturday, October 5

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
 Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
 EMs: Jean Harber, Janet Corley (c) & Alan Taylor (c)  
 Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
 Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, October 6

Lector: Pam Williams  
 Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
 EMs: Nancy Starcher, Kelley Kuhn (c), Dave Minnich (c)  
 Cantor: Patrick George  
 Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

September 26 Joanne Stickley  
 October 3 Cindy Alt



*May your blessings be as countless  
as the autumn leaves.*

*Autumn begins September 22*