OCTOBER 11, 2026
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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.
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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II:II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find."
(Mt 22:9)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.

Prayers/Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend October 10 & 11

Sat.	10/10	9:00 a.m.	+Donald Rodgers
		5:00 p.m.	+Mike & Marybeth Leary
Sun.	10/11	7:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	+Dr. George Hughes
		5:00 p.m.	+Olin Kreuter

Week of October 12-16

Mon.	10/12	7:30 a.m.	+Edward Martin Sr.
Tues.	10/13	7:30 a.m.	+Patty Scranton
		8:30 a.m.	+Julie Stedem
Wed.	10/14	7:30 a.m.	+Theodore Meyer
Thurs.	10/15	7:30 a.m.	+Katie Sullivan
Fri.	10/16	7:30 a.m.	+George LeBrun
			Irene Marchuk (SI)

Weekend October 17 & 18

Sat.	10/17	9:00 a.m.	+Mary Werner
		5:00 p.m.	+Patricia Eschbacher
Sun.	10/18	7:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	+James Devous
		5:00 p.m.	+Manuel Louis Ponte

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

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners:
Susan Zenner, Eric Brungard, 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:
Buddy D'Aubert, friend of Pat Young, Kathleen Noce, sister-in-law to John Noce and cousin 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.



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

October 4, 2026

Mae Louise Winkelmann
daghter of James and Allison

Leo William Struttmann
son of Christopher and Joy



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 17

5:00 p.m.

Lectors:

Fred Strasheim Susan Zenner

Eucharistic Ministers:

Maureen Strasheim, Carolyn Gamache, Susan & Jim Zenner, Lynne Wiegert, John Herber, Jerry Dutra

Sunday, October 18

7:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Jackie Paletta Mimi Wuellner

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mimi & Matt Wuellner, Sandy Parres

10:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Michael Rudolph Jennifer Millikan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Diane Kerckhoff, Jennifer Millikan, Deacon Fred, Deanna Oetjen, Michael Rudolph, Tom Mug, Pat McKinnis

5:00 p.m.

Lector:

Kristen Skinner Nester DeSousa

Eucharistic Ministers:

David Kreuter, Wendy LaMar, Stacie Franc, Kristen Skinner, Carly Fesler, Rene Fesler

Grateful Giving

Fiscal Year: July 2026-June 2027

Actual YTD September	$374,299
Budget YTD September	$375,000
Budget Variance	($701)

October Actual 2026

Week 1	$12,019
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	

Online Giving	$3,700
Total Month Actual	$15,719
Total Month Budget	$86,100

Average Weekly Collection	$15,719
Average Weekly Budgeted	$21,525
Average Weekly Difference	($5,806)

Altar Society Schedule ~Group 4

Linda Kreuter, Cathy Lachky, Tina Saunders, Moira Niemeier, Jackie Paletta, Cindy Trout

Purificator Laundry:

DeDe Caspari

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

SUNDAY: IS 25:6-10A/PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20/MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10
MONDAY: GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/PS 113:1B-2, 3-4, 5A AND 6-7/LK 11:29-32
TUESDAY: GAL 5:1-6/PS 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/LK 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY: GAL 5:18-25/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6/LK 11:42-46
THURSDAY: EPH 1:1-10/PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6/LK 11:47-54
FRIDAY: EPH 1:11-14/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/LK 12:1-7
SATURDAY: EPH 1:15-23/PS 8:2-3AB, 4-5, 6-7/LK 12:8-12
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 45:1, 4-6/PS 96:1 AND 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 THES 1:1-5B/MT 22:15-21

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, October 18. 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 October 21 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. The book for October is The Black Angels by Maria Smilios

We look forward to seeing you there!



OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR AWARD

Join us for Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Award
Sunday, October 18, 2026
10:00am Mass
Followed by Coffee and Donuts in the School Cafe

This special event recongizes individuals whose faith, service, and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community.

We would love for you to join us in celebrating these exceptional individuals. Let us come together as a community to show our graitude for their services and to be inspired by their example.

