Welcome to St. Mary Church

September 27, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 20 2026

General Collection:	$1301.00
Building Fund:	$30.00
Retired Priests:	$70.00

CSMA: Our goal for this year's campaign is $9726.00. We have reached 63% of our goal.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Susan Kern
Linda White

If you would like to be included in the list, please contact the office. We ask that the person being prayed for contact the office personally, as it is important to protect people's privacy.

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, please contact the office with the name and date requested. We will do our best to schedule your Mass on the date requested.
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OUR FAMILY IS GROWING

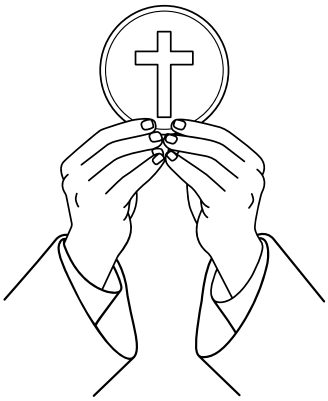
We were blessed to welcome Meredith Frey and her daughter Naomi into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. On Sunday, September 27, Cora, Victoria, and Lochlin Frey will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at 8 AM Mass. We are excited to welcome the Freys into our Church family. Fr. Larry advises that this Mass may run longer than usual.

BISHOP GODFREY'S STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Bishop Godfrey has asked that each parish send representatives to one of five stewardship workshops he is hosting. The closest one to St. Mary will be at St. Paul in Vienna on Friday, October 16 from 6-8 PM. We need to make sure St. Mary is represented, so if you plan to attend, please let Fr. Larry or the church office know. If you'd like to attend, but can't make that time work, there are 4 other options that would require a bit more driving. Contact the church office for details, stmaryparish.anna@gmail.com, or 618.697.5161.

AJ FOOTBALL GAME DAY BREAKFAST

St. Mary will host the AJ Wildcats football players and cheerleaders for a game day breakfast on Friday October 2 at 7 AM. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the breakfast . Please contact Susan Belcher or Beth Dallas if you can help.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

On this Sunday, we want to express our gratitude to Fr. Larry for his faithfulness in answering God's call, and for his leadership and ministry to our Church.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday September 26:
Lector: Jackie Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Cairatti, Joe Wendling, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday September 27:
Lector: Karl Sweitzer
Servers: Dallases
Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Bierbaum, Jordan Jansen, Ellen Quertermous
Saturday October 3:
Lector: Cathy Belcher
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Cairatti, Amy Ulrich VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday October 4:
Lector: Ellen Quertermous
Servers: Marggrafs
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Belcher, Mary Ellen Ecker, Luke Vaughn

The rest of the October/November schedule will be available early next week. I ran out of week!

POPE LEO XIV

OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

VOCATION CORNER

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2026, is a special day set aside to honor the Priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect on and affirm the priesthood's central role in the life of the Church. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful.

For this week:
Kyle Kellerman
Glennon College Seminary
5200 Glennon Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

FROM FR. LARRY'S DESK

Folks, I am looking for a few good people to serve on the Finance Council I am trying to start up. We already have a very capable Pastoral Council whose responsibility is to oversee the pastoral life of the parish community; however, Canon Law requires every Catholic parish to maintain a **Parish Finance Council**. This council is a consultative body that assists the pastor, or administrator, in the responsible stewardship of the parish's temporal goods. While the pastor remains the administrator of the parish (Canon 532), the Finance Council plays a vital role in offering guidance, reviewing budgets, and ensuring transparency in financial reporting. As weestablish our new Finance Council, **we are seeking parishioners with experience in business management, accounting, finance, or those who have owned and operated their own business.** Your professional insight can make a meaningful difference in how our parish plans, manages resources, and prepares for the future.

I think it is important for me to tell you that this is a consultative ministry, meaning that no one is asked to make decisions on their own. Instead, members collaborate with the pastor to provide sound advice rooted in expertise, prudence, and faith. If you have skills in budgeting, financial analysis, operations, or strategic planning, your gifts would be invaluable to this important work. If you feel called to serve, or would like to learn more about what participation involves, please contact the parish office or Father Larry. Your experience could help strengthen the financial foundation of our parish for years to come.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 26:	Jason Lovell
Sunday September 27:	The Gerry Basler and Barbara Stute familes
Saturday October 3:	Marge Profilet Harper
Sunday October 4:	Ann Gardner

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will celebrate their 100th anniversary at the Annual Convention on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at St. Bruno Parish in Pinckneyville., beginning at 8 AM. All women are welcome to attend.

The convention will feature a keynote address by Danielle Harrison, a Mass with Bishop Godfrey presiding, luncheon, a presentation by the Bishop, and a raffle. Registration forms and raffle tickets are available at the entrance of Church.

In a few weeks, I will have the Chief Finance Officer of the Diocese make a presentation of how a finance council can work to those who expressed an interest serving, in order for them to have a clearer picture of what is expected and hopefully quell any fears or insecurities for them in the process. I hope and pray that some of you will take this opportunity serious enough to help me make the Parish of St. Mary's strong enough to withstand anything the future can throw at us. Thank you for your time and may God continue to bless you.