

October 11, 2026
**28th SUNDAY in
 ORDINARY TIME**

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

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28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast." Matthew 22:2-3

Parish & Finance Councils

St. Anthony Gifts 10/4/26

Adults	\$775.00
Loose	\$232.00
Religious Retirement	\$10.00
World Mission	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$96.00

St. John Gifts 10/4/26

Adults	\$5388.17
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Online	\$2378.00
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Votive Candles	\$175.00

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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

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Amanda McDonough	Lorie Graham
Annette Wiseman	

ST. ANTHONY FINANCE MEMBERS

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Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

Liturgical Roles

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17-18, 2026

Saturday, October 17, 5 PM (SA)

Servers: Blair Elfrink
Lector: Andrea Bueter
Extraordinary Min. *Richard Eeftink
Ushers: Keith & Josh Horrell
Offertory: Family of Joe & Nora Bueter
Sacristan: Pam Horrell
Rosary: Gina Bueter

Sunday, October 18, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Cooper & Jack Halter
Lector: Annette Wiseman
Extraordinary Min.: * Pam Wesbecher, Courtney Beussink, Cindy (Andrew) Jansen
Choir Min.: Mary Adams
Ushers: Matt Brotherton, Roger Thiele
Offertory: Kim & Gary Vandeven
Sacristan: Cindy (Lindy) Jansen
Rosary: Anthony Jansen

Sunday, October 18, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Sam & Autumn Landewee
Lector: Jeff Eftink
Extraordinary Min.: *Tannie Smith, Joann James, Kim Bunger
Choir Min.: Sheryl Eftink
Ushers: Scott & Drew Engelen
Offertory: Family of Lawrence & Clara Macke
Sacristan: Emily & Joann James
Rosary: Gerard Macke

StoneBridge & Homebound Extraordinary Minister for October 18: Caydence Jansen

Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

Monday, October 12

6:45-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - L/D Members Herman & Helen Seiler Family (SJ)
8:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

Tuesday, October 13

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - Alvin & Helen Vandeven † (SJ)
1:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (church basement)

Wednesday, October 14

3:15 PM - After School Rosary Club (church basement)
5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
6:00 PM MASS - L/D Members Ted & Kathleen Peters Family (SA)

Thursday, October 15

8:05-8:25 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
8:30 AM MASS - L/D Members Ambrose W. & Patricia Peters Family (SJ)

Friday, October 16

6:45-7:15 AM - CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:20 AM MASS - Henry & Lorraine Holzum † (SJ)
9:00 AM - Rosary with Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)

Saturday, October 17

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)
8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (church basement)
4:30-4:55 PM - CONFESSIONS (SA)
5:00 PM MASS L/D Members Joe & Nora Bueter Family (SA)

Sunday, October 18

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESSIONS (SJ)
7:30-10:30 AM - Hotze Mission Breakfast & Bake Sale (KC Hall)
8:00 AM MASS - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SJ)
10:00 AM MASS - L/D Members Lawrence & Clara Macke Family (SJ)
11:00 AM - Confirmation Rehearsal (SJ)
1:00 PM MASS - Residents of StoneBridge (StoneBridge)
5:00 PM - Bible Study (church office)

Reminder: Confirmation rehearsal will be held on Sunday, October 18 following 10 AM Mass at St. John's. All candidates and sponsors are required to attend.

If you have not yet picked up the Survey/Questionnaire regarding Leopold School and St. John Church, copies are available in St. John's vestibule. Please complete the survey and place it in the provided box in the vestibule by October 20. The response from the school concerning the possible sale/purchase can also be found in the vestibule for anyone to pick up if they wish.

As Jenny Nenninger steps down from the role of coordinating St. John's Liturgy Roles (Mass Assignments), we are now looking for a volunteer to step up and carry this important ministry forward.

If you are organized and looking for a meaningful way to serve our parish, please consider this role. Please prayerfully consider, and if you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office or Fr. Vincent.

Notes from Fr. Vincent:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The Lord will wipe away tears from every face"
(Isaiah 25/8).*

"Why, O LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?" (Psalm 10/1) Since time immemorial man has been with the same idea about God that he stands far off in our suffering. Deep pain, grief, and hardship can cloud our perception, making divine silence feel like absence, abandonment, or punishment. The first reading of this Sunday reminds us that God is not distant from our pain. He notices every tear we shed in secret and carries our sorrows with us. Scripture consistently affirms that **God stays close to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34/18)** and intimately participates in human suffering rather than abandoning His people

The promise that "the Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face" (Isaiah 25:8) reveals God's profound tenderness and ultimate promise to heal all human suffering.

