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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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STEWARDSHIP

Week of September 13, 2026

Saint Joseph: $3,336

Saint Michael: $2,290

Saint Mary: $2,196

2026 CSA UPDATE

September 18, 2026

Saint Joseph

Diocesan Assessment: $34,807

Total Pledged: $50,200

Total Paid: $42,410

Saint Michael

Diocesan Assessment: $38,740

Total Pledged: $41,993

Total Paid: $37,493

Saint Mary

Diocesan Assessment: $23,034

Total Pledged: $28,904

Total Paid: $25,274

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UPCOMING

St Michael Feast Day Mass
September 29 at 6pm with refreshments afterwards!

First Friday Fellowship
October 2 after 8:30 mass at St Joseph Hall.

Blessing of Pets
October 3 St Mary parking lot at 10am

St Michael Rosary Society
Meeting October 5 at St Michael Hall 6:30pm

St MIchael Rosary Society/Faith Formation
Praying Living Rosary October 11 before 11am Mass

Quilting at St Joseph
Beginning October 13 in the Rectory Basement

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341
Meeting: October 13 at Stutz Hall 6pm
Breakfast: October 17 at Stutz Hall 8am

St Michael Church
Rosary for peace, Tuesdays 6:30pm

MINISTER SCHEDULE • OCT 3-4

4:00pm, Saint Joseph
Lector: S. Spence
Eucharistic Minister: J. Wolbert, N. Wolbert, D. Baker
Altar Server: R. Bauer
Ushers: D. Baker, J. Harvey, E. Carroll, J. Lutz
Rosary: D. Banner, M. Banner

6:00pm, Saint Mary
Lector: L. Letot
Eucharistic Minister: D. Thimons, L. Letot
Altar Server: A. Bogel

8:00am, Saint Mary
Lector: S. Sepan
Eucharistic Minister: L. Siegel, A. Gilmore, M. LeClaire
Altar Server: N. Karg

9:30am, Saint Joseph
Lector: K. Schmader
Eucharistic Minister: D & G. Wolbert, K. Schmader
Altar Server: T. Schmader
Ushers: B. Callihan, T. Wolbert, D. Schill, B. Hartle

11:00am, Saint Michael
Lector: C. Kiser
Eucharistic Minister: B. Hoover, E. Weaver, A. Smerkar
Altar Server: L. Weaver
Ushers: M., N. & I. Gilara
Rosary: W. Jakopac

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28:
8:30am, Saint Mary
No Mass

Tuesday, September 29:
6:00pm, *Saint Michael*
+Betty Cyphert (St Michael Choir)

Wednesday, September 30:
8:30am, Saint Mary
+Jack Mularski (Fred Dworek)

Thursday, October 1:
8:30am, Saint Michael
+Corey Zearfoss (Donnie Karg)
6:00pm, Saint Ann
+Dubie Ann Habjan (John Habjan)

Friday, October 2:
8:30am, Saint Joseph
+Deceased Members of Cyril & Philomena Wolbert Family (The Family)

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3:
4:00pm, Saint Joseph
+Roxanne Murphy (Rick & Ryan)
6:00pm, Saint Mary
+Henry & Helen Heasley (The Cussins Family)

Sunday, October 4:
8:00am, Saint Mary
Parish Family
9:30am, *Saint Joseph*
+Larry Gatesman (Peg)
11:00am, Saint Michael
+Paul Ditz (Mary Ditz)

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Saint Michael
S. Moore, T. Moore

Saint Joseph
K. Lander, B. Lander

Saint Mary
H. Karg, T. Karg, W. Karg

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Michael
Robert Strauser (The Family)

Saint Joseph
William & Mary Hargenrader (Peg & Family)

Saint Mary
Marie Baxter (Chuck Baxter)

