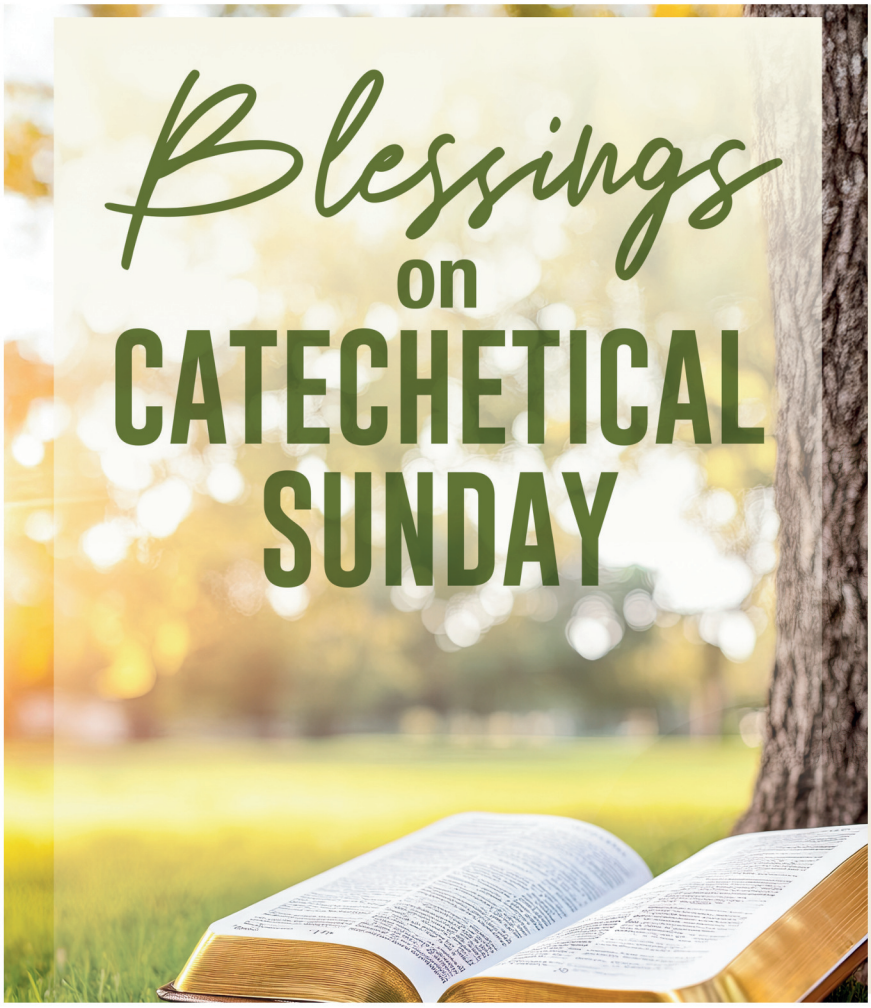
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A Parish Ministry of the Marianists



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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:
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Prayers/Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend September 19 & 20

Sat.	9/19	9:00 a.m.	Molly George (SI)
		5:00 p.m.	+Marjory DiLeo
Sun.	9/20	7:00 a.m.	For our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	+Kathy & John O'Neil
		5:00 p.m.	+Scott Franc

Week of September 21 -25

Mon.	9/21	7:30 a.m.	+Dr. George Hughes
Tues.	9/22	7:30 a.m.	+Patty Scranton
			Irene Marchuk (SI)
		8:30 a.m.	+Julie Stedem
Wed.	9/23	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Werner
Thurs.	9/24	7:30 a.m.	+Eddie O'Donnell
Fri.	9/25	7:30 a.m.	+Syd Rodway

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

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

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners:
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
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Lt. Colonel Cerre Dolby,USAF
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Please pray for the repose soul

Jim Fann
husband of Nette

Cay Doerrer
wife of Paul



Congratulations Kristen Miedler on being appointed by the Archbishop for the Annual Catholic Appeal Council for the Archdiocese of St. Louis!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 26

5:00 p.m.

Lectors:

David Wasinger Tom Mug

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kim Micke, Jerry Dutra, Carol Craddock, John Herber, Tom Mug, Sr. Mary Jane, Lynne Wiegert

Sunday, September 27

7:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Jackie Paletta Larry Christopher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Julie Carlson, Jackie Bueg, Larry Christopher

10:00 a.m.

