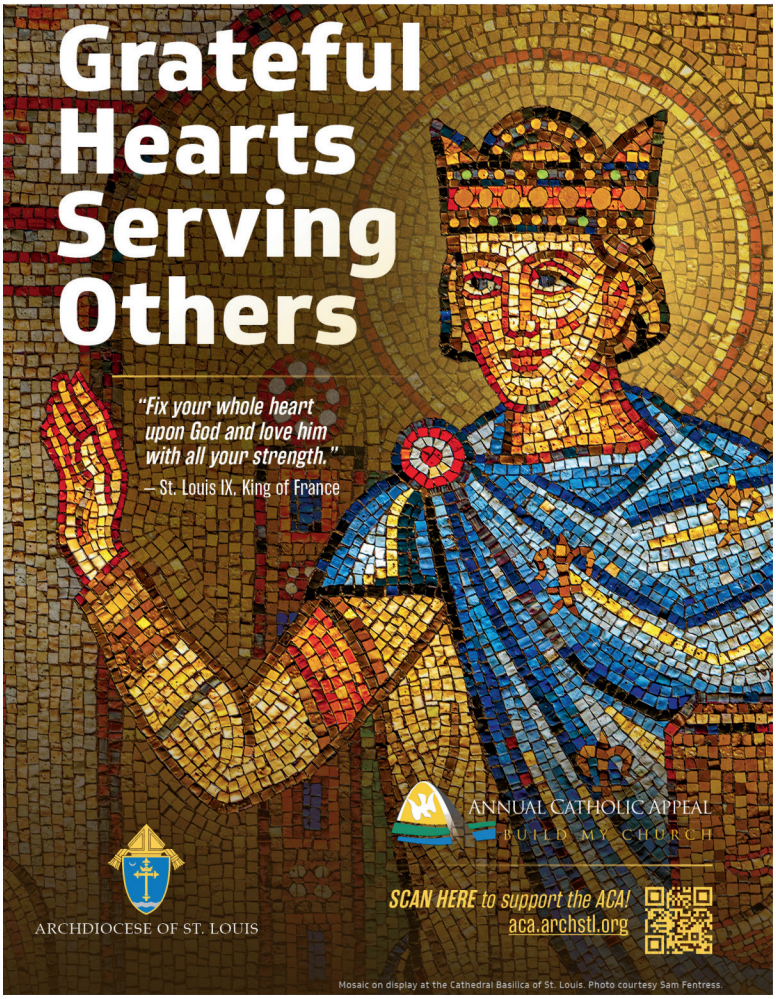
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading

That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you."
(Mt 21:31)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

Prayers/Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend September 26 & 27

Sat.	9/26	9:00 a.m.	Molly George (SI)
		5:00 p.m	+Betty Davis
Sun.	9/27	7:00 a.m.	+ A. Michael Sullivan
		10:00 a.m.	For Our Parish Family
		5:00 p.m.	+Theodore Meyer

Week of September 28- October 2

Mon.	9/28	7:30 a.m.	+Dr. George Hughes
Tues.	9/29	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Werner
Wed.	9/30	7:30 a.m.	+Joan Bartoni
Thurs.	10/01	7:30 a.m.	+Jim Holt
Fri.	10/02	7:30 a.m.	+Deacon Norm Werner
	School	10:30 a.m.	+Julie Stedem

Weekend October 3 & 4

Sat.	10/03	9:00 a.m.	+Patricia Eschbacher
		5:00 p.m.	For our Parish Family
Sun.	10/04	7:00 a.m.	+Mary Werner
		10:00 a.m.	+Mike & Gail Rudolph
		5:00 p.m.	+Scott Franc

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

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

Please Pray for family and friends of our parishioners:
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



September 18, 2026
Benjamin Peeples and Robyn Zelinkski

The Gift of Our Guardian Angels

It's good to know we're not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let's pray together to our own heavenly help: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 3

5:00 p.m.

Lectors:

Tom Mug Jeff Crippin

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Herber, Jeff & Nancy Crippin, Mark Pfotenhauer, Tom & Janet Mug, Sr. Mary Jane

Sunday, October 4

7:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Phil Berra Ben Bush

Eucharistic Ministers:

Phil Berra, Scott Long, Ben Bush

10:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Tom Benner Kathy Israel

Eucharistic Ministers:

Diane Kerckhoff, Deacon Fred, Eric & Kim Brungard, Pat McKinnis, Julia Francis

5:00 p.m.

