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Week of September 27, 2026		Catholic Education
Saint Joseph:	$3,231	$861
Saint Michael:	$2,100	$491
Saint Mary:	$2,830	$787

2026 CSA UPDATE

October 2, 2026

Saint Joseph

Diocesan Assessment: $34,807

Total Pledged: $50,200

Total Paid: $43,475

Saint Michael

Diocesan Assessment: $38,740

Total Pledged: $43,003

Total Paid: $38,678

Saint Mary

Diocesan Assessment: $23,034

Total Pledged: $28,904

Total Paid: $25,404

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UPCOMING

Quilting at St Joseph
Beginning October 13 in the Rectory Basement

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341
Meeting: October 13 at Stutz Hall 6:00pm
Breakfast: October 17 at Stutz Hall 8:00am

Second Collection for World Mission Sunday October 17/18
This collection supoorts 1130 mission dioceses & territories around the world. Celebrating it's 100th anniversary, the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission" reminds us we share in the missionary call.

Rural Catholic Women
Meeting October 13 at 6:00pm in St Joseph Rectory.

St Michael Oktoberfest
October 17 at St Michael Hall 6:00pm to Midnight.

Rosary for Peace
St. Michael Church on Tuesdays at 6:30pm

MINISTER SCHEDULE • OCT 17-18

4:00pm, Saint Joseph
Lector: J. Wolbert
Eucharistic Minister: J. Wolbert, N. Wolbert, D. Baker
Altar Server: None
Ushers: D. Baker, J. Harvey, E. Carroll, J. Lutz
Rosary: M. Lutz, M. Bauer

6:00pm, Saint Mary
Lector: H. Karg
Eucharistic Minister: T. Karg, B. Donnick
Altar Server: A. Bogel

8:00am, Saint Mary
Lector: C. Schettler
Eucharistic Minister: L. Siegel, M. LeClaire, S. Sepan
Altar Server: J. Boylan

9:30am, Saint Joseph
Lector: Confirmation Student
Eucharistic Minister: P. Judy, L. Callihan, A. Ochs
Altar Server: O. Schmader
Ushers: Confirmation Students

11:00am, Saint Michael
Lector: J. Barron
Eucharistic Minister: J. Barron, T. Hoover, T. Seitz
Altar Server: M. Sporer
Ushers: B,. B., M. & J. Beichner
Rosary: M. Fletcher

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 12:
8:30am, Saint Mary
+Father Christopher Barnes (Jack & Jill Smail)

Tuesday, October 13:
8:30am, *Saint Michael*
No Mass

Wednesday, October 14:
8:30am, Saint Mary
+Jack Mularski (Fred Dworek)

Thursday, October 15:
8:30am, Saint Michael
+Cathy & Ambrose Smerkar (Barb & Family)
6:00pm, Saint Ann
+John Hrechanyk (John Habjan)

Friday, October 16:
8:30am, Saint Joseph
+Dorothy, Joe & Duff Kerle (Betsy & Brad Ochs)

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 17
4:00pm, Saint Joseph
+Lawrence & Hop Gatesman & Larry Gatesman (Ginny)
6:00pm, Saint Mary
+Tom Wallace (The Family)

Sunday, October 18:
8:00am, Saint Mary
+Jay & Ruth Ann Wolbert (Jack & Jill Smail)
9:30am, *Saint Joseph*
+Ed & Kate Dechant (Julie Hockman)
11:00am, Saint Michael
Parish Family

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Saint Michael
R. Beichner, J. Reed

Saint Joseph
E. Carroll, S. Hoover

Saint Mary
J. Wolbert, J. Gilbert, J. Miller

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Saint Michael
Norma & Thomas Lauer (Jean & Dave)

Saint Joseph
Alice Schill (Susie Beary)

Saint Mary
Pat Gatton (John & Bobbi)

A Word from Father Brandon

You will find adjacent to this article the snapshot of income and expenses for the first quarter of this current fiscal year. Remember that parishes operate on a fiscal year that runs from July 1 thru June 30. This report is from the first quarter: July 1 thru September 30. I always say this, but it is dizzying at times keeping track of all the calendars and 'years' you need to handle as a pastor and parish leadership team: fiscal year, liturgical year, academic year, contract years, calendar year, the CSA year… it really is silly how tangled all these can be and how so little neatly lines up! Regardless, here we are! Also remember that when you look at these numbers you are seeing strictly parish operating cash flow - not school or cemetery or Holy Family Fund. This is strictly cash into checking, cash out of checking. Looking over the numbers, I have only a few observations.

Saint Mary got clobbered with a ginormous tax increase! The parish pays taxes on land that, in the recent reassessment, added something like $6,000 to the tax bill! Saint Mary also, with their July Lottery fundraiser, takes in the money in the previous fiscal year, and pays out in the current fiscal year. So, the July Lottery pays in the current fiscal year, but all that money came in the previous fiscal year. This summer fundraiser just has a foot in two fiscal years. That is why there are fundraiser expenses but little income. Their winter Lottery is wholly in the same fiscal year.

Saint Joseph has begun a $5,000 monthly subsidy to Saint Joseph School. This not only helps pay the bills, but is the parish's way of keeping tuition the lowest in the diocese! Your offertory is not just paying the light bill or my health insurance, but is doing a tremendous service to our families! I love the passion for SJS among all our people, and especially in St Joseph parish! One thing you learn quickly about leading a school is that cash flow is lumpy and it often surprises you of what comes in! Part of the adventure in parish grade schools is watching what comes in and going about finding more! Myself, Finance Council, Betsy Ochs, and the whole team are daily committed to ensuring we will always have enough money to fund this ministry of ours that we all love so intensely! If it pans out that we don't need $5,000 a month the whole year, we will dial that down and adjust. But for now, we'll take that from the operating cash flow of the parish to subsidize its school.

