

SUNDAY BULLETIN OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, October 14 — St. Callistus

7:30 AM - Betty Link+

Wednesday, October 15 — St. Teresa of Avila

8:15 AM - Kim Atwell+

Thursday, October 16 — St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:30 AM - Mike Anderson+

Friday, October 17 — St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:15 AM - Don Tomasek+

Saturday, October 18 — St. Luke

7:30 AM - Carolyn McGeeney Family

5:00 PM - Edward O'Connor+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, October 19 — Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

10:00 AM - Dorothy Riley+

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Kings 5:14-17

Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org.

if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC), at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“ THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER.”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**October 15: St. Teresa of Avila**

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Revolt and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman “for others.” Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.

October 16: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Her early years were marked by sickness and a painful home situation. “The heaviest of my crosses was that I could do nothing to lighten the cross my mother was suffering.” After considering marriage for some time, Margaret Mary entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24.

A Visitation nun was “not to be extraordinary except by being ordinary,” but the young nun was not to enjoy this anonymity. A fellow novice termed Margaret Mary humble, simple, and frank, but above all, kind and patient under sharp criticism and correction. She could not meditate in the formal way expected, though she tried her best to give up her “prayer of simplicity.” Slow, quiet, and clumsy, she was assigned to help an infirmarian who was a bundle of energy. On December 21, 1674, three years a nun, she received the first of her revelations. She felt “invested” with the presence of God, though always afraid of deceiving herself in such matters. The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her.

During the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. His human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. By her own love Margaret Mary was to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world—by frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first

Friday of each month, and by an hour's vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted.

Like all saints, Margaret Mary had to pay for her gift of holiness. Some of her own sisters were hostile. Theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions and suggested that she eat more heartily. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor, an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor, the Jesuit Claude de la Colombière, recognized her genuineness and supported her. Against her great resistance, Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of her own sisters, and to make this known.

After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: “I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus.”

October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. “The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ.”

October 18: St. Luke

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES OCTOBER 18-19		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1	Jackson Reeter
	Acolyte 2	Shay Johnson
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1	David Lentz
	Acolyte 2	Dominic Robinson
Sun. 10am	M.C.	Tanner Kremer
	Thurifer	Dominic Sherer
	Acolyte 1	Burke Beetsma
	Acolyte 2	A.J. Warren
	Cross Bearer	Rowdy Miller
	Torch	Jack Cooper
	Torch	Anderson Marcolla

LECTOR SCHEDULE OCTOBER 19	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter



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*Weekly Offering
October 5*

Offertory \$12,540

Parish Property \$418

September Income/Expense

Income \$133,843

Expense \$148,177

Income over (under) Expense (\$14,334)

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events.

Sunday Bulletins are also published on the website stcolumbanchurch.com facebook.com/St.Columban

ASHED WEDNESDAY MEN'S NIGHT

Men of the parish (21+) are invited to the back lot of the church Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00pm.

POT LUCK SUNDAY

Please come over after the 10:00 mass next weekend (9-21) for a pot luck lunch in the school cafeteria. All are welcome each 3rd Sunday. Bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and tableware are provided. Call or text Amanda Sherer for more details 712-216-1713. Hope to see you there!

MARCH FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Please help support the 8th grade class of Bishop Hogan by pre-ordering a Dutch Apple Pie from any 8th grade student. The price is \$20 a pie.

The deadline to pre-order is November 7th. Pick up will be at HyVee, Friday, November 21st from 4pm-6pm and Saturday, November 22nd from 11am-1pm.



MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Hesston Campbell and Josie Reeter who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on October 4, 2025 in St. Columban Church with Father Ryan Koster officiating.



KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER

"Picnic in the Park" on Saturday, October 25, 2:00pm-10:00pm. A full catered meal by Jeff Frampton starting at 5:30pm. Hayrides, live music, and games. Everyone is welcome! Located at 7676 LIV 237.

SEVEN SISTERS

Members of our Diocesan Seven Sisters Apostolate and ladies who want to learn about this Apostolate are invited to a retreat at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6415 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO on Saturday, October 25, beginning with Holy Mass at 8:00am and ending by 3:00pm. The cost is \$25, and includes a light breakfast, lunch, three talks, Q&A and some goodies! Seven Sisters Apostolate Foundress Janette Howe from St. Paul, MN will join us as a presenter.

This year our theme is "Everything Is Coming Up Roses". Come and see how one Sister, one hour, one day each week before the Eucharistic Presence soon becomes a shared gift. We pray to strengthen our priest in his daily needs and to draw him closer to Mary, and the Lord's Grace touches us, changes us. The Church grows in strength. No dues, no meetings except your hidden hour with the Lord anytime your schedule allows on your specific day each week. Seven Sisters, seven hearts of prayer.

To register, email Judy Koster at sevensisterskcsj@gmail.com by Oct. 20.

SCHOOL NEWS

The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi was October 4, however we celebrated it on Friday, October 10 with a blessing of pets on the south lawn of the school. Father Koster led the blessing of the animals, which consisted of horses, rabbits, cats, dogs, a dwarf goat, and a turtle. The students loved checking out their friends' pets!

On Friday, our students in kindergarten through fourth grade took a field trip to Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch. They had lots of fun in the corn maze, corn pit, on the train ride, and doing much more! We appreciate all the parent drivers we had!

Teachers are preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. Parent-Teacher Conferences are a special time for parents and teachers to come together in partnership for each child's growth—spiritually, academically, and socially. These conversations celebrate progress and help us work together to support each student's God-given potential. We're grateful for that continued partnership!

May God continue to bless you!

Pam Brobst, Principal