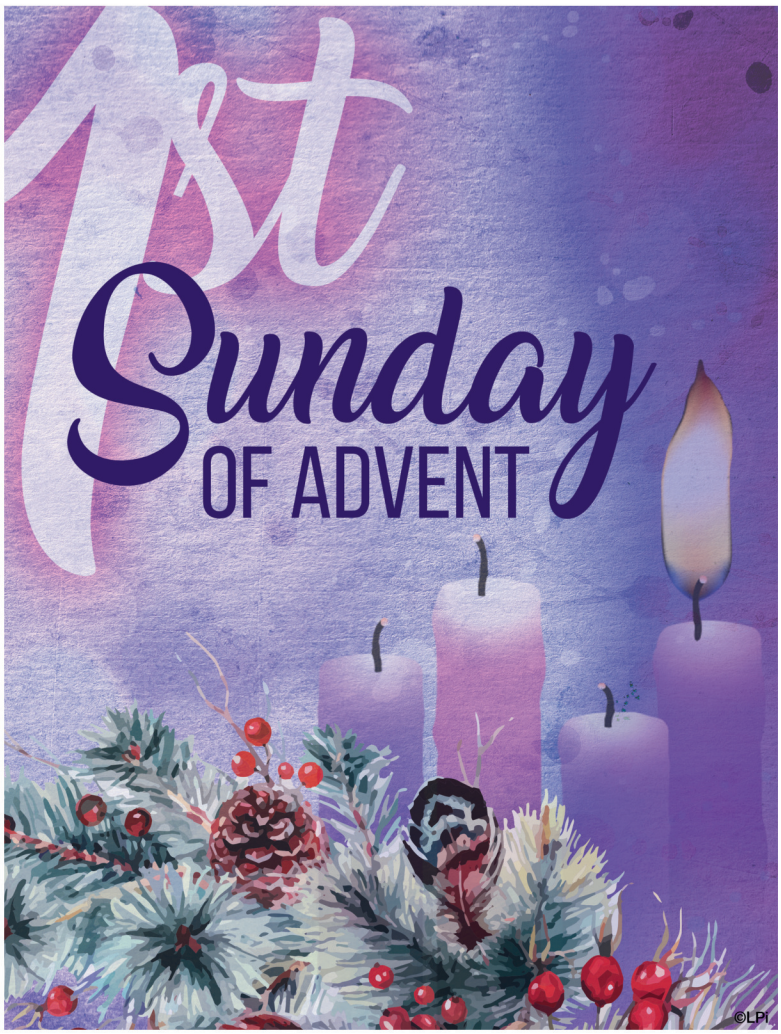
NOVEMBER 29, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 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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## 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!*

Compassion flows from the virtue of mercy, or "heartfelt sympathy for another's distress," writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum. II:II, 30, 1). Compassion could be described as the active form of mercy — we are "moved" by the suffering of another, as the heart of Christ was "moved with pity" for the crowds who followed him, seeking a shepherd (Matthew 9:37).

Compassion is also a means by which we can bring healing to a broken relationship, says the Catechism: "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843). In this way, we reflect God's divine compassion for us: "The Lord is good to all, and compassionate to all your works. All your works give you thanks, Lord, and your faithful bless you" (Psalm 145:9-10).

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

### Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

### Second Reading

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus
Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

### Gospel

"Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is
coming." (Mk 13:35)

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## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Are our eyes drooping? Are we drifting off? Jesus wants us awake. He wants our eyes open. He wants us ready. Advent is the season of staying awake, of splashing water in the face of our soul. Wake up — and watch!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Weekend November 28 & 29**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sat. 11/28 | 9:00 a.m. | +James Patrick Herrmann |
| | 5:00 p.m. | +Mary Louise Vitale |
| Sun. 11/29 | 7:00 a.m. | For our Parish Family |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Mike & Gail Rudolph |
| | 5:00 p.m. | +Theodore Meyer |

**Week of Nov. 30- Dec 4**

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|---|---|---|
| Mon. 11/30 | 7:30 a.m. | +Dr. George Hughes |
| Tues. 12/01 | 7:30 a.m. | +Jim Holt |
| Wed. 12/02 | 7:30 a.m. | +Theodore Meyer |
| Thurs. 12/03 | 9:00 a.m. | +Edward Martin Jr. |
| Fri. 12/04 | 7:30 a.m. | +Marjory Dileo |

**Weekend December 5 & 6**

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|---|---|---|
| Sat. 12/05 | 9:00 a.m. | +Denny Saunders |
| | 5:00 p.m. | +Deacon Norm Werner |
| | | +Darlene Zoellner |
| Sun. 12/06 | 7:00 a.m. | +Mary Werner |
| | 10:00 a.m. | +Joseph Reyes |
| | 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:
Tom Moran, Diane Gorris, Nancy Freeman, Tommy White, Jack Renard, Angela Adams, Brenda Hamby, 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, 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.

