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OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR

A Parish Ministry of the Marianists



Our Lady of the Pillar
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Weekday Mass Times:
M-F at 7:30am
Saturday at 9:00am

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday, 5pm
Sunday, 7am, 10am, & 5pm

Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays at 4pm or
by an appointment

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
8am-3:30pm

Our Lady of the Pillar Statement

Our Lady of the Pillar Parish is a welcoming Catholic Community of faith in the Marianist tradition. As equal disciples, we seek to proclaim the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to work for peace, justice, the integrity of creation and service. Firm in faith and rich in works, we follow the example of the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

*This is accomplished by the Characteristics of a Catholic Marianist Parish. Forms in faith is Marian * Witnesses to discipleship of equal*Develops community * Sends people on Mission * Promotes peace, justice, the integrity of creation and service.*

The Marianists

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Mary Fava

Parish Co-Chair
Joshua Allee

SACRAMENTS

Baptism
Call the parish office one month prior to the desired date to arrangements.
Classes are required prior to the baptism of a first born.

Weddings
Please call for an appointment. A six month preparation period is required.

Pastoral Care of the Sick
Call the Parish Office.

Volunteers
Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees, and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register with Prevent and Protect STL.
Please go to:
www.preventandprotectstl.orgto register.

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Archdiocese Office of
Child & Youth Protection
314-792-7704

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QR CODES

REGISTRATION FORM

If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please complete the registration form found on OLP website, or scan the QR Code

COMMUNICATION REQUEST FORM

Please complete the Request For to place information in the church bulletin and all social platforms

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;
then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading

For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel

"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give Him everything — and let your life be love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend October 24 & 25

Sat.	10/24	9:00 a.m.	+James Patrick Hermann
		5:00 p.m.	+Mary Wener
Sun.	10/25	7:00 a.m.	For Our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	+Kathy & John O'Neil
		5:00 p.m.	+Louis Feist

Week of October 26-30

Mon.	10/26	7:30 a.m.	+Dr. George Hughes
Tues.	10/27	7:30 a.m.	+Rose Maricic
Wed.	10/28	7:30 a.m.	+Patty Scranton
Thurs.	10/29	7:30 a.m.	+Syd Rodway
Fri.	10/30	7:30 a.m.	+Duke Koeller

Weekend October 31 & November 1

Sat.	10/31	9:00 a.m.	+Ann Lynch
		5:00 p.m.	+RIta Berk
Sun.	11/01	7:00 a.m.	+Jim Holt
		10:00 a.m.	+Theodore Meyer
		5:00 p.m.	For our Parish Family

(+) in front of a name represents deceased.
(SI) back of a name represents Special Intention

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners:
John Bain, Susan Zenner, Molly George, Nancy Freeman, Angie Adams, Tommy White, MaryPat Henehan, Jack Renard, Brenda Hamby, John Ross, John Vitale, Jim & Judy Kahlmeyer, Tom Minogue, Phil Brown, and Karen Koeller.

Please Pray for family and friends of our parishioners:
Bob Belleville, friend of Alice Conway, Buddy D'Aubert, friend of Pat Young, Kathleen Noce, sister-in-law to John Noce and Aunt of Matt Noce. Irene Marchuk, sister of Ann Travers, Ralph Lindemann, friend of Cheri Taylor, Joe Wesley, nephew of Mary Pat Henehan, Arthur Risley, uncle of Angie Adams, Annie Fitzgerald, daughter of Barb Fitzgerald, Michele Withers, sister of Dawn Becher, Kathy Hughes, sister of Jean Haven, Marie Francis, daughter of Michelle Francis, Kelly Brennick, Niece of Susie Buescher, Nancee Miller, mother-in-law of Kit Miller, Johnny Fern, Penelope Childs, cousin of the Walters family, and Charles Klapp.
If you would like a priest to visit you or a family member in the home or the hospital, or to receive Communion or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office, 314-993-2280.

Prayers/Announcements

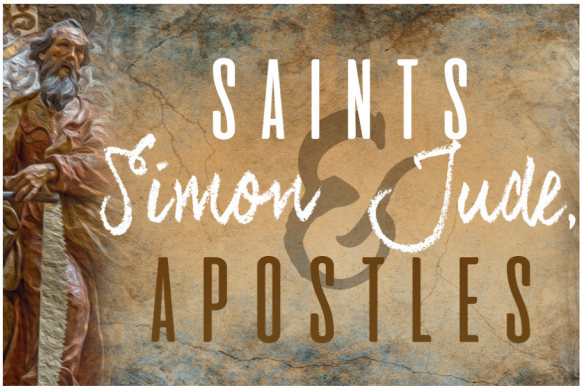


Pray for all the men and women of our parish currently serving our country and in the Armed Forces.

