

SUNDAY BULLETIN OCTOBER 19, 2025 TWENTY-NINTH 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 21 — Votive Mass of St. Joseph

7:30 AM - Gerard Essner+

Wednesday, October 22 — St. John Paul II

8:15 AM - Mike Bonderer+

Thursday, October 23 — St. John of Capistrano

7:30 AM - Art Haynes Jr+

Friday, October 24 — St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:15 AM - Henry Franklin+

Saturday, October 25 — St. Isidore the Farmer

7:30 AM - Carl & Marguerite Pfaff+

5:00 PM - Jim Alford+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, October 26 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

10:00 AM - Sarah & Travis Phelan

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Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:8-13

Timothy 3:14, 4:2

Luke 18:1-8

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.

“ OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

October 22: St. John Paul II

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland's University of Lublin. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

"Christ is the center of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of John Paul II's 1979 encyclical, *Redeemer of the Human Race*. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope."

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

October 23: St. John of Capistrano

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was 26 he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of 30 he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

John's preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and 12 Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the Rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the "Spirituals" were freed from interference in their stricter observance.

John of Capistrano helped bring about a brief reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, John was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General John Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to an infection after the battle. He died on October 23, 1456.

October 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret

The "spiritual father of Cuba" was a missionary, religious founder, social reformer, queen's chaplain, writer and publisher, archbishop, and refugee. He was a Spaniard whose work took him to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid, Paris, and to the First Vatican Council.

In his spare time as weaver and designer in the textile mills of Barcelona, Anthony learned Latin and printing; The future priest and publisher was preparing. Ordained at 28, he was prevented by ill health from entering religious life as a Carthusian or as a Jesuit, but went on to become one of Spain's most popular preachers.

Anthony spent 10 years giving popular missions and retreats, always placing great emphasis on the Eucharist and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was said that his rosary was never out of his hand. At age 42, he founded a religious institute of missionaries beginning with five young priests, known today as the Claretians.

Anthony was appointed to head the much-neglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffered bitter opposition mainly for opposing concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. A hired assassin—whose release from prison Anthony had obtained—slashed open his face and wrist. Anthony succeeded in getting the would-be assassin's death sentence commuted to a prison term. His solution for the misery of Cubans was family-owned farms producing a variety of foods for the family's own needs and for the market. This invited the enmity of the vested interests who wanted everyone to work on a single cash crop—sugar. Besides all his religious writings are two books he wrote in Cuba: *Reflections on Agriculture and Country Delights*.

He was recalled to Spain for a job he did not relish—being chaplain for the queen. Anthony went on three conditions: He would reside away from the palace; he would come only to hear the queen's confession and instruct the children; and he would be exempt from court functions. In the revolution of 1868, he fled to Paris with the queen's party, where he preached to the Spanish colony.

All his life Anthony was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published 200 books and pamphlets.

At Vatican I, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility, Anthony won the admiration of his fellow bishops. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore remarked of him, "There goes a true saint." At the age of 63, he died in exile near the border of Spain.

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES OCTOBER 25-26

Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Wyatt Dysart Evan Randolph
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Alex Widner Gabe Widner
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Jameson Marshall Oliver Perry Kale Walker Elijah Sensenich Harry Goad Thatcher Rardon Eli Gratton

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Ryan Fisher and Emma Burk who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on October 11, 2025 in St. Columban Church with Father Ryan Koster officiating.



LECTOR SCHEDULE OCTOBER 26

Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Steve Palmer
Sun. 10am	Mary Pauley

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.



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.



Scan here to donate online!

Weekly Offering October 12

Offertory \$7,188
Birthright \$327.50
Parish Property \$125

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

FALL FESTIVAL RECAP

Everyone had a good time at the Annual Fall Festival. We thank God for blessing us with a beautiful day. Thank you to the Backstreet Bread band for entertaining us with your talents. The kids had fun playing the games and joining in the activities. We were nourished with good food. What more could you ask for? Thank you to all the people that made this day possible! Congratulations to Kevin and Lindsey Goad who received the Unsung Heroes Award for everything they do around the parish. The proceeds from the day, the raffle and donations to help defray the expenses totaled \$14,890.55.

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

We hosted Parent-Teacher Conferences this past week and were pleased to see so many parents in attendance. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss student progress from the first quarter and share goals for the second quarter. We believe that student success is a partnership between home and school, and we truly value the input and involvement of our parents.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Susan Price (Chairperson), Tessa Grozinger, Shelby Ward, Morgan Cooper, Mary Pauley, and Emily Alford for making last week's Scholastic Book Fair a great success! Their hard work not only raised funds and added books to our school library, but also helped put countless books into the hands of our students. They generously gave their time—even staying late—to accommodate our parents and teachers. We truly appreciate all they did!

Our students who participated in sports through the Chillicothe Middle School Coop have wrapped up their fall seasons. A total of 16 students represented our school in Softball, Volleyball, and Football—great job to all of them!

This past Thursday, October 16, marked our first Middle School Basketball game of the season against the Chula Bobcats. We're looking forward to our next home game on Tuesday, October 21, against Grundy County. The girls' game will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the boys' game at 7:00 p.m. Come out and support our teams!

May God continue to bless you!

Pam Brobst, Principal