A Word from Father Brandon

An idea I often sit with, and is frequently an idea that finds itself in the content of my homilies, is what is faith - or more peculiarly, what does it mean to have faith? I think, and have come to see, that the more people you ask that question of the more answers and perspectives on faith one receives. There is an element of faith that intrigues me, in a way, more than many other facets of faith, and that is: what does it mean to do or to follow God's Will? This question seems to be inextricably linked to faith and the nature and content of faith. You see, if faith is nothing more than believing to be true that which I can't see nor perceive, then to know and follow the Will of this unseen and unperceived being is, well, just a shot in the dark, trial and error. But, if faith is more than just blind intellectual accent to the unseen and unperceived, then the Will of that seen and perceived being becomes something truly knowable. Then, if you extrapolate it out a bit more, you begin to see that, perhaps, if the Will of this God is so important, and He doesn't want us to just miserly guess it, amid mounds of uncertainty, then perhaps He, too, desires to be seen and perceived...and if He desires to be seen and perceived, then perhaps faith is more than just assenting to the unseen and unperceived, but rather seeing what is seeable, and perceiving what is perceivable, knowing what is knowable!

OK...that was a nerdy amalgamation of syntax and theological propositions! I think about these things a lot and get lost and tangled in them myself most days, but I feel we all sort of do, in our own ways and entanglements and language.

All of us want better faith, but we also don't really know all the time what faith actually is - what exactly am I seeking to have more of!? Then, we desire to know and faithfully God's Will, but, again, what exactly is His Will and what exactly am I trying to know!? And, like I said, if you ask one-hundred Christians what faith is, you will get about one-hundred-and-three different answers! Then, don't even ask about God's Will - that is yet another endlessly brokered term that has as many meanings as there are people who are there to offer meanings! Honestly, as confusing and overwhelming as all of that was presented just now - and how we experience these things in our own lives as pilgrims on this journey -that is one the of the greatest joys of what we do and who we are: *you and I get to purse, discover, and fall in love with the God of the Universe who became a man so as to show me Himself, so as to go to war against the enemy on my behalf, died out of a love for me, descended into the pits of Hell to liberate me, and who tore open the gates of paradise to let me dwell with Him, forever!* Faith...Will...those things are not ours to manufacture. No matter how you define them or understand them in your life, let them flow from the springs of love with which you overflow! God desires you to see Him, to perceive Him, and to then know and follow His Will - don't let those be abstractions of trial and error, trying to grasp at them in the chill of the night, but let them be the sustaining and ever flowing waters that stream from your heart, a heart *madly* in love! That is faith; that is God's Will; that is life!

Love,
Father Brandon

PARISH NEWS

St Michael Feast Day Mass
Join us after mass for St Michael's Munchies in the parking lot behind the church. All are welcome for snacks and fellowship!

First Friday Fellowship
Everyone is welcome! Refreshments, conversation and fellowship. Contact Linda McCloskey if you would like to help with refreshments.

St Michael Rosary Society
Nomination of officers will take place at this meeting. If unable to attend, reach out to Ani Litt or Becky Vickers. Come join us in prayer, fellowship and planning for our future.

St Mary January 2027 Lottery
Special number forms available at back of church until October 11th. Please place in designated basket. Any questions, please contact Milly Cussins at 814-927-6980.

Quilting at St Joseph Parish
Interested in learning how to quilt, come join us! For questions, transportation or to help prepare lunches, contact Linda McCloskey at 814-226-6075.

St Mary Parish Christmas Choir Practice
Monday evenings at 6:30 All voices are welcome! Come sing with us!



St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341
50/50 Winner was Kerry Wolbert and Family of the month is Andy Gilmore.

Living Rosary
To participate, please arrive by 10am. Praying will begin at 10:15. Any questions contact Karen Wolbert at 814-227-9555.

Home Enthronement
To request that this be done at your home or for any questions you may have, please contact Ani Litt by text or call at 814-316-3537.

Collection for Catholic Education
If you did not participate in the second collection for Catholic Education, *please* prayerfully consider doing so. Remember that ***half*** remains in the parishes!

Funerals
Please note that when a family member passes away, the funeral home is the first contact. They will contact the parish office to coordinate all details.



Any items for the bulletin need emailed to Julie two weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a first come, first serve basis.

October Newsletter

From the Principal...

Dear Friends and Families of St. Joseph School,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! It has been wonderful to see our hallways and classrooms filled again with the smiles, excitement, and energy of our students and staff. We are off to a great start, and I am looking forward to all that this year will bring!

