



# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 12, 2025*



*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**

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

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

The word *mercy* literally means "sorrowful at heart." But mercy is something more than compassion. Compassion empathizes with the sufferer. But mercy goes further - it removes suffering. A merciful person shares in another's misfortune and suffering as if it were his or her own. What is the significance of these ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19) asking for mercy? They know that they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.

Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness, another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to grace. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God. If we do not recognize and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us, we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, teachers, and neighbors? Do we express gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards us and are we gracious, kind, and merciful towards our neighbors in their time of need and support?

### Readings for Next Sunday,

October 19, 2025

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

## Saint of the Week... St. Ignatius of Antioch

Born in Syria, Saint Ignatius of Antioch converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

St. Ignatius is the patron saint of the Church in the Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa and is also invoked against throat and lung diseases.

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



Feast Day: October 17



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 Riggleman, George Rosedale, 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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## Parish Office Hours Week of October 13

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday this week (October 15-16) for the Diocese's annual Parish Administration & Collaborative Education (PACE) Conference in Charleston. Our Office Manager Kelli Wittman has been asked to present a case study on how to plan a parish anniversary.



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

*On Columbus Day we celebrate both the anniversary of Christopher Columbus landing in the Americas as well as the charitable organization named for him. We thank the Knights of Columbus for their good works, both locally and around the world!*

**IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10545**

<i>Frank Albanese</i>	<i>Anthony DiBacco</i>	<i>Peter Kostick</i>	<i>John Raschella</i>
<i>Norris Alt</i>	<i>Bob Dorsey</i>	<i>Francis "Moe" Kruk</i>	<i>Ralph Rice Sr.</i>
<i>Ora Altobello</i>	<i>Don Dorsey</i>	<i>Fr. Ivan Lebar</i>	<i>Thomas Sauer</i>
<i>William D. Benton</i>	<i>Francis Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Mike Mayolo</i>	<i>Roger Shockey</i>
<i>Frank Calemine</i>	<i>Robert Flanagan</i>	<i>Ralph McIntyre</i>	<i>Frank Spano</i>
<i>Guerino Calemine</i>	<i>Joseph Gooding</i>	<i>Philip Mele</i>	<i>Joseph Stanislawczyk</i>
<i>Louis Calemine</i>	<i>Thomas Harbaugh</i>	<i>Robert Melody</i>	<i>Steve Stanislawczyk</i>
<i>James Cirillo</i>	<i>Gilbert Harber</i>	<i>Edward Murphy</i>	<i>John Stephen</i>
<i>Joseph Clark</i>	<i>James Hofstad</i>	<i>Thomas O'Connor</i>	<i>Bro. Luke Stone TOR</i>
<i>John Coffman</i>	<i>Selby Jacobs</i>	<i>Jordan Placka</i>	<i>James Thompson</i>
<i>William Davis</i>	<i>Joseph Kady</i>	<i>Bro. Stan Prenatt TOR</i>	<i>John "Jack" Whisner</i>
<i>James "Paz" DeMasi</i>	<i>Philip Kelly</i>	<i>Francis "Joe" Quinn</i>	<i>Herman Wise</i>

**Defenders of the Faith.**



**Protectors of the Family.**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intention</b>	<b>Offered by</b>
Saturday, October 11	4:00 pm	Deceased Members, K of C Assumption Council.....	Brother Knights
Sunday, October 12	8:30 am	Deceased Members, K of C Assumption Council.....	Brother Knights
Monday, October 13	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 14	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 15	5:00 pm	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor.....	Assumption Parish
Thursday, October 16	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
Friday, October 17	9:00 am	Soul of Mark Randall Kuhn .....	Linda Marsh
Saturday, October 18	4:00 pm	The Wise & Calemine Families .....	Jean Harber
		The DeMasi Family .....	S & J
Sunday, October 19	8:30 am	Soul of Todd Myers & Intentions of the Myers & Wittman families.....	Sharon Kelley
		Intentions of Jeff & Kelley Kuhn .....	Mike & Joanne Stickley

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



## Meatball Orders Due October 13!

The Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus meatball sale is this week! Delivery to local businesses will be 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.



Knights Paul Bogdan, Denny Dolechek and Jay Stanislawczyk volunteered their time to pick up trash along Harley O. Stagers Drive

on Saturday morning, September 27 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway fall highway cleanup. Thank you Paul, Denny and Jay for taking the time to care for our community!



## Next Sunday = Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass next Sunday (October 19) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month.



## Food Pantry Donations Requested

The Faith in Action Food Pantry will be preparing 300 Thanksgiving food boxes for local families in need. Our church has been asked to donate canned sweet potatoes. Please help us help our neighbors!

Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office. Thank you!

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, October 18

Lector: Cathy Pardee  
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Jean Harber, John Gustafson (c), Cathy Pardee (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh & Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

### Sunday, October 19 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students  
Servers: Tess Maybury & Pippa Dolechek  
EMs: Charlotte Delilo, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: CCD students

### Saturday, October 25

Lector: Alan Taylor  
Servers: Eric Hatfield & Eric Hatfield II  
EMs: Eric Hatfield, Janet Corley (c), Sue Harber (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Tammy & Larry Dale

### Sunday, October 26

Lector: Derek Stephen  
Servers: Beverley Iser, Rosie Landis & Nick McKenzie  
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Rosie Landis (c), Nancy Starcher (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Kenny & Karen Brant

### Keyser Healthcare Center EM

October 16 Cindy Alt  
October 23 Joanne Stickley

## Your Faithful Stewardship

October 4-5, 2025

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$4,030
Loose Donations.....	\$1,176
Votive Candles.....	\$196
Poor Box.....	\$291
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$20
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,713</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 10/4.....	67
Sunday, 10/5.....	103
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>170</b>

### September Balance Sheet

Income .....	\$20,705
Expenses.....	\$15,725
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,980</b>

### Upcoming Diocesan Collections

The annual collection for **World Mission Sunday** will be taken next weekend (October 18-19). This appeal supports missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe.

*In all circumstances, give thanks.*