Private First Class Michael Brennan
1st Lieutenant Miranda Conway, USAF
Major Jason Gillihan
Captain Katherine James-Hewlett and
husband, Major Michael Hewlett
Airman Ryan Laird
Lt. Colonel Robert Rapone, US Army
Major Chris Dolby and wife
Lt. Colonel Cerre Dolby,USAF
Captain Luke C. Dibler, US Army
1st Lieutenant Henry Christopher, USMC
Lt. Colonel David M. Costanzo, USMC
1st Lieutenant, Ethan Daniel Rush, US Army

Lector workbooks for the new year are available in the sacristy. The books will be labeled with your name.

October 28



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 31

5:00 p.m.

Lectors: David Wasinger Carol Craddock

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Mug, Carol Craddock, Carolyn Gamache, Joshua Allee, Kim Micke, Mark Pfotenhauer, Sr. Mary Jane

Altar Servers: Melum Arinze, Beau Scudieri, Ashorn Singh

Sunday, November 1

7:00 a.m.

Lectors: Ashely Gray Shawn Dolan

Eucharistic Ministers: Ashley Gary, Ben Bush, Mary Claire Hayek

10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Mia Hillen Travis Hillen

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Kim Brungard, Deacon Fred, Mark Gilligan, JoLynn Winer, Christy Millsap, Tom Caspari

Altar Servers: Bennet & Ava Hillen, Nora Lammert

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Carey Holleran Reneigh Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Franc, Carey Holleran, Reneigh & George Taylor, Jo Luby, Kristen Skinner

Altar Servers: Cecilia & Meredith Pisarkiewics, Kate Golterman

Grateful Giving

Fiscal Year: July 2026-June 2027

Actual YTD September	$375,250
Budget YTD September	$375,000
Budget Variance	$250

October Actual 2026

Week 1	$12,909
Week 2	$15,793
Week 3	$7,712
Week 4	

Online Giving	$13,800
Total Month Actual	$50,214
Total Month Budget	$86,100

Average Weekly Collection	$16,738
Average Weekly Budgeted	$21,525
Average Weekly Difference	($4,787)

Thank you!

Altar Society Schedule ~Group 6

Nancy Crippin, Christine Blazevic, Meg Mannion, Anita Rooney

Purificator Laundry: Mary Fava

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

SUNDAY: EX 22:20-26/PS 18:2-3A, 3B-4, 47 AND 51/1 THES 1:5C-10/MT 22:34-40
MONDAY: EPH 4:32-5:8/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6/LK 13:10-17
TUESDAY: EPH 5:21-33/PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/LK 13:18-21
WEDNESDAY: EPH 2:19-22/PS 19:2-3, 4-5/LK 6:12-16
THURSDAY: EPH 6:10-20/PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10/LK 13:31-35
FRIDAY: PHIL 1:1-11/PS 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/LK 14:1-6
SATURDAY: PHIL 1:18B-26/PS 42:2, 3, 5CDEF/LK 14:1, 7-11
NEXT SUNDAY: RV 7:2-4, 9-14/PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6/1 JN 3:1-3/MT 5:1-12A

Parish Opportunities

· Knights of Columbus
On the third Sunday monthly, Knights will lead a Parish Rosary in church at 9:30 am. The rosary will be Sunday, November 15. All are welcome.
Practicing Catholic men, 18 years of age, or older, are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Chris Fava at favacr@gmail.com for more information , or go to www.KofC.org/joinus.
The Knight of Columbus will have a Rosary at the Rosary Garden before their meeting on November 18 at 6:30pm. All are invited.

· Small Christian Community (SCC) Groups
We presently have two groups, which meet by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for one hour twice monthly– the Mixed SCC (2nd and 4th Tuesday) and the Men's SCC (1st and 4th Wednesday). We use the *"the Word among us."*
If interested, please contact Paul Steube at 314.432.5084 or plsteube@gmail.com.

· Music Ministry
Please contact the parish office if you are interested in one of these ministries.
Bell choir rehearses Monday 3:10 p.m.—4 p.m.
(During the school year)
Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
(September - May)
Children's Choir rehearses Tuesday 3:10 p.m.– 4 p.m. (During the school year).

· Pillar Book Club
We invite you to check out Pillar Book Club which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room. November book will be Land, by Maggie O'Farrell

-Frist Friday Coffee
Al women who find themselves "empty nesters and beyond" stage of life are invited to join us for First Friday Coffee, November 6, following the 7:30am Mass at the Residence. Enjoy a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation, and community.

