

**SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September*

*For People Living on the margins—We pray for those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**  
**CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH**  
**MASS**

**Monday, September 25—Feria**

**NO MASS** (Traditional Latin Mass)

**Tuesday, September 26—Saints Cosmas and Damian**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, September 29—Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 30—St. Jerome**

**No Morning Mass**

5:00 PM—Bill Hinkebein+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Sunday, October 1 —Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM—Floyd Gibson+

10:00 AM—Dick Benson+

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**Scripture Readings**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:6-9  
 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
 Matthew 20:1-16a

**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, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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## “THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM”

### THIS WEEK’S SAINTS

#### September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant Vincent de Paul had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, “whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city.” He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

#### September 28: St. Wenceslaus

Wenceslaus was born in 907 near Prague, son of the Duke of Bohemia. His saintly grandmother, Ludmilla, raised him and sought to promote him as ruler of Bohemia in place of his mother, who favored the anti-Christian factions. Ludmilla was eventually murdered, but rival Christian forces enabled Wenceslaus to assume leadership of the government.

His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bohemia, support of the Church, and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy which caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. His brother Boleslav joined in the plotting, and in September of 929 invited Wenceslaus to Alt Bunglou for the celebration of the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. On the way to Mass, Boleslav attacked his brother, and in the struggle, Wenceslaus was killed by supporters of Boleslav.

Although his death resulted primarily from political upheaval, Wenceslaus was hailed as a martyr for the faith, and his tomb became a pilgrimage shrine. He is hailed as the patron of the Bohemian people and of the former Czechoslovakia.

#### September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel’s vision as “the great prince” who defends Israel against its enemies; in the *Book of Revelation*, he leads God’s armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel’s visions, announcing Michael’s role in God’s plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael’s activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit’s son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah’s marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit’s blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune.

#### September 30: St. Jerome

Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and Saint Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sometimes sarcastic pen.

He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope. Saint Augustine said of him, “What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known.”

Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, “No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work.” The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY QUILT RAFFLE

St. Ann’s Altar Society will be selling Raffle tickets for a 77’x67” Nativity Quilt at the Fall Festival and after Masses thru Thanksgiving. The drawing will be held after Mass on Thanksgiving. Thanks to Diane McKiddy for making and donating this quilt. All proceeds will go to the Altar Society. We’re looking forward to having our Salad Luncheon again next year on June 6, 2024.

## SUNDAY BULLETIN- TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1</b>		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
<b>Sat. 5pm</b>	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Graham Randolph Shay Johnson
<b>Sun. 8am</b>	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Gabriel Widner Dominic Robinson
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Cameron Williams Oliver Perry Zane Daley Ivan Dickerson Burke Beetsma Eli Gratton Thatcher Rardon

### BISHOP HOGAN SCHOOL NEWS

**Priesthood Sunday:** The fourth Sunday of September is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church.. We want to take this opportunity from Bishop Hogan Memorial School to express our appreciation to Father Koster for his involvement in our school and for teaching religion to our eighth grade students. We are grateful to him for his spiritual guidance to our staff and students throughout the year and for his service to the church. Thank you, Father Koster!

We pray that more young men will be open to God's call to the priesthood. On October 23, our fifth grade students will travel to Bishop LeBlond High School to join other Catholic Schools to attend

**Vocation Day.** Students will learn about ministry and service, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Johnston. Later, they will attend learning sessions about vocations, hosted by priests and sisters. Lunch is provided by the Knights of Columbus.

We hope you plan to attend the **St. Columban Fall Festival!** It promises to be a fun day of fellowship, delicious food, and entertainment. There's always goodies at the Country Store, plenty of great buys at second Hand Treasures and lots to keep the kiddos busy! If you can't attend, please keep the festival's success in your prayers!

May you be showered with God's blessings!  
Pam Brobst, Principal

<b>LECTOR SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1</b>	
Mass Time	Lector
<b>Sun. 8am</b>	Ken Lauhoff
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	Melanie Warren

### ST. COLUMBAN YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at the K of C Hall from 7:00-8:30pm.

The following change has been made to our schedule: Wednesday, October 11 we will meet at the HS Football Field at 7:00 pm for the FCA Fields of Faith. The program will be over at 8:15 pm

If you would like to learn more about the St. Columban Youth Group you can call Jane Gyhra at 402-852-6875 or Mary Mathew at 660-591-3468 .



### Weekly Offering

September 17  
*Offertory \$6,695*  
*Parish Prop Maint \$20*  
*Latin America \$35*  
*Birthright \$100*

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

[stcolumbanchurch.com](http://stcolumbanchurch.com)

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St.ColumbanChurch/](https://facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

### RECENT BAPTISM

Harmon Joseph Keenan, son of Tyler and Samantha McKiddy Keenan, was baptized at St. Columban Church on September 17, 2023 by Father Ryan Koster. Congratulations to the family.



### ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

**Come to the Festival this afternoon and have a good time.**  
**Noon-4:00 pm.**  
**Father Koster's group, Backstreet Bread, will perform from 1:00-2:00.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally** will be held on October 14th. Prayer Service will begin at Noon outside the Livingston County Courthouse. The Blessed Lady promised to help if we pray the Rosary. Service will be held rain or shine.

**The relics of St. Therese and her parents, Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin, will be visiting the National Shrine of St. Therese in Darien, Illinois, from September 17 through October 1, 2023 open to the public from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.** This special visit is sponsored by the Society of the Little Flower, which is dedicated to promoting the spirituality and message of St. Therese of Lisieux, also known as the Little Flower. The relics will be available for public veneration during this time, giving visitors the opportunity to deepen their faith and connect with this holy family. The National Shrine of St. Therese in Darien, IL is located on the Carmelite Campus, 8433 Bailey Rd. For more info visit [littleflower.org](http://littleflower.org)