Lector:

Mike Rudolph Mimi Rudolph

Eucharistic Ministers:

Diane Kerckhoff, Kim & Eric Brungard, Mike Rudolph, Deacon Fred, Christy Millsap, Gretchen Sander

5:00 p.m.

Lector:

Annabelle Kopec Reneigh Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Reneigh & George Taylor, David Kreuter, JoLyn Winer, Jo Luby, Staci Franc, Carey Holleran

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	$7,232
Week 3	
Week 4	
Online Giving	$8,700
Total Month Actual	$36,959
Total Month Budget	$78,000
Average Weekly Collection	$36,959
Average Weekly Budgeted	$19,500
Average Weekly Difference	$17,459

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 1

DeDe Caspari, Eileen Griesedieck, Kit Miller, Susan Zenner, Cindy Evens, Molly Purcell

Purificator Laundry: Jackie Wankum

Readings for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next 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

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, September 20. 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.

· 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!

Join Our Parish Council!

We invite parishioners to consider joining our Parish Council and sharing your ideas, talents, and love for Our Lady of the Pillar. Your voice can help strengthen our parish community and shape its future.

Please note: The September Parish Council meeting has been changed to Monday, September 21.

We hope you'll consider getting involved!

Calendar

September 20:
Catechetical Sunday
1st Grade Donut Sunday

September 21:
Bell Choir
PSR
Parish Council Meeting
AA Meeting

September 22:
Youth Choir

September 23:
Holy Hour

September 24:
Wedding

September 25:
Wedding Rehearsal

September 26:
Wedding
Bridge Bread

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

September 28:
Bell Choir
PSR
AA Meeting

September 29:
Youth Choir

September 30:
Holy Hour

2026 Deacon Formation Collection
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Did you know that, over the last four decades, dozens of Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis have, in addition to their parish service, volunteered countless ours of selfless, loving care for those in our midst who are suffering and in need? Like those first seven ordained by the apostles, our deacons are called to be ministers of charity and models of Christ-like compassion for the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and the dying, Deacons "wash the feet" of the faithful each day, seeing the face of Christ revealed in their ailing brothers and sisters. Deacons can be found sharing the Joy of the Gospel, offering us comfort in every facet of daily life- nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, prisons, schools, airports, businesses, and more. You can help our future deacons be Christ's hands and feet with your charitable donation to this year's Deacon Formation Collection. Deacon formation in the archdiocese relies heavily on the support of the annual Deacon Formation Collection, held **the weekend of October 4th.** Please be generous as possible. God bless you for your support! Scan to donate:

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful retirement celebrations! Your kindness, friendships, and wonderful memories at Our lady of the Pillar Parish and School are lasting gifts that I will always carry with me. My family and I will keep you all in our prayers.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Mr. John

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



WEAR & GIVE

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Outreach Commission

Guardian Angel Settlement
September 19 & 20
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.

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.



Guide Book & Director Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather partonize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

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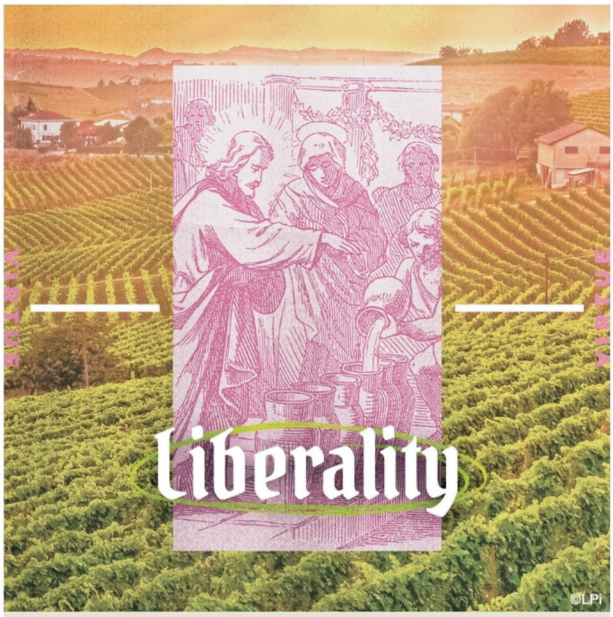
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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but "we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us," writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading

I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel

"'What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?'"
(Mt 20:14-15)

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Inspiration of the Week

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what — and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

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