Calendar

October 11:
Donut Sunday

October 12:
Bell Choir
PSR
Parish Council Meeting
AA Meeting

October 13:
St. Patrick's Sandwiches
Youth Choir

October 14:
Holy Hour

October 18:
Pillar Award

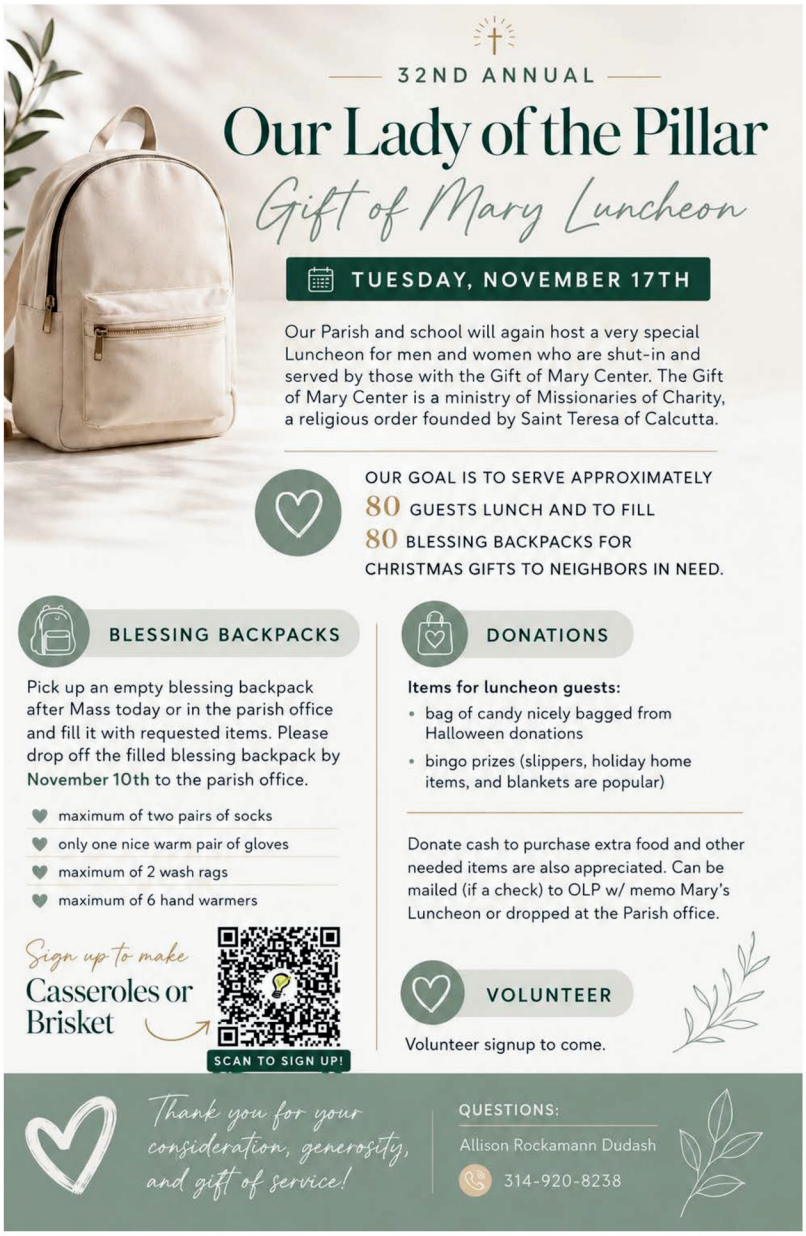
October 19:
Bell Choir
PSR
AA Meeting

October 20:
Youth Choir
Reconciliation Parent Mtg

October 21:
Book Club
Holy Hour
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October 24:
Retreat

October 25:
Bridge Bread
Anniversary Mass



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Outreach Commission

St. Patrick Sandwiches, October 13
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.

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.

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.



Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"
In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.
What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.
— Father John Muir

Community



WEAR & GIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

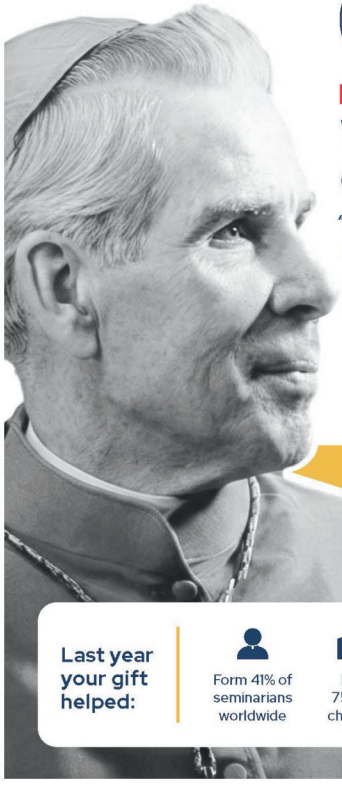
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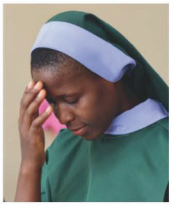
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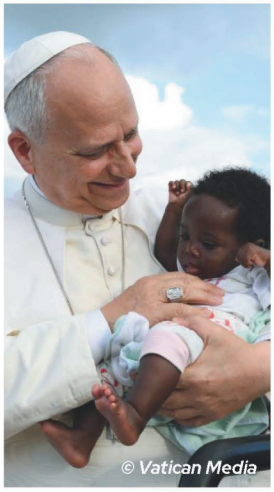
World Mission Sunday
October 18th, 2026

"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"

– Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies USA
(1950 – 1966)











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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine your father invited 200 children and adults to your birthday party. He sent a limousine to pick them up, but they would not come. They tore up the car and beat up the driver. So your father sent a bus to the nearest children's home and homeless shelter. The bus took everyone to the party. Each person had a great time. How we act on earth gets us ready to go to God's party in heaven.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me to be ready for the big party in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will say, "Here I am, Lord. How may I help you?"



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