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## 25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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## **WELCOME**

#### JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Welcome to St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church! We invite you to join our faith community, both at Mass and in fellowship. Visit the parish office, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, or register online: ZionsvilleCatholic.com/Register.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT.21, 2025**

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-

13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18 **Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6 **Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 21, 2025				
Sun.	9/21	8:00 AM	1st Ann. Of Death: Joan Kayes	Parish
Sun.	9/21	10:30 AM (incense)	1st Ann. Of Death: Ellen Gast	Parish
Sun.	9/21	5:00 PM	Parish	
Mon.	9/22	9:00 AM	+ Emil Baciu	Seliger/ Rosellini
Tue.	9/23	9:00 AM	SP. Richard Foster	Foster
Tue.	9/23	11:00 AM (Grand Victorian)	+ Margaret Miller- Loudenback	Miller
Wed.	9/24	6:00 PM	SP. Dottie & Jim Baxter	Mushalla
Thur.	9/25	9:00 AM	+ Denny McCormick	Anonymous
Fri.	9/26	9:00 AM	+ Robert Sullivan	Pearman
Sat.	9/27	9:00 AM	+ Bradley Davis	Pogasic
Sat.	9/27	4:30 PM	+ Carol Zuccaro	Hill
Sun.	9/28	8:00 AM	1st Ann. Of Death: Mary McGovern	Parish
Sun.	9/28	10:30 AM	Parish	
Sun.	9/28	5:00 PM (incense)	+ Steven Molesky	Laczin

SP: Special Intentions | + Deceased

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | Saturday @ 9:30 am & 3:15 pm | By Appointment

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

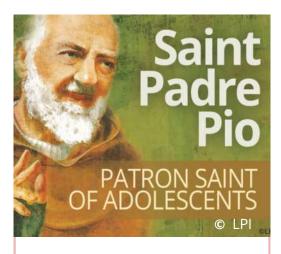
Reg. Friday Hours: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm **Saturday:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - 10:30 am, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Please contact Christina Steele with any guestions!

Email: csteele@zionsvillecatholic.com



This saint, who is best known as Padre Pio, was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a boy he suffered many illnesses, including typhoid. At 15, he joined the Capuchin Franciscans and took the name Pio, in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at that time received the marks of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, which eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to affect him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I but was discharged early due to illness, likely tuberculosis. He was then assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, the stigmata appeared again, remaining with him until his death.

His days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 AM, followed by hearing confessions and blessing the sick. A simple man devoted to God's will, he saw Christ in the sick and poor and had the deep desire to serve. He urged the construction of a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), which opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died in 1968 at the age of 81. In 2002, Pope John Paul II canonized him St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

St. Padre Pio, please pray for us!

Sign up for a holy hour:

ZionsvilleCatholic

https://adorationpro.org/



#### THE SICK

Pat Marchino, Tom Schemmel, Janice Browning, Carole Kaufmann, Fr. Larry Richardt, Caroline Markham, Robert Steele, Shawn Martin, Mike Foster, Laura Schafer, Trish Henninger, Elliott Kashman, Mary Ann Van Note, Chuck Elliott, Terry Spartz, Thomas Gawlik, John Thieme, Judy Neff, Kyle Stephens, Van Kirby, John Schwier, and all the ill of our parish and community.

#### **OUR DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner **Dick (Mary) Williams.** 

HOMEBOUND
PARISHIONERS & THOSE IN
NURSING HOMES

## PARISHIONERS DISCERNING RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Sam Bhatt Noah (Br. Cyprian Mary) Boehm

**MILITARY** Chaplain Akeriwe, US Army; Major Willis Brown, USAF; LTC Jason Doffin, US Army; MAJ Nicholas Gibson, USMC; LT David Hamlin, US Navy; Chaplain Janko, Indiana Air National Guard; Private David Ielic. US Army: Captain Brent Lasher, USAF: Lt. Col. Matthew Read, USAF; CPO Blake Reel, US Navy; WO3 Zachary J. Stillions, US Army, Sam Ferguson, US Navy, Captain Paul Gahwiler, US Army, **Iosh Moody**. US National Guard...and the families of all soldiers who are deployed.