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



## Liturgical Ministers

***Saturday, December 5***

**5:00 p.m.**

**Lectors:** Darlene Warnick Joshua Allee
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Darlene Warnick, Carolyn Gamache, George & Melissa Kriegshauser, Joshua Allee, Sr. Mary Jane, Mark Photenahauer
**Altar Servers:** Melum Arinze, Beau Scudieri, Oshonr Singh

***Sunday, December 6***

**7:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Jackie Paletta Ashley Gray
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ashley Gray, Ben Bush, Scott Long

**10:00 a.m.**

**Lectors**: Michael Rudolph Alice Conway
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deanna Oetjen, Deacon Fred, Michael Rudolph, Tom Caspari, Diane Kerckhoff, Julia Francis, Christy Millsap
**Altar Servers:** Marie & Luke Dudash, Ashley Thomasson

**5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Jolynn Winer Nestor DeSousa
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stacie Franc, JoLynn Winer, Lyn Hurster, David Kueuter, Wendy LaMar, Susan Powers, Carly Fesler
**Altar Servers:** Annie & Jimmy Rehm, Joe Sage

## Grateful Giving

Fiscal Year: July 2026-June 2027

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|---|---|
| Actual YTD October | $480,249 |
| Budget YTD October | $458,500 |
| Budget Variance | $21,749 |

November Actual 2026

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|---|---|
| Week 1 | $22,603 |
| Week 2 | $13,426 |
| Week 3 | $6,847 |
| Week 4 | |
| Online Giving | $12,696 |
| Total Month Actual | $55,572 |
| Total Month Budget | $94,000 |
| Average Weekly Collection | $18,524 |
| Average Weekly Budgeted | $18,800 |
| Average Weekly Difference | ($276) |

Thank you!

**Altar Society Schedule ~ Goup 4**
Linda Kreuter, Cathy Lachky, Tina Saunders, Moira Niemeier, Jackie Paletta, Cindy Trout

**Purificator Laundry:**
DeDe Caspari

**Readings for the week of November 29, 2026**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

# 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 this Sunday, December 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. 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, December, 4 following the 7:30am Mass at the Residence. Enjoy a relaxed morning of coffee, conversation, and community.

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Submission due on Tuesday, December 1 to be included in the Sunday, December 13 bulletin

Submission due on Tuesday, Deceber 8 to be included in the Sunday, December 20 bulletin

Submission due on Tuesday, December 15 to be included in the Sunday, December 27 bulletin

Submission due on Friday, December 18 to be included in the Sunday, January 3 bulletin

## Calendar

**November 29:**
First Sunday of Advent

**November 30:**
Bell Cholir
PSR Class
AA Meeting

**December 1:**
First Reconciliation
AA Meeting

**December 5:**
Breakast with Santa

**December 6:**
Baptism

**December 7:**
PSR Advent Penance Serv.
Bell Choir
AA Meeting

**December 8:**
Immaclate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
7:30, 9:30am, & 5:30pm Mass
St. Patrick Sandwiches
Youth Choir
Advent by Candlelight

**December 9:**
Holy Hour

**December 11:**
Wedding Rehearsal

**December 12:**
Blessing of Bambinella
Fall Clean up
Wedding

**December 13:**
Blessing of Bambinella
Donut Sunday

## 2027 Confirmation



Registration forms for the 2027 Confirmation Class are available in the back of church, the parish website and in the parish office.

In order to register your child for Confirmation you must submit the registration form, a check for $235 and a copy of the student's baptismal certificate.

Candidates for Confirmation must meet the following criteria:

·Be a student of OLP day school or PSR program
·Be a student of a registered parishioner of OLP attending a private catholic school.
·All candidates must have attended a Catholic School or PSR program during the 7th grade.

Confirmation is Tuesday April 20, 2027 at Our Lady of the Pillar Church at 7:00 pm

The last day to register for Confirmation is December 18, 2026



# Outreach Commission

Marygrove
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Collection Dates
Nov 22- Dec 13

## Christmas Wish List 2026

**Prepared for Our Lady of the Pillar**

Help provide gifts, activities, and everyday essentials for the children, youth, and young adults served by Marygrove. These general needs were shared by our program staff.

### Gifts and activities

- Cirkul water bottles and flavor cartridges
- Xbox Series X controllers
- Xbox Series X games, including basketball and football
- Handheld electronic games or gaming systems, such as Nintendo Switch
- Basketballs
- Craft kits for teens, including beaded necklaces, bracelets, friendship bracelets, and shoe decorations
- Sketch pads
- Adult coloring books
- Art supplies
- Sweatshirts for boys and girls ages 14 to 18
- Phone chargers




### Comfort and playroom items

- Fidgets
- Weighted stuffed animals
- Soft soccer balls, doll accessories, toy phones, and puppets
- Individually packaged snacks that do not need refrigeration
- Bean bag chair
- Spinning or swivel chair

### Home essentials

- Comforter sets and bathroom sets
- Dish sets, pots and pans
- Small kitchen appliances
- Vacuums and mop and bucket sets
- Mini fridges for the homes
- Lamps
- Suitcases

### Before you shop

Please contact Erika to confirm sizes, quantities, device compatibility, or details about larger items.

**St. Patrick Sandwiches, December 8**
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 December 19 & 20,** 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 January 16 & 17,**
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.

# Mark Your Calendar



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 8**
**Holy Day of Obligaiton.**
Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:30am, & 5:30pm

Advent by Candlelight will follow the 5:30pm Mass in the Parish Life Center
Please RSVP by, Tuesday, December 1. The registrations forms can be found in the bulletin, or church office.

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As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Advent season, please join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

***PSR: December 7 at 4:30 PM***
***School: December 10 at 9:00 AM***
***Parish: December 17 at 6:30 PM***

Take time this Advent to experience God's mercy, forgiveness, and peace.

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***Blessing of the Bambinelli***
***December 13 & 14***
***At all Masses***

Everyone is invited to bring Baby Jesus from their home Nativity scene to be blessed during all Masses

# **Kids** Corner

## Sharing the Gospel

When you are invited to a big party, you get prepared. You take a bath. You wear your finest outfit and shoes. You take a gift to the host. God has invited you to his heavenly party. Get prepared for it. You want to be ready. You are God's gift. Give your soul a bath in God's waters of forgiveness. Dress yourself in a white robe. Wear shoes that are guided by GPSSS - God's Personal Soul Saving System.

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## Prayer

Lord, prepare me for heaven's party.

## Mission for the Week

I pray to be ready when Jesus calls me into heaven.




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