Saint Michael had a great Labor Day Picnic this year, and that has given them a comfortable front loading of money early on in the fiscal year. There are a few maintenance concerns there we are working on - a drainage system down by the hall, and actively looking into the needs of the boiler. I'm looking into what needs done and trying to find the most cost effective way to handle it. I will, of course keep you posted about that!

One other item to note is the use of envelopes / online giving. I cleaned up our envelopes so there would be a single means to give to the operating costs of the parish (your regular offertory), to support the cemeteries, and to the extraordinary charitable work of the parishes towards our families (Holy Family Fund). I eliminated the buildings envelopes because there is no buildings checking account…paying for utilities and maintenance is a regular operating expense and those dollars simply went into the checking account where all operating expenses are paid. It was just an added step to accomplish the same thing. So if you used to give to that envelope, simply take what you'd budget and put it into the regular offertory for it is being used the same way.

I want to thank all of you for your dedicated stewardship of our parishes, ministries, and the love you pour into the work of building The Kingdom and bringing God's souls home to Heaven! It is a tremendous sacrifice on your part to fund the work of the Gospel and The Church - I am so pleased that you love Jesus and desire souls to be saved so much that you remain so committed to the work we are doing here! I am excited to walk into the future with you, and I hope your stewardship is sign that you are, too!

Love,
Father Brandon

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
1st Quarter - Parishes Report

	St. Mary	St. Joseph	St. Michael
Offertory	$34,476	$41,011	$36,758
Gifts	$0	$1,096	$3,050
Misc.	$3,197	$1,366	$3,319
Fundraisers	$1,700	$0	$65,153
CSA	$4,830	$5,180	$2,617
TOTAL INCOME	**$44,203**	**$48,653**	**$110,897**
Salaries & Benefits	$26,011	$28,281	$28,253
Rectory	$760	$819	$760
Office	$1,682	$1,034	$900
Subsidies	$3,911	$8,062	$5,821
Liturgical	$2,442	$4,867	$6,408
Faith Formation	$1,069	$60	$504
Utilities	$3,586	$2,656	$5,124
Insurance / Taxes	$10,403	$7,101	$5,579
Maintenance	$2,152	$3,012	$4,052
Extraordinary	$0	$0	$0
Parish Activities	$1,192	$1,192	$1,192
Fundraisers	$5,300	$0	$33,515
CSA to Diocese	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$58,508**	**$57,084**	**$92,108**
Difference	**($14,305)**	**($8,431)**	**$18,789**

PARISH NEWS

Rural Catholic Women Group
Women of all parishes may attend. The topic of prayer/discussion is “Mary, Mother of God”.

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.

Oktoberfest 2026
Work schedules and a list of donations needed can be found at the entrances of St Michael Church.
Questions: Betsy Bauer 814-229-4130,
Kate Nale 814-354-2622,
Betsy Allmendinger 814-229-0689.

St Joseph Choir Fall/ Christmas Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 13, 20, 27 at 6:30pm. Schedules are located at the entrances of the church.

St Mary Parish Prayer Chain
To become a member, please complete form in back of church and place in basket by October 24. No changes for current members.

St Mary Christmas Holiday Craft Show
If you are interested in being a vendor/crafter for this year’s craft show information is located on the Parish website under the event tab.

St Joseph Rosary Society
Flowers on side altars in memory of deceased members.

St Michael Holiday Church Decorating
Help is needed in coordination of ordering flowers and decorating of the church for Christmas and Easter seasons. Contact the Parish office if interested.

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.

OCIA
Anyone who desires Full Commuunion with The Church, desires conversion into The Church, or if you are still on the fence about it, please reach out to Fr. Brandon to begin the journey into the Catholic Church!

Cleaning Position at St Michael Parish
Church & Rectory requires 2½ to 3 hours a week. Contact the business manager if interested.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS





FAITH FORMATION

Remember, Faith Formation programs have begun for the year! Schedule and locations are :

St Mary Church - twice a month on Sundays after the 8:00am Mass until 10:15am

St Michael Church - twice a month on Sundays at 9:30am until the 11:00am Mass

St Joseph Church - Confirmation (9th grade) meet twice a month on Sundays after 9:30am Mass

St Joseph Church - Edge (6th. - 8th grade) meets twice a month in the hall on Wednesdays from 5:45pm to 7:30pm

Children age 4 are welcome to take part in our Faith Formation Program at St Mary Parish. .

For more information, and to register, contact any member of our Fatih Formation Team.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month

Our faith reminds us that every human life is sacred. Protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults is not just a responsibility – it's a Respect Life issue that involves all of us. If you suspect or know of abuse, report it immediately. Speaking up can save lives and uphold the dignity of every person. For details on how to report child abuse, visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ .

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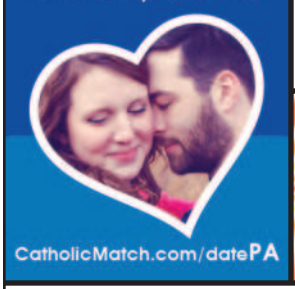
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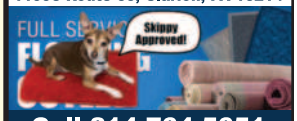
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