Names of the sick remain in the bulletin for 8 weeks. At that time, you may call the office to resubmit a request.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

#### CELEBRATING TWO NEW SAINTS





We joyfully welcome the recent canonizations of **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati** (pictured left) and **St. Carlo Acutis** (pictured right) . St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925 at age 24, is remembered for his deep spirituality, his service to the poor, and his joyful solidarity with those in need. St. Carlo Acutis, who passed away at age 15 in 2006, used his great love for technology to spread devotion to the Eucharist and to share Catholic teachings online.

May their examples of holiness, charity, and courage inspire us all to live lives rooted in faith and compassion.

Embrace Life LOVE LIFE CHALLENGE starts on **SEPT. 21, 2025.**Please check out the Narthex for info this week!

#### PRAYING FOR ALL LIFE

The Embrace Life Ministry invites parishioners to take home a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with devotional items, to inspire prayers for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

Choose a month to take home the statue and resources and help pray for the respect and protection of all life! Scan the QR code to sign up.





#### **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Parents are the first teachers of their children in faith, planting its earliest seeds. On Catechetical Sunday, we honor parish and school catechists while encouraging parents to nurture faith within their own homes.



## STEWARDSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

## "Why did Padre Pio send the airplane to its room?"

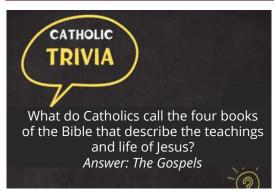


#### "Bad altitude."



Some stories relate that Padre Pio was seen airborne by airplane pilots flying during WWII. Padre Pio is better known, however, for his wisdom as a confessor.

@LP



#### Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

For centuries, Catholics abstained from meat on Fridays to honor the day Jesus died, offering prayer, penance, and self-denial. This practice became Church teaching until the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, when cultural and economic differences led to a broader understanding: in some places, avoiding meat was no sacrifice, while in others, seafood was a luxury.

Today, Catholics worldwide still abstain from meat on Lenten Fridays. In some countries, like England and Wales, this is done every Friday. U.S. bishops invite Catholics to either abstain from meat or perform another act of penance or charity each Friday.

Whatever form it takes, the goal is the same: to see each Friday as a reminder of Good Friday and to honor Jesus' self-giving love through sacrifice or mercy.



## **HEART OF A PARISH**

COLLECTIONS REPORT	SEPT. 7	SEPT. 14
Weekly Collections	\$31,708.00	\$35,470.40
Budget per Week - 2025	\$32,966.92	\$32,966.92
Weekly Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$1,258.92)	\$2,503.48
Pew Count	N/A	N/A
2nd Collection	NONE	\$9,849.67

#### REFLECTIONS

The parable in today's the Gospel has a crooked steward who is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Do you ever think of praying for the poor?

Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

-Tom Schmidt @Diocesan



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please join us in welcoming these new families to our parish!

Mark Lowe
Dayanna Castillo
Canfield Family
Freeman Family
McMahon Family
Ebenroth Family
Kamer Family
Fischer Family

Leriger Family
Hannah Mitchell
Larry Dorocke
Lyons Family
Anna Hostetler
Angel Castillo
Elyse Gallo
Nina Kidwell

## YOUTH MINISTRY— M&M Fundraiser

#### Sept. 28

This November, 35 of our parish teens will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)—a powerful experience of faith, fellowship, and worship - with thousands of young Catholics from across the country. Next weekend, they'll be in the narthex to kick off their M&M fundraiser. Let's show our support! Donate on our website: <a href="https://zionsvillecatholic.com/ncycdonations">https://zionsvillecatholic.com/ncycdonations</a> or scan the QR code.





#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### October 11-26

The Knights of Columbus are supporting The Caring Center by collecting clean, gently used coats and blankets for children and adults. Donations will be accepted in collection boxes located in the church narthex and Weitzel Hall.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Celebrate Don & Patty Towns' 75th Wedding Anniversary! Join us in honoring this special milestone on **October 11 from 2-4 PM** in St. Robert's Room.



Congratulations to **The Shalom House** in Lebanon, awarded a \$3,000 Diocesan grant to support the Sack Lunch Program for needy families. Thanks to our volunteers for their hard work this summer!



L–R: Cathy Youngs, Lisa Blue, Lisa Williams (Shalom House), Anne Hatton, & Annette Liechty. Missing: Anny Alvar, teacher at the School for the Blind.

