

September 24, 2023

**Twenty-fourth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**



Scripture Readings:  
Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145

Philippians 1:20-27; Matthew 20:1-16

*“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last”.* Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

Liturgical Assignments – Sept. 30 / Oct. 1	
	<b>Lector</b>
4:30 p.m.	Monica Purdy
9:00 a.m.	Mike Chappell
	<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:30 p.m.	Jack Short / Volunteer Needed
9:00 a.m.	Gavin Weiland / Sean Koch
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Mary Jo Marek / Carol Hunt	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – September 16/17	
Envelopes	5,270.00
Plate	321.17
Votives	38.50
Repair/Utility Fund	30.00
Latin America Coll.	Not in budget 382.70
Miscellaneous	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,159.67</b>
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	<b>\$14,360.00</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This weekend the second collection will go to the repair / utility fund.

**NOTE:** There will be no Friday morning Mass on SEPT 29<sup>th</sup> and no Masses Tuesday through Friday, OCT 3 through 6<sup>th</sup>.

**A Note from our Principal**

The year is off to a great start in our school. Everyone is getting into a productive rhythm as we get used to the schedule and get over the back-to-school bustle. It has been most fulfilling for me to see us all back in Mass again as a school. Our students are so well behaved in church! (As an aside, if you have never seen it for yourself, I invite you to join us at 8am on any Wednesday for an All School Mass. I promise it really is a special experience!) Our most important "to-do" at the moment is the auction, which will take place the evening of Saturday, October 21. Table and individual reservations are available now--more information is on the back of the insert in the week's bulletin. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year, and many selfless volunteers work many hours to bring it all together. THANK YOU to all of them, especially Christina Green, this year's Chair of the Auction Committee. The money raised at the auction is extremely important for the operation of our school. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there for good company, food, and fun!



**LIFE DAY -WALK, LIFE CHAIN AND RALLY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Life Day is an interfaith, no-cost annual event in St. Joseph, MO to celebrate and defend all ages and stages of human life. There are 3 ways to be involved: walk, prayer chain and rally. The public is invited to participate in these no cost events on October 1, 2023.

The Life Day walk, featuring three starting points, will end at Bishop LeBlond High School on Frederick Ave. Join the walk at either point: 1:50 p.m. at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church, 2:15 p.m. MWSU Spring Sports Complex near Faraon, 2:40 p.m. East Hills Library.

The Life Chain is from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Bishop LeBlond High School provides non-walkers an opportunity to participate by displaying signs and praying in front of Bishop LeBlond High School.

The Life Day rally at Bishop LeBlond Stadium begins at 3:30 p.m. This one-hour family friendly program will feature adoption stories.

A shuttle bus will be available to return walkers to their vehicles. All Life Day events are free. People are encouraged to participate with their families or a group of friends. No registration is required.

CCD Classes have started. If you need to register your child, please call the parish office.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES**

Sunday, September 24	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am <b>Confirmation Parent Mtg.-10am, School CCD – 10 am, School</b> Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass - MMHall
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:45 am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 a.m. All School Mass Adoration – 9am to noon
Thursday	
Friday	<b>NO MASS</b> Parish Office Closed
Saturday	5:45 Men’s Group – 6 am, MMHall Confessions – 3:45 p.m.
Sunday, October 1	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am Coffee and Donuts after Mass - MMHall Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass - MMHall

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**St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction**

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a new breathtaking film on St. Francis of Assisi featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM CAP, Mother Olga Jacob, and more. Francis was a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was oftentimes left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Jesus Christ that his darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. When the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction. Ultimately, this film is about conversion: his and ours.

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Enter our parish zip code: 64504**

**St. James Altar Society is now using Flocknote!**

If you would like to join our Altar Society or just receive information about our group and updates on events, please text ALTARSOCIETY6450 to 84576.

Men’s Group at St. James meets on Saturday mornings in the church basement at 6 am. All men of the parish are invited to attend. This year they are delving into a series with Fr. John Ricardo,

**The Rescue Project**

*Why is there something rather than nothing?  
Why is everything so obviously messed up?  
What if anything has God done about it?  
How should I respond?  
Ever asked yourself these questions?  
We have. Join us.*

**Please pray for vocations to the priesthood.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, September 24**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. – *Mary Ann Hughes +*  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
12:30 p.m. – *Latin*  
*Pro Populo*

**Monday, September 25**

**Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 a.m. – *Father Donald Sturm +*

**Tuesday, September 26**

**Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 27**

**St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

8:00 a.m. – *Jennifer Cox Johnson +*

**Thursday, September 28**

**St. Matthew, Apostle**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, September 29**

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 30**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. – *Pat Lamar & Don Duffy +*

**Sunday, October 1**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

12:30 p.m. – *Latin*

*John Zvolanek +*

*(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)*