



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 28, 2025**



## The Rich Man & Lazarus

LUKE 16:19-31

*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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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

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

What most absorbs our time, our attention, and our heart? In the parable of the rich man (Luke 16:19-31) who refused to help the beggar named Lazarus, Jesus paints a dramatic scene of contrasts - riches and poverty, heaven and hell, compassion and indifference, inclusion and exclusion. We also see an abrupt and dramatic reversal of fortune. Lazarus was not only poor and a beggar, he was also sick and unable to fend for himself. He was "laid" at the gates of the rich man's house. The dogs which licked his sores probably also stole the little bread he got for himself. The rich man treated the beggar with contempt and indifference, until he found his fortunes reversed at the end of his life!

In God's economy, those who hold on possessively to what they have, lose it all in the end, while those who share generously receive back many times more than they gave away. The name Lazarus means God is my help. Despite a life of misfortune and suffering, Lazarus did not lose hope in God. His eyes were set on a treasure stored up for him in heaven. The rich man, however, could not see beyond his material wealth and possessions. He was too absorbed in what he possessed to notice the needs of those around him. He lost sight of God and the treasure of heaven because he was preoccupied with seeking happiness in material things. He served wealth rather than God. In the end the rich man became a beggar! Let us pray today: Lord Jesus, you are my joy and my treasure. Make me rich in the things of your heavenly kingdom and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others the spiritual and material treasures you have given to me.

### Readings for Next Sunday,

October 5, 2025

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-14

Luke 17:5-10

## Saint of the Week... Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - The Archangels

Angels are messengers from God. Three of the special messengers mentioned in the Bible are the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. The names of each of these archangels tell us about the work God gave them to do.

Michael's name means "who is like God." God gave Michael the responsibility of protecting us as God protects us.

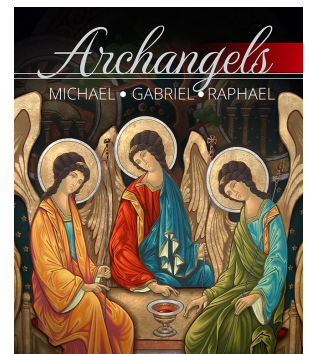
Gabriel's name means "hero of God." Gabriel is God's hero because he communicates God's message to people. We remember Gabriel best for being the angel who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of God's only Son.

Raphael's name means "God has healed." In the Bible, Raphael heals a blind man and is said to have stirred the water in a pool where Jesus healed a paralyzed man.

On the feast day of the archangels, we remember that God's messengers guide us in our journey to everlasting life with our Father. We can pray to Michael when we face temptation. We can ask to Gabriel to help us say "yes" to God as Mary did so many years ago. We can pray to Raphael when we are ill or know someone who is in need of healing.

We honor the archangels as saints. They remind us that God is always with us and that God loves so much about us that he gives us special helpers to light and guide us to him.

Source: [saintsresources.com](http://saintsresources.com)



Feast Day: September 29



Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Jean Harber, Sue Harber, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Rhonda Martin, Betty McAvoy, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Shawn Whetzel, Becky Whitlock\*, Barbara Willis.

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Today we celebrate “Priesthood Sunday,” a special day set aside to honor priests and to reflect on the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church.

We thank Fr. Thomas—and all the priests who have served our parish over the years—for his service to God and to all of us. We pray that he may continue to be a true and faithful witness of Christ in the world!

*“The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.”*

-- St. John Vianney



Join us to celebrate and honor Fr. Thomas for his loving service to our parish and Deacon Larry on his 90th birthday!

The event will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 5 p.m. at St. Mary’s Hall. The Ladies Guild will provide ham, rolls, dessert and drinks. Families attending are asked to bring a side dish to share. Deacon Larry requests no gifts please! A sign up sheet is available in the Vestibule.

**Blessing of the Animals**

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, 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 the unconditional love of God.



The event will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 11 a.m. in the grotto area 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, September 27	4:00 pm	Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs.....	Karen & Howard Barrick
		Soul of Gwen DeMasi .....	Her loving family
		Intentions of Linda Marsh.....	Bob & Phyllis Harman
Sunday, September 28	8:30 am	Soul of Jordan Placka .....	Doug & Jane Placka
Monday, September 29	No Mass		
Tuesday, September 30	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 1	5:00 pm	Soul of Richard Gibson .....	Kathleen Gibson
Thursday, October 2	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk .....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Gloria DeMasi & family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Friday, October 3	9:00 am	Soul of Margaret McGuire .....	Frances Rosedale
Saturday, October 4	10:00 am	<i>Mass at Keyser Healthcare Center</i> Residents of Keyser Healthcare Center .....	Assumption Parish
	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders .....	Eddie & Dorothy Sandoval
		The Harber Family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, October 5	8:30 am	Soul of Randy Kuhn.....	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Intentions of Carrie Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick

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





**Upcoming Meeting**

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday, October 1 at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Hall. We will start with a short meeting and then do a deep clean of the hall and take an inventory of supplies. Lunch will be provided.

**Meatball Sale**

The Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus are holding a meatball sale next month! Delivery to local businesses will be offered on Friday, October 17 and pick up by individuals on Saturday, October 18. An order form is available in the Vestibule or you can contact any member of the guild or Knight to place an order. **All orders are due by October 13.** Cost is \$8 for a sub or \$5 for a container of four meatballs with sauce.

**Pie Sale**

The Ladies Guild is once again selling pies from The Pie Shoppe! These are 9-inch pies and come in a variety of flavors. Pumpkin rolls are also available. Cost is \$15.

Orders are due by Friday, October 31. Pick up date is Tuesday, November 11 from 4-6 pm at St. Mary's Hall. Make checks payable to Assumption Ladies Guild. Order forms are available in the Vestibule and payment can be dropped in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Robin McDowell at 304-813-0790.

*Your Faithful Stewardship*

September 20-21, 2025

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes.....\$1,900  
Loose Donations..... \$691  
**Total..... \$2,591**

**Attendance**

Saturday, 9/20..... 82  
Sunday, 9/21..... 65  
**Total..... 147**

**Diocesan Collection**

A second collection is being taken this weekend to support the Catholic University of America. Located in our nation's capital, this research university helps students to serve the Church and nation as Catholic leaders of tomorrow. A separate basket is available.

**REMINDER!**

CCD classes begin this Sunday, September 28. Classes are held from 9:30-10:30 in St. Mary's Hall (grades 10-12 meet at the Knights Hall).

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, October 4**

Lector: John Gustafson  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Harper Newlin  
EMs: Mary Wagoner, Alan Taylor (c), Bill Lupis (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Jean Harber & Diana Myers

**Sunday, October 5**

Lector: Geoff Newlin  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EMs: Dave Minnich, Nancy Starcher (c), Rosie Landis (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

**Saturday, October 11**

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Liam & Lucas Dupuis  
EMs: Norma Clark, Karen Yowler (c), TBD (c)  
Cantor: Mike Dupuis  
Greeters: TBD

**Sunday, October 12**

Lector: Pam Williams  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EMs: Pam Williams, Mike Landis (c), Tina Stephen (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

**Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

October 4 Jean Harber, Bob Konka  
October 9 Meredythe Barrick

FOR YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR  
**LORD JESUS CHRIST,**  
THAT THOUGH HE WAS RICH,  
YET FOR YOUR SAKE HE BECAME POOR,  
SO THAT YOU **BY HIS POVERTY**  
**MIGHT BECOME RICH.**

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