Lector:

Carly Fesler JoLynn Winer

Eucharistic Ministers:

Vicki Mower, Carly Fesler, JoLynn Winer Rene Fesler, Lynn Hurster, Jo Luby, Susan Powers

Grateful Giving

Fiscal Year: July 2026-June 2027

Actual YTD August	$287,609
Budget YTD August	$297,000
Budget Variance	($9,391)

September Actual 2026

Week 1	$21,027
Week 2	$15,462
Week 3	$4,064
Week 4	
Online Giving	$14,900
Total Month Actual	$55,453
Total Month Budget	$78,000
Average Weekly Collection	$18,484
Average Weekly Budgeted	$19,500
Average Weekly Difference	($1,016)

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
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Annual Catholic Appeal	
Published Goal	$229,810
Challenge Goal	$325,496
YTD Pledge Total	$343,696
Pledges Precent	19.95%

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Altar Society Schedule ~Group 2

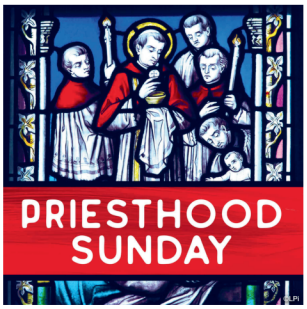
JoLynn Winer, Carol Craddock, Lynn Rodway, Mary Jane Suraud, Vatterott, Theresa Ruzicka, Holly McGarrahan

Purificator Laundry: Laura Fox

Readings for the week of September 27, 2026

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 27



This Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks to God for the gift of our priests, Fr. Tom and Fr. George, and for their faithful service to Our Lady of the Pillar Parish.

Please join us in praying for them and thanking them for their dedication, compassion, and the many ways they serve our parish community. May God continue to bless them and strengthen them in their ministry.

Thank you, Fr. Tom and Fr. George, for all you do for our 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, 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!

Calendar

September 27:
Bridge Bread
Book Fair Begins
Baptism (3)

September 28:
Funeral Mass
Bell Choir
PSR
AA Meeting

September 29:
Youth Choir

September 30:
Holy Hour

October 2:
Grandparents Mass

October 4:
Baptism (2)

Ocotber 5:
Bell Choir
PSR Class
Pet Blessing
AA Meeting

October 6:
Youth Choir

October 7:
Holy Hour

October 11:
Donut Sunday

Ocotber 12:
Bell Choir
PSR
Parish Council Meeting
AA Meeting

2026 Deacon Formation Collection
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Did you know that the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen, ordained at the hands of the Apostles as one of the first serve deacons, lived and died proclaiming the Joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? In the last four decades, hundreds of men have proclaimed the same Gospel Joy with their own lives, lives of loving service that have in turn changed countless other lives for the better. Called by Christ to minister to the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Deacons are preaching God's Word to us, praying fervently for us, and caring compassionately for us each and every day. Each year, many men discern that same call and begin the process of formation that, God willing, leads to ordination as Deacons. You can help support these men as they discern God's will in their lives. Deacon formation in the archdiocese relies heavily on support of the annual Deacon Collection held this year on the weekend of Ocotber 4 & 5.
Scan to donate:



Join us for Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Award
Sunday, October 18, 2026
10:30am 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.

Listed below are the past recipients:
2019: Paul Steube & JoLynn Winer
2022: Carol Craddock, George Krieghshauser, David Vitale, Bob & Karen Sczepanksi
2024: DeDe Caspari, Laura Fox, Posthumous Award: Charles Gooden



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Outreach Commission

Bridge Bread, September 26 & 27

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.

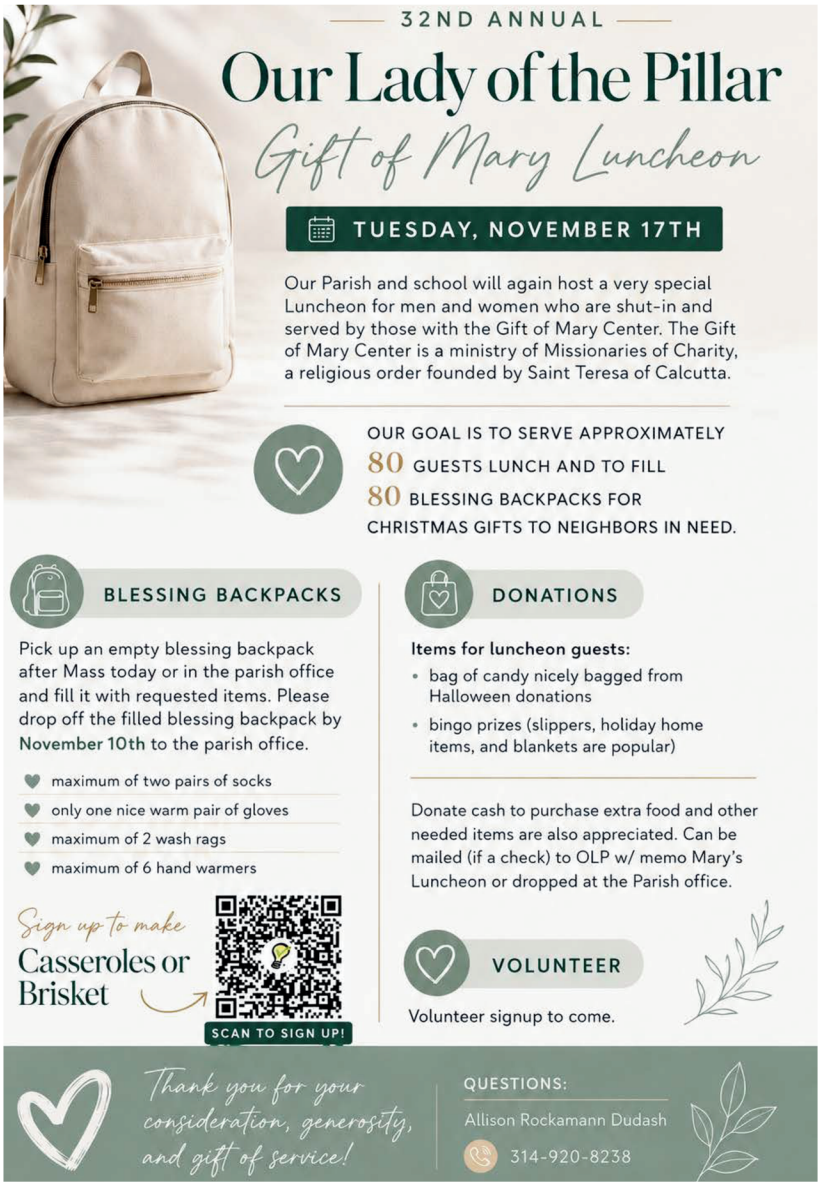
We are also in need of additional volunteers to sell after Sunday Masses. If you wish to help support this ministry and receive an email of availability on Bridge Bread, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Patrick Sandwiches, October 13