For many years, Mother Teresa experienced a profound interior suffering in which she felt that God was distant from her. She continued to pray, serve the poorest of the poor, and love Christ, even when she did not experience His presence.

She once wrote about this experience of spiritual darkness, describing how she felt as though God had abandoned her. Yet she did not stop serving. She continued to enter the homes of the dying, hold the hands of the abandoned, feed the hungry, and care for those whom society had forgotten.

There is something deeply beautiful about this: although she could not feel God's presence, she kept bringing God's love to others. Her suffering became a way of sharing in the suffering of Christ.

When we face trials today, this scripture invites us to unite our sufferings with Christ on the Cross. It assures us that our present grief is temporary, and our final destination is a place of absolute joy and restored dignity in God's loving embrace. God may not always remove our suffering immediately, but He never abandons us in it. Sometimes His presence is hidden—not absent."

Prayer: Lord Jesus, when our hearts are broken and You seem far away, help us trust that You are always near, holding us in Your loving presence and giving us strength to carry our cross. Amen.

St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.

Fr. Vincent Joseph VC

Adult Education Notes

October 18 at 5:00 pm in the Parish Office, I will start a series of a different kind of Bible study. We will experience the story of Jesus from the locations recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We will travel to over 50 ancient sites in Israel to deliver the Gospels in a fresh way, show the evidence for the truth of scripture, and encourage families to get excited about reading the Bible again.

We will dive into the history, archaeology, geography, and art surrounding the birth, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus as recorded in the first four books of the New Testament. The presenter, Dave Stotts, will try to harmonize the Gospels accounts and give them to us in chronological order.

They are fun, adventurous, and family friendly. However, this is also excellent educational coverage of the Gospels. As a bonus Dave takes you and your family on a unique driving tour of Israel to experience actual places where Jesus traveled and taught.

Some background. Dave Stotts has traveled the world for over twenty years to share the awesome stories of history at the sites where they happened. He was an Evangelical when he started this adventure and over the years discovering the "evidence" of the Bible he realized that Catholicism was the true religion and came into the Catholic faith. He could not deny what he was finding out and seeing before him unfolding to call him to Catholicism.

Families are welcome to come to this series. It is not for adults only. I am starting with the Gospels because if you ask a Bible person, priest, spiritual director how to start reading the Bible the most popular answer is "start with the New Testament especially the Gospels".

To know Jesus is to read His Word and see His works and to understand His love He showed while here on earth. God walked among us. Jesus told Philip after Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father.... "Have I not told you that seeing Me you are seeing the Father? The Father and I are One." So to know the Bible is to know the Trinity, the One God. I think you will enjoy this look at the true lands of the Bible and come away with a whole new perspective of the Mass readings when you hear them after seeing where they came to life.

Come join me for the ride of your faith!!

Ministry Notes & Updates

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

More Saints - St. Junipero Serra who founded nine missions in California and helped establish the Church in the region. He became the first Saint canonized on U. S. soil. And St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Teresa, who received honorary U. S. citizenship in 1996 and who devoted her life to the poorest of the poor. In total, there are 14 Saints whose stories intersect the American experience in diverse ways.

This Friday, October 16, is the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Knights of Columbus Council at Leopold with a charter class of 47 men.

Remember rosaries every night at various locations in Parishes at 6:30 - each rosary in remembrance of four or five deceased members of the Council.

VOCATION MINISTRY:

Deacon Sunday *"Many are invited, but few are chosen."* (Matthew 22:14) On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate. **Vocation Crucifix for October: Polly Mungle** *For our parish, that we may honor deacons with prayerful recognition and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.*

ST. JOHN PCCW:

Hotze Mission Breakfast, Raffle and Bake Sale next Sunday 730-1030am. Make plans to enjoy family breakfast before 10am Mass or after 8am Mass. The PCCW Ladies will be cooking for you. And purchase homemade baked goodies to enjoy all week. Also buy raffle chances for 5 great prizes.

Need all groups to bring baked items for Sunday and \$1 wrapped items for Saturday Market Day, October 24.

ST. ANTHONY PCCW:

The St. Anthony PCCW will be making Pie Dough Balls to sell. 6 balls for \$7. Call or text Gina at (573)208-0099. Making them on October 29th at 3 PM.

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Oct 11, 2026 11am-1:30pm

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home made bread * desserts

DINE-IN: TAKE OUT

RAFFLE:

1. Patio Heater
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Diocese & Area Events

Southern MO Cursillo Area Ultreya: Guardian Angel in Oran. Saturday, October 17th. Morning prayers in the church @ 9:00 a.m. with grouping, refreshments and socializing to follow in the School gym. Come, share, and bring a friend with you. DeColores!

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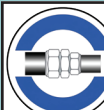


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