At St. Joseph School, we are blessed to be more than just a school; we are a family. Each day, our students are surrounded by dedicated teachers and staff who work to ensure that every child is known, loved, and supported. Together, we strive to provide a safe, caring, faith-filled environment where our students can grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

As we begin this new year, I encourage our students to work hard, be kind, help one another, and look for ways to let the light of Christ shine through everything they do. Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities to learn, grow, serve, celebrate, and make wonderful memories together.

Thank you, families, for entrusting your children to us and for your continued support of St. Joseph School. Your partnership is an important part of what makes our school such a special place.

Please keep our students, teachers, staff, and families in your prayers as we begin another wonderful year together. May God bless our school year and guide us in all that we do!

God Bless,

Mrs. Betsy Ochs

Preschool

During the month of October, our Pre-K class will be learning all about fall! We will continue practicing our letters and numbers while exploring fall leaves and learning why they change colors. We will also learn all about pumpkins, including how they grow, their life cycle, and the different parts of a pumpkin. We are looking forward to a month full of fun, hands-on fall learning!

Kindergarten

In Religion, one of Kindergarten's stories in October will be the story of Jesus welcoming the children. Mary will be one saint that we will also read about. Our prayers will include Grace before Meals. In math, we will be counting and sorting numbers and organizing by size and position. In reading, one of our stories will be *Mice Squeak, We Speak*. Our High Frequency Words will be see, we, a, and to. In grammar, we will describe nouns with sensory words, color words, and number words.

1st Grade

First grade is off to a fantastic start this school year! We will continue to learn new sight words each week while reviewing short vowel sounds to help us read and sound out words. In math class, we will be working on addition and subtraction facts to 10. In science, we will be learning about different animal habitats. In social studies, we are going to learn about different types of maps.

2nd Grade / 3rd Grade

We've been busy learning! In ELA, we're focusing on sentence types, author's purpose, vowel teams, and weekly stories. In math, we're working on place value and comparing numbers. Social studies has us exploring communities and map skills, while science has us growing plants and learning about their life cycle!

4th Grade

In fourth grade, students are working on multiplication and division in math. In language arts, we are preparing to write personal narratives. Robotics has also begun, and students will learn to program and use their sensors.

5th Grade

In Religion, fifth grade is deepening their understanding of the mystery of the Holy Trinity and learning about the Church's teachings on our Blessed Mother. In social studies, we are exploring the world during the time of European exploration and its first encounters with the Americas. In reading, we are enjoying *Double Dutch*, a narrative nonfiction about jumping rope that highlights teamwork, discipline, and competition.

6th Grade

In science, the students are learning about the functions of various organelles in plant and animal cells, along with how and why cells reproduce. Our language arts lessons include the author's purpose: Is the passage and /or article written to inform, persuade, or entertain the reader?

OCTOBER 2026

BIRTHDAYS

LANDON - 10/14
ELLIE - 10/26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pizza Day	2 Mass Day @ 8:30 am	3
4	5	6	7 Picture Day	8 Pizza Day AG Day's - 2nd & 3rd Grades	9 No School	10
11	12	13 Hot Lunch	14	15 Iron Mills Field Trip	16 No School - Act 80	17
18 Fall Sportsman's Raffle	19 Pizza Pub Fundraiser Starts	20	21	22 Pizza Day	23 Mass Day @ 8:30 am Fall Bash - @ 6:00 pm	24
25	26	27	28	29 Pizza Day	30 Mass Day @ 8:30 am	31 HALLOWEEN

Red Ribbon Week

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PIZZA PICK UP DATE IS NOVEMBER 21ST

FALL BASH

COMMUNITY WELCOME!
October 23rd
St. Joseph Social Hall
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Food & Drinks Available to Purchase
Games & Activities for the Kids - Including Marty's Bubble Gum Machine - 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
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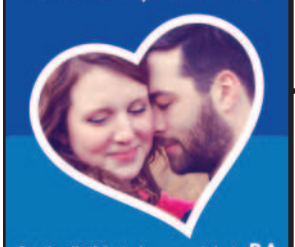
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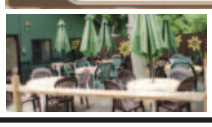
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