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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2026

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.
Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.
Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.
Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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Sat.	Sept.	26	4:00 pm	+Living & Decs'd Members of David & Agnes Nolan Families req. by Family
Sun.	Sept.	27	8:00 am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Anna Marie Sanders req. by Carol & Troy Layo
Mon.	Sept.	28	8:00 am	+Rose Graham req. by Daughter: Linda
Tues.	Sept.	29	8:00 am	+Joan Grecek req. by Michelle Rodgers
Wed.	Sept.	30	8:00 am	+Karolyn Conrad req. by Family
Thurs.	Oct.	1	8:00 am	+Deborah Rorabaugh req. by Mom
Fri.	Oct.	2	8:00 am	+Decs'd Members of Alix & Mary Favenyesi & John & Mary Lutz Families req. by Grace
*Sat.	Oct.	3	4:00 pm	+Annette Krisko req. by Daughter: Gina
*Sun.	Oct.	4	8:00 am	+John Borlie req. by Ed, Rose & Jude Decort
			10:30 am	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

*The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and commemoration of his death on October 3, 1226!
The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Fr. Dan O'Neil req. by Randy, Pat and Steve.
The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Jerry Barno req. by wife; Francene & Daughters.

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Employment Opportunity: The parish is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Religious Education and also looking for a part-time Housekeeper. To apply or learn more, please visit our website or the diocesan website: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org/general-employment-opportunities/>

HOLY FAMILY BASKET PARTY FUNDRAISER –Today, Sunday, September 27th. Tickets will be on sale Saturday September 26th before and after 4:00 PM Mass. September 27th doors will open at 11:30 AM and tickets will be sold until 2:00 PM. Drawing will begin at 2:15 PM. A food platter will be available for \$5.00, or food can be purchased a la carte.

The Sacred Heart Ushers Club is looking for new members. If interested, contact Lou Kordish at 814-241-5873 or Steve Nagy 814-525-4931 or Greg Petyak at 814-254-8270. This organization is an active group of men who meet monthly and financially contribute to various parish projects. A sign-up sheet will be on the credenza in the vestibule of the church.

HARVEST FEST - October 18th Volunteers needed to set up, trunk or treat, manning an activity, and helping with food. A tote is available in the vestibule of the church for your donations of individually wrapped candy. You may also donate cookies (homemade or store bought) pre-bag your donations by placng 3 cookies in a small zip-lock baggie.



PARISH FINANCES –
The Stats of week 09/20/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$ 4,214.00
Children	17.75
Loose	45.00
Missals/Bull.	75.00
Diocesan	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,471.75

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

- Sept. 27 – Basket Party – Doors open at 11:30 AM
- Sept. 28 – Youth Groups for Dummies Workshop 6:30 PM
- Oct. 3 – Transitus Prayer Service at 5:30 PM (see below for description), reception follows
- Oct. 3-4 – Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi & Donut Weekend
- Oct. 4 – Blessing of Pets in front of Church at 12:00 PM
- Oct. 4 – SHUC Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:30 PM
- Oct. 4 – Pinochle Card Social 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Oct. 15 – Planned Giving Information Workshop (see below for description) 9:00 AM
- Oct. 18 – K of C Rosary 5:30 PM Meeting 6:00 PM
- Oct. 18 – Harvest Fest 2-5 PM Bethany United Methodist Parking Lot
- Oct. 25 – Polish Food Fest- Doors open at 11:30 AM-Meal at 12:00

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every FIVE years. Stop by the rectory office or call 814-736-4279 to check what clearance you need to update. We will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

Religious Education News

- Children participate at the 10:30 AM Mass on September 27th with Blessing of Catechists. Pray for our Children, their families, the Catechists and that we find a next great DRE!



The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi – on October 3, 2026, the Church celebrates the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus (journey from this life to life with God) of Saint Francis. The Masses on the Weekend of October 3 & 4 will be that of St. Francis. At about 5:30 PM on the 3rd, shortly following the 4 PM Mass, join us for an evening prayers service to commemorate Francis’ completion of his mission. It will also be a time for all of us to remember our loved ones who have completed their pilgrimage and who’s souls are in the loving hand of God. The service reminds us that we are all called by God to join him in the glory of heaven when we complete our mission in this life.

Planned Giving Information Workshop – Learn from an attorney about estate planning and a funeral director about pre-planning and memorial gifts. Hear about the endowments currently established for our parish and the two organizations who manage those for the future of Holy Family Parish. No sales pitches or pressure...just helpful information for you to plan what happens to your resources as you come toward life’s completion. All on October 15th starting at 9 AM in the Parish Hall. The presentations and your questions will take us to 10:30 AM. Refreshments provided!

Do you want to change someone’s life for the better? Invite them to find out more about the Catholic faith. **Your baptism** empowers you to extend the invitation to join our upcoming session of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) and share the gift of our faith in Jesus Christ. In your hands lies the potential to bring someone closer to our Lord and Savior. Call or email the office for more information. Brochures are available near the bulletins.

Young Adult Group (18-39): Our September Theology on Tap with Bishop Mark was our largest yet with almost 55 in attendance including new members. Our September 30th (6pm) speaker is Fr. Frank Scornaienchi, TOR, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Provincial Superior for the TOR Franciscans, who will be speaking on 800 Years of Saint Francis. All young adults are invited to join us for faith and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Pope Leo’s Monthly Intention
For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