#### **SAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Sept. 21-28: ASAP Collections Drive

Sept. 21: Coffee and Donuts after AM Masses

Sept. 21: <u>Tour of the Church</u> @ 12:45p

Sept. 25: Widows' Luncheon @ 12p

Sept. 26: <u>Young Adult Swing Dance</u> @ 6:30p

Sept. 28: Love Life Challenge

Sept. 28: <u>CLOW</u> during 10:30a Mass

Oct.1: <u>Little Flowers Initial Session</u> @ 6:30p

October 4: Oktoberfest/ Pumpkinfest

October 11-26: Annual Collection of coats/blankets for Caring Center

Oct. 15: Medicare Education Seminar @ 6p in St. Robert's Room

October 16: <u>St. Monica Ministry</u> @ 6:30p

October 17: Young Adults <u>Spooky</u> <u>Karaoke</u> 6:30p

October 20-29: <u>Italy Pilgrimage</u>

Nov. 3: All Souls Remembrance Mass & Reception

Nov. 8: Trivia Knight @ 6p

Nov. 8: Fall Service Day @ 8:30a

For a complete list of events, please visit the link below:

https://app.espace.cool/clientApi/ FullMonth/679?

## **EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**



(Aid & Support After Pregnancy)

Collection Drive for New Moms in Need

(Knights of Columbus will provide diaper bags)

Drop items off in the wooden boxes in the narthex or Weitzel Hall, September 21 - 28.

For a list of suggested items, please scan here —>



For donations, please scan here ->



#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE September 24 - November 2, 2025

The Embrace Life Ministry invites parishioners to pray one hour each week for life. Join others in the Adoration Chapel Sundays, 3-4 pm, or choose any hour that works for you. To pray at Planned Parenthood, join the Knights of Columbus Mondays evenings.

## DIVORCE RECOVERY & **NEW BEGINNINGS**

**Thursdays** Sept. 25- Oct. 23



Struggling with the pain of divorce? This 6-week program offers guided discussions and exercises to help you work through grief and anger in a supportive, confidential Catholic setting.

Please scan the QR code to register.

#### YOUNG ADULTS SWING DANCE

Friday, Sept. 26, 2025



Young Adults:

18-39

Swing & Line Dance Party – Lessons included

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall

6:00 PM - Mass with Fr. Augustine Wetta, OSB

6:30 PM - Doors open

7:45-11:00 PM - Dancing

Includes: Baked Potato Bar, Desserts, 2 drink tickets (21+ beer & wine) Yard Games in Mary Garden

Tickets: Couples \$25 | Individuals \$15 Register: zionsvillecatholic.com/swing

## **SUNDAYS WITH THE SAINTS**

Sept. 28, 2025

Parish Hall monthly 9:10 AM-10:15 AM Deacon Tim Perry will present on Blessed Fr. Stanley Rother, who was an Oklahoma priest and missionary in Guatemala. Loved by his parishioners, he stayed despite threats, saying, "The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger." He was martyred in 1981 and beatified in 2017 as the first U.S.-born priest and martyr.



#### Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025

NOON-11 PM

Oktoberfest Raffle - \$10 each or

3/\$25

Prizes: \$1,000 | \$500 | \$250 Drawing: Oct. 4 (need not be

present)

Tickets due: Sept. 30 - cash/check; submit via mail, collection basket, or parish office

## YOUNG ADULTS SPOOKY

KARAOKE

Friday, Oct. 17, 2025



Young Adults: 18-39 St. Alphonsus Parish Hall 6:00 pm - Mass in the church 6:30 pm - Dinner in Parish Hall

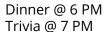
7:30 pm - Karaoke!

9:00 pm - Costume contest winners

announced!

\$8 Entry Fee - includes dinner, 2 drink tickets (alcohol for 21+), and singing! Come dressed in costume, if you wish! Scan QR code to register.

#### TRIVIA KNIGHT Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025



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The Knights of the Holy Temple invite you to join us for a fun-filled evening of dinner and trivia! Tickets are available now! https:// zionsvillecatholic.com/triviaknight or scan the QR code to



Scan the QR code below to read inspiring stories of hope and recovery.

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