Calendar

October 25:
Bridge Bread
Anniversary Mass

October 26:
Bell Choir
PSR
AA Meeting

November 1:
Donut Sunday
Baptism

November 2:
Bell Choir
PSR
AA Meeting

November 3:
Youth Choir

November 4:
Holy Hour

November 5:
Remembrance Mass

November 6:
First Friday Coffee

November 8:
Baptism

November 9:
Bell Choir
PSR
Parish Council
AA Meeting

November 10:
St. Patrick's Sandwiches
Youth Choir





Outreach Commission

Bridge Bread, October 24 & 25 On-line ordering is available and will be delivered to Pillar. On-Line items will be available for pick-up after Mass in the school entrance. Your order will be labeled https://bridgebread.square.site/ scroll to the bottom and add “Deliver to Event” with Deliver to Our Lady Pillar with the monthly Order.
We are also in need of additional volunteers to sell after Sunday Masses. If you wish to help support this ministry and receive an email of availability on Bridge Bread, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Patrick Sandwiches, November 10
Prepare bagged lunch consists of a sandwich, must be individually wrapped or Ziploc bag, and can include a condiment packet if you wish, fruit (Banana or orange, apple), chip/pretzels. Meat and cheese (no condiments) preferred, peanut butter and jelly accepted, in brown bags. Bottles of water need to be in original packaging. Drop off by 8:15am Tuesday morning in front of the church.

Guardian Angel Settlement, Nov. 21 & 22
Clothing and monetary donations please. Food and household staples may be placed in the truck in front of the church. You may also make cash/check donation (payable to Guardian Angel Settlement), and deposit in the box in the vestibule of the church.

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Doorways Mission
Thanksgiving Food Drive
Collection Date:
October 18-November 20

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Doorways is an interfaith non-profit organization which provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

Service safe affordable housing, which is critical for diverse individuals during various phases of health and illness, has become a pressing need. DOORWAYS serves all people affected by HIV/AIDS.

Through direct service delivery and the efforts of identified program partners, DOORWAYS’ programs and services benefit those affected by HIV/AIDS in the 15 county St. Louis metropolitan are, 62 under-served counties in outstate Missouri and another 55 under-served counties in outstate Illinois. The organization recognizes a special responsibility to respond to the poorest and most vulnerable of the community: the homeless.

We will be collection the following:

- Canned Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Bred Mixes
- Brownie Mixes
- Toilet Paper
- Towel Paper



We will also accept cash donations. you can place the cash donations in the offertory basket with a Doorways labeled envelope, or you can drop it off at the parish office.

OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR

FIRM IN FAITH • RICH IN WORKS

Congratulations to this year's Our Lady of the Pillar Award recipients! We are grateful for their dedication, generosity, and the many ways they serve our parish and school community. Their willingness to share their time, talents, and faith is a beautiful example of what it means to be part of our parish family.



Congratulations to Our Lady of the Pillar Award Recipients!

Chris and Mary Fava

Mike and Meg Proskey

John Meyerkord

Get Involved in Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Council!

Have you ever wondered how you can become more involved in our parish community? Parish Council is a wonderful way to share your time and talents, meet fellow parishioners, and help make Our Lady of the Pillar an even stronger parish family.

Our Parish Council includes several committees, each playing an important role in the life of our parish:

Stewardship

- Supports the Annual Catholic Appeal, stewardship awareness, evangelization, and discipleship.
- Works with Buildings and Ground, Parish Finances, and Safety Committee.

Outreach

- Serves those in need beyond our parish through partnerships with organizations throughout the St. Louis area.
- Coordinates monthly donation drives to support the specific needs of 13 local organizations and encourages parishioner participation.

Community Life

- Plans for parish and school events, including new parishioner receptions, grade-level Donut Sundays, anniversay brunches, and other special gatherings.
- Partners with other committees and the School Parents Club support activities, such as First Communion celebrations, Corpus Christi decorations, and school fundraisers.

Worship and Faith Formation

- Help decorate and care for the church and sanctuary throughout the liturgical seasons and supports liturgical needs.
- Coordinates and supports our music and liturgical ministries, including choir, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, readers, and altar servers.
- Supports faith formation opportunities, including retreats, small faith groups, OCIA, PSR, and Confirmation.

Your gifts and talents can make a difference! We invite you to prayerfully consider joining a Parish Council committee and becoming more involved in the life of Our Lady of the Pillar. Whether you enjoy planning events, serving others, supporting our liturgies, or helping our parish grow in faith, there is a place for you!

Please contact the parish office for more information about getting involved.


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