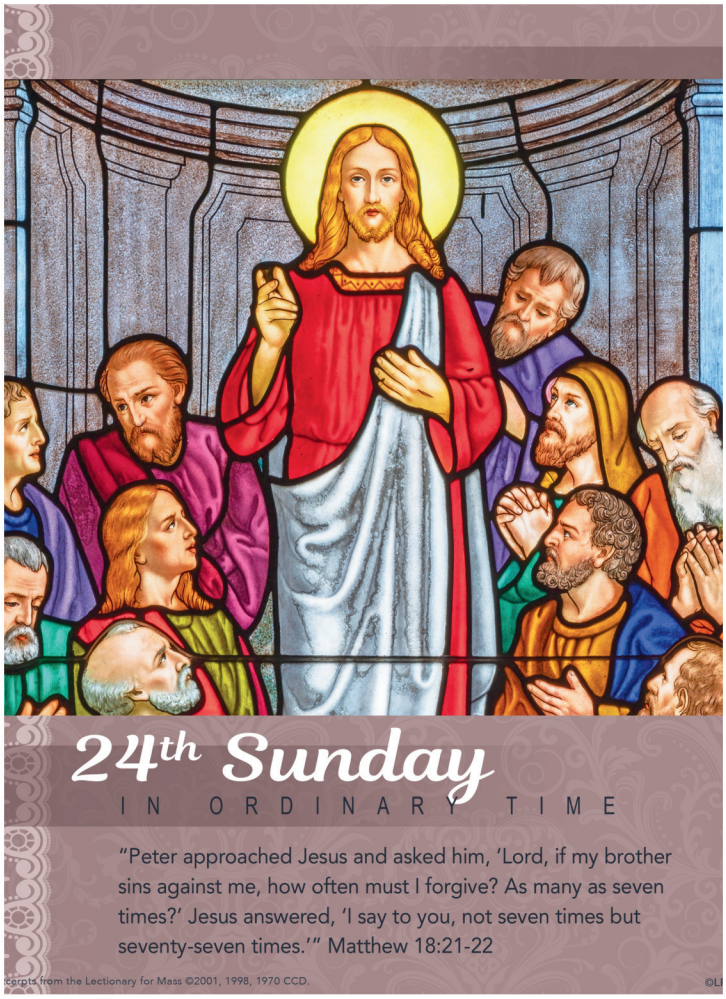
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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Child & Youth Protection
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Thank you for your Support!

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

Prayers/Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend September 12 & 13

Sat.	9/12	9:00 a.m.	+Syd Rodway
		5:00 p.m	+Mary Louise Vitale
Sun.	9/13	7:00 a.m.	+Patricia Eschbacher
		10:00 a.m.	+Mike & Gail Rudolph
		5:00 p.m.	For our Parish Family

Week of September 14-18

Mon.	9/14	7:30 a.m.	+Dr. George Hughes
Tues.	9/15	7:30 a.m.	+Kenneth Renz
	School	8:30 a.m.	+Julie Stedem
Wed.	9/16	7:30 a.m.	+Katie Sullivan
Thurs.	9/17	7:30 a.m.	+Mary Werner
Fri.	9/18	7:30 a.m.	+Rose Winkler

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

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

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners:
Cay Doerrer, Jim Fann, 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, Steve Muesenfechter, brother of Lynn Rodway, 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, Katy Fusz Connors, 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

Holy Hour
every Wednesday at 4pm.



August 30, 2026
James Ford Sanfilippo
son of Michael & Sarah

September 5, 2026
Josephine Rae Chouteau Levine
daughter of Dana & Marie

September 6, 2026
Crosby John Ponce
son of Thomas and Katherine

Numbers are not available due to early deadline for the bulletin

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 19

5:00 p.m.

Lectors:

Joshua Allee Matthew Glisson

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joshua Allee, Matthew Glisson, Carolyn Gamache, Mark Pfotenhauer, Lynne Wiegert, George & Melissa Kriegshauser

Sunday, September 20

7:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Mimi Wuellner Phil Berra

Eucharistic Ministers:

Matt & Mimi Wuellner, Phil Berra

10:00 a.m.

