

Mass Intentions for the Week

9/28 Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
9/29 Tues	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
9/30 Wed	9:00 AM	John Finnigan By Marge Suriano
10/01 Thurs	9:00 AM	In Honor of Jim Ives Birthday Nancy Ives
10/02 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
10/03 Sat	4:00 PM	Nancy Liberatore By The Family
10/04 Sun	10:30 AM	Mark Granan By Granan Family

Catholic University of America

This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic Leaders, both religious and lay who are being formed by an exceptional, faith rooted education. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

Rosary Devotion

Please join us after the 4:00PM Mass Saturday, October 3rd this coming Sat. to pray the Rosary. All are welcome to join us in the church. If you do not have a rosary there are ones available for your use.

Appreciation – Vesna Hoblitz & Family

Thank you to the Prayer Committee and our parishioners for the wonderful gifts for Mina & baby Theo. Mother and baby are doing great! Your steady support and kindness during our daughter Cassandra's cancer diagnosis have meant more to us than words can say. Having you in our corner gives us so much strength. Several requests have been made to post Cassandra's address for inspirational thoughts and words. Her address is posted on the bulletin board. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts during this stressful time.



Weekend of Oct. 3rd & 4th, 2026

First Reading:- Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30AM

Celebrant:

Fr. Peter Anglaaere

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Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Carole Ostrander

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mary Early, Gene Walsh, Ginni Brandt

Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Altar Servers:

Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Offerings from September 19th & 20th, 2026: Regular; \$3374.00; Fuel \$50.00; Rel. Ed. \$205.00; Assumption \$20.00

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Focus

God is just and rewards the humble and repentant heart.

In our Gospel today, we hear the parable about two sons who are called by their father to work in the vineyard. The first says *I will not*, but changes his mind; the second says *Yes, sir*, but doesn't go after all.

Part of the message in our readings today is that it is not enough for us to say we are following Christ; our actions must match what we say we will do. Our "yes" must mean "yes." That's why the son who said he would go into the vineyard, but then did not, does not do the will of his father. It is not enough to say we are following Christ; our actions must match what we say we will do.

Of course, there is ultimately only one Son who does the will of the Father perfectly: Jesus Christ. Saint Paul calls us to have the same attitude as Jesus, who *humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death*. Jesus' "yes" to his Father was complete and absolute, and he followed through even though that "yes" would lead to the cross. So often in our lives we want to obey, but when obedience becomes difficult, we falter from our initial commitment. In order to persevere in obedience, we need the humility to recognize that we cannot do it on our own; we need God's grace to remain faithful.

At other times in our lives, we may more readily see ourselves in the son who initially says he will not go to work in the vineyard and then changes his mind. Perhaps we have gone through life opposing God's will, only to find that it's a path that leads nowhere. Sometimes we're the son who goes our own way, only to realize that our Father's way is better. When we repent and change our ways – returning to the path of the Father – we will find life. *If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life*, the prophet Ezekiel tells us.

Jesus' response about sinners entering the kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders should give us hope. The son who changed course, overcoming his initial hesitation to do what the father asked him, was closer to the path than the son who ultimately only paid lip service to the father's command. Jesus' words remind us that even great sinners can enter the kingdom of heaven first, if they repent. It is never too late to return to God and to do God's will. And perhaps paradoxically, it's often those who repent who are the first to find their way to the kingdom. The tax collectors and prostitutes of Jesus' day knew what their earlier "no" led to. Once they saw what saying "yes" to God offered, they became zealous in seeking it.

As we gather as disciples of the Lord at this Eucharist, we ask for the grace of humility, that we may recognize our need for the Lord's grace to say "yes" and to remain faithful in doing all the Lord asks of us. May this Eucharist also stir our hearts to repentance and hope, recognizing that despite our failures, at any moment, the kingdom lies open to all who turn their hearts back to God.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Harvest Festival 2026



The Harvest Festival this year is accepting donations thru October 2nd, so the items can be priced. Donations brought in after the 2nd will not be accepted.

- **Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes** must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free.
- **Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items** must be clean and in working order.
- **Holiday decorations especially;** Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter would be most appreciated.
- **Donations of uniquely crafted handmade items** are needed for the Craft Booth.
- **Cookbooks and paperback books**
- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **No stuffed animals** (donate to local ambulance squads)
- **No clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**

Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside the Parish Center during office hours – Mon. to Thurs. 8:30AM to 1:00PM.** Please contact the Parish Office, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations.

Donations left outside the Parish Center cannot be accepted per Catholic Mutual guidelines. *Please do not leave items outside the doorways or inside the hallways. This is so we are in compliance with fire and safety codes.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church beginning September 19th and 20th.

If you have any questions please contact
Carole Ostrander ~ 607-563-1591.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4th @ 1PM

St. Francis Shrine at the back of the church. Please bring your pets for this special blessing.

Harvest Festival ~ Crafts Needed

Hand crafted items are needed for the Craft Booth for this year's Harvest Festival.

Question of the Week

The landowner said -Take what belongs to you and go: I chose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?
(Matthew 20:14-15)

Adults: When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

Kids: Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

Family of Envelope #87

To the family of envelope # 87 can you please contact the Parish office. Thank you!

Harvest Festival Updates

The Harvest Festival Committee would like to run a Corn Hole Tournament. If you have corn hole boards you can lend please call the office.

This year we will not be having a separate Christmas Shop in December. Please bring your Christmas items that you would like to donate for this Harvest Festival before October 2nd.

Community Food Bank

Next week is our monthly collection for our local food bank. Donations of canned and boxed food items, as well as boxed cereal are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Wisdom of the Saints

Being a wife and mother was never an obstacle to my spiritual life.

~ Bl. Concepcion Cabrera de Armida

Mass Requests for 2027

The 2027 Mass Intention Schedule Book is available for your scheduling needs.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Kim Sumski, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Basket, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naples, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan, Peter Burghardt Jr., The Family of Mufide, Kathy Saludo, Elizabeth Cline, Robert Ostrander, Kyle Banas, Kristin Barber, Ellen Hogan, Susan Hanaway, Betsy, Bobbie Galchutt, George Innes, Veronica Rivera, Cassandra Hoblitz

Please note: All names will remain on our prayer list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.