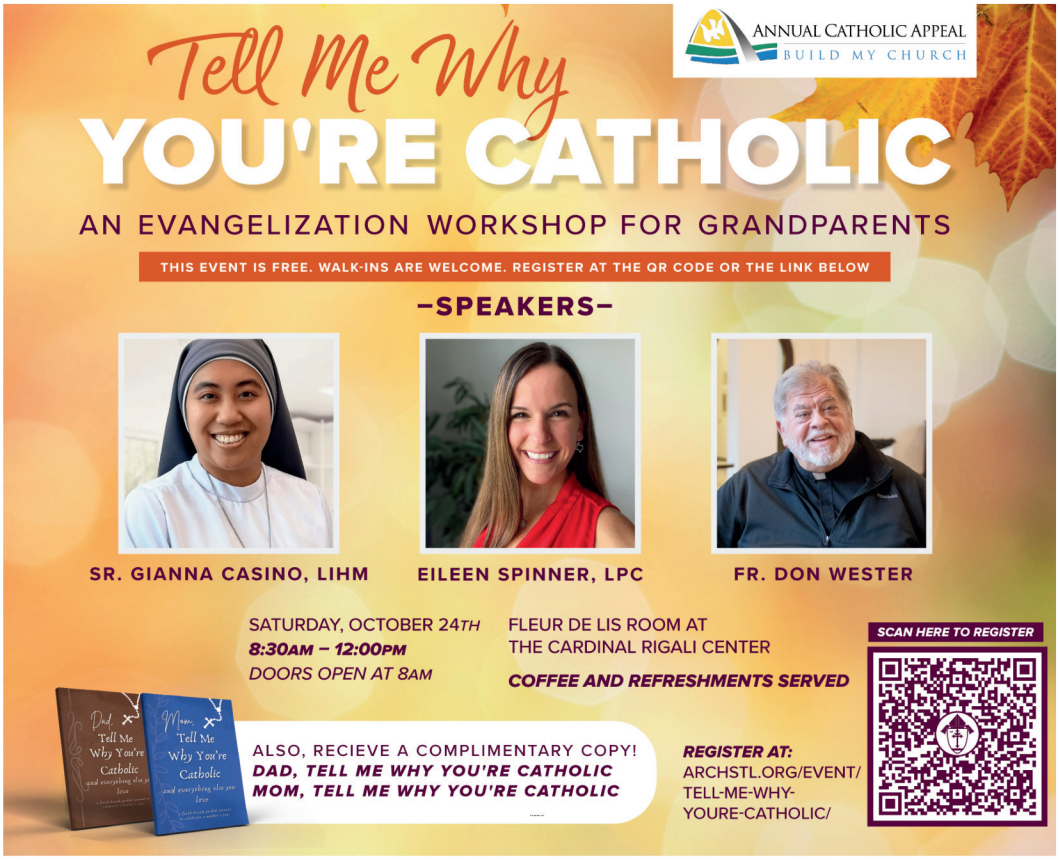
Prepare bagged lunch consists of a sandwich, must be individually wrapped or Ziploc bag, and can include a condiment packet if you wish, fruit (Banana or orange, apple), chip/pretzels. Meat and cheese (no condiments) preferred, peanut butter and jelly accepted, in brown bags. Bottles of water need to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

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.



Community





Rosary for Life and Reasons for Praying the Rosary Presentation at the Shrine

You and your loved ones are invited to join us for our annual Rosary for Life at 6:00 p.m. in Shrine Visitor Center on Saturday, October 3. Following the Rosary, guest speaker Mike Roberts will talk about the reasons for praying the Rosary. Mike Roberts is an Emmy-award winning meteorologist. He worked at KSDK 5 in St. Louis until 2016. He received the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Excellence in Communication Award in 2014.Recently, he has provided weather forecasts and The Saint of The Day for Covenant Catholic Radio along with teaching Theology at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, Illinois. For more information, please call 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website at amm.og

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