Lector:

Catechists will minister

Eucharistic Ministers:

Catechists will minister

5:00 p.m.

Lector:

Kristen Skinner Carey Holleran

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kristen Skinner, Carey Holleran, Jo Luby, Susan Powers, Tiffany Lopez, Vicki Mower, Lyn Hurster

Altar Society Schedule ~Group 6

Nancy Crippin, Christine Blazevic, Meg Mannion, Anita Rooney

Missionary Plan of Cooperation:
Pray. Give.
Make Disciples of All Nations

On the weekend of September 12/13, our parish will warmly welcome Father Thomas Sserwadda from the Diocese of Masaka, Uganda, as our guest speaker for the 2026 Missionary Plan of Cooperation. Father Thomas, a dedicated priest and educator, is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Higher Education Administration at Saint Louis University.

Each year, the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites missionary dioceses and religious congregations to share their witness and to request our prayers, sacrifices, and financial support. Please join our parish community in praying for the seminarians and faithful of the Diocese of Masaka. Your financial generosity will directly support the formation of future priests, strengthen Catholic education, and foster the growth of the Church in Uganda.

To donate, visit the link or use QR code. www.archstl.org/donatetothemissions.

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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.

The Knight of Columbus will have a Rosary at the Rosary Garden before their meeting on September 16 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 our September meeting we will read The Lion Women of Tehran, By Marjan Kamala. 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 12 & 13
Missionary Wknd

September 14:
Bell Choir
PSR Class
AA Meeting

September 15:
Youth Choir

September 16:
Book Club
Holy Hour
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September 17:
Wedding Rehearsal

September 18:
Wedding

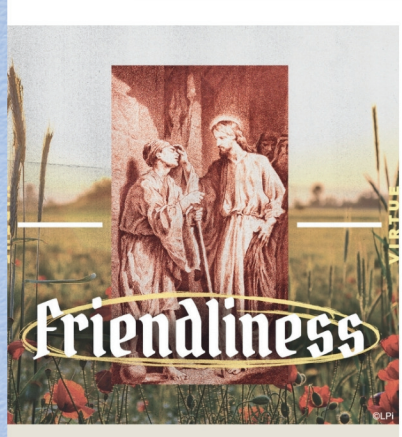
September 19:
Parish Family Game Night
Chili Cook off
Guardian Angel Settelment

September 20:
Catechetical Sunday
1st Grade Donut Sunday

September 21:
Bell Choir
PSR
Parish Council Meeting
AA Meeting

September 22:
Youth Choir

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (*Sum.*, II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord. (Rom 14:8)

Gospel

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

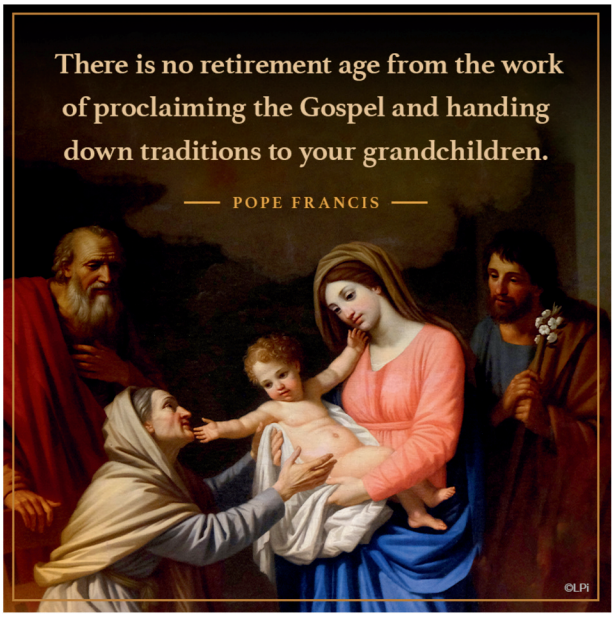
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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet.

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Saturday
9-19-26
6:00 pm PLC

Family FUN NIGHT

CHILI COOK-OFF & BINGO

Prizes Awarded for Best Chili
You Do Not Have to Bring Chili to Participate

Chili Cook-Off

Judging & Tasting Begin at 6:15 pm



1. Each contestant must cook a minimum of 10 servings.
2. All ingredients must be pre-cooked prior to the event.
3. Chili must be “ready-to-eat” in a covered working crock pot.
4. Each contestant should deliver their chili between 4:45-5:30 pm.
5. Chili judging/tasting will begin at 6:15 pm and end at 7:30 pm.
6. The winner will be announced the night of the event after Bingo.
7. Entries will be assigned a “contestant's number” for voting.
8. Each attendee offers one vote.
9. Winners determined by compilation of votes by the attendees.
10. In the event of a tie, a winner will be chosen by secret panel.
11. **Please include a list of ingredients for allergy sensitivities.**

Entry fee:
$5 Kids
$10 Adults
$25 Family

Chili, hot dogs, desserts, & beverages included

CHILI ENTRY = FREE ADMISSION FOR FAMILY

Entry fees will be collected at the door (card or cash)



Begins at 6:45 pm

Registration & RSVPs STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Please RSVP using the QR code or link below. If you are unable to respond electronically, please return this form to the parish office. Thank you.

Name:_____

Email: _____

Cell #: _(_____)_____

Number of people coming: _____

Will you be bringing a pot of chili for the cook-off? _____



https://tinyurl.com/2kvsbkay

PSR Program

PSR Registration forms for the upcoming school year (2026/2027) are available at the church entrances, parish office and on Our Lady of the Pillar website. Classes begin September 14, 2026 at 4:15pm.

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

If you feel God nudging your heart, please contact us for more information. Together we can work to plant seeds of faith that will grow for a lifetime!

Share Your Faith.....Become A Catechist

If your love for our Catholic Faith and a desire to help young children of God grow closer to **Him**, our parish is seeking cathechists and assistants for the upcoming PSR school year.

You do not need to be a Theologian, just a willing heart, a listening ear and a commitment to walking with others on their faith journey.

We are seeking help in all grades but need lead catechists in Grades: 1, 2, and 6.

For more information contact the Parish Office or Deacon Fred (314.993.2280, extension 208, ftustanowsky@olpillar.com).

God Bless and pray for the continued success of our program.



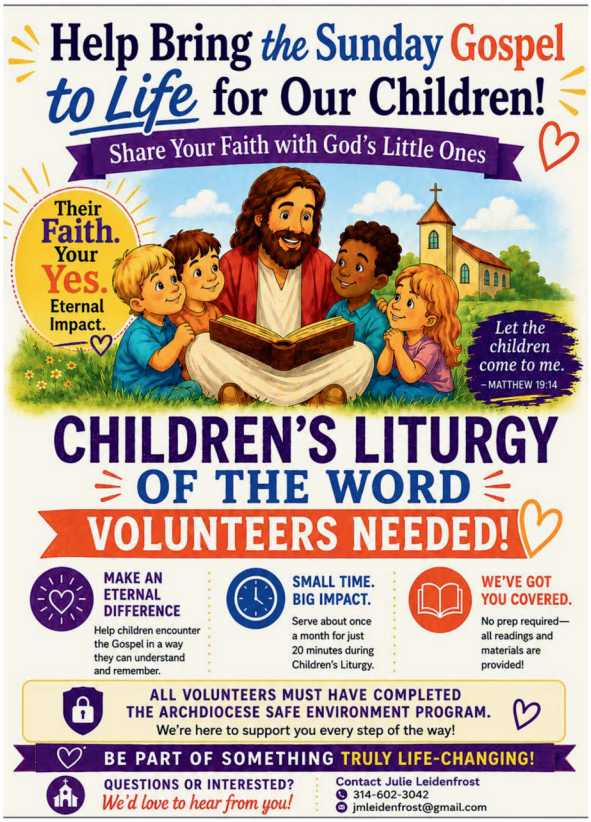
Outreach Commission

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.

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Thank you for helping make a difference in our community!



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Community



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