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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.” - Lk 16:25

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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. 28, 2025

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

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 28, 2025

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
Mon.	9/29	9:00 AM	+ Michael Hanlon	Hanlon
Tue.	9/30	9:00 AM	+ John See	Lupinski
Wed.	10/1	6:00 PM	+ Marguerite Des Jardins	Terrell
Thur.	10/2	9:00 AM	+ Sarah Delaney	Jeziorski
Fri.	10/3	9:00 AM	+ Frances Buchanan	Satkamp
Sat.	10/4	9:00 AM	+ Al Burkacki	Rosary Group
Sat.	10/4	4:30 PM	1st Ann. Of Death: Edwards Ralph Lavagnino	Parish
Sun.	10/5	8:00 AM	+ Jeanne Hamernik	Carisch
Sun.	10/5	10:30 AM	+ Weller Family	Shuler
Sun.	10/5	5:00 PM	Parish	

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

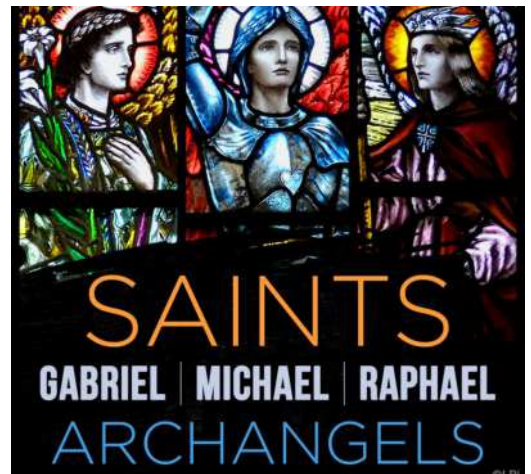
Sunday: 9:00 am - 10:30 am, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sign up for a holy hour:

<https://adorationpro.org/ZionsvilleCatholic>

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Please contact Christina Steele with any questions!
Email: csteele@zionsvillecatholic.com



The Church celebrates the feast of the archangels **Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael** on September 29. These heavenly spirits are among the seven who stand before God, carrying out His divine will with power and love.

St. Michael is the mighty protector and leader of the heavenly armies. Scripture depicts him casting Satan out of heaven (Revelation 12:7-9). He defends the Church and guards souls, especially at the hour of death. Michael is often invoked for strength and protection against evil.

St. Gabriel is God's messenger of great news. He appeared to the prophet Daniel and to Zechariah to announce the birth of John the Baptist. Most notably, Gabriel brought the joyful message to the Virgin Mary that she would bear the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38).

St. Raphael is the healer and companion. In the Book of Tobit, he guides young Tobias, protects him from danger, heals his father's blindness, and restores peace to their family.

These archangels remind us that God is near, protecting, guiding, and healing us on our journey toward heaven.

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, please pray for us!

Remember in Your Prayers

THE SICK

Pat Marchino, Tom Schemmel, Janice Browning, Carole Kaufmann, Fr. Larry Richardt, Caroline Markham, Robert Steele, Shawn Martin, 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 **Luella Bogenschutz**, mother of parishioner Teresa (Gordon) Hall.

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 Jelic**, 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; **Josh 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

WELCOMING OUR NEW CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES

Next Saturday at the 4:30 pm Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate for our unbaptized candidates and the Rite of Welcome for our baptized candidates. This will be the first public witness of their great desire to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for each one of our candidates as they prepare for the sacraments.



A NOTE FROM FATHER...

As the pastor of a large suburban parish, I am mindful of the importance of safety for our parishioners while on campus. Every time there is a mass shooting, I hear local bystanders saying, "I never thought this could happen here." Unfortunately, these days, no one has the luxury of believing that something 'like that' cannot happen here. It is impossible to plan for every contingency, but it is irresponsible to do nothing or think that we are impervious to violence.

In 2021, after two threatening situations during Mass, I asked my Director of Operations to start a safety council. Today, we not only have a safety council, but a safety team. While safety council members are active or retired military or law enforcement, safety team members are trained to identify and respond to safety threats. Members of the safety team wear a green badge that says, "Hospitality Team." The goal is to have 3 to 7 safety team members at every Mass.

While helpful to have specifically trained people focusing on safety during Mass, it is also important for the rest of us to do our part. There are two things that I encourage everyone to do; First, be welcoming and second, be aware. Violent perpetrators typically surveil locations for violence ahead of time. By simply saying "hello" to strangers, we not only create a welcoming environment to visitors, we are also saying to anyone with the intention to harm, "We see you."

Having awareness of your surroundings means looking out for anything that is unusual and not being afraid to say something to competent authorities. It is simply following the rule, "If you see something, say something." If you see someone acting strangely or if you see that someone is in danger, then say something to a member of the safety team. We all share in the responsibility to keep our parish safe.

Fr. Thomas R. Stephens

Take home the Our Lady of Guadalupe statue to pray for the protection of life. Sign up for a month using the QR code.



STEWARDSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



HEART OF A PARISH

"What do you call a gourd's family?"



"Pump-kin."



Not only is October the month of the Rosary, but it's also Respect Life Month, a great time to share love, support, and prayers for those in your family and beyond.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Apart from the Resurrection, what is the only miracle mentioned by all four Gospels?

Answer: The miracle of the loaves and fishes

Can Divorced Catholics Take Communion?

Divorce alone does not prevent anyone from receiving Communion; the concern is remarriage outside the Church without an annulment. Divorced persons who remain single are called to live chastely and follow the same moral guidance as others seeking the Eucharist.

Pope Francis reminds us that the Eucharist is a source of healing, "not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). All who seek to live faithfully are invited to receive its grace.



COLLECTIONS REPORT	SEPT. 14	SEPT. 21
Weekly Collections	\$35,470.40	\$33,183.39
Budget per Week - 2025	\$32,966.92	\$32,966.92
Weekly Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$2,503.48	\$216.47
Pew Count	N/A	N/A
2nd Collection	\$9,849.67	NONE

STEWARDSHIP - CALLED TO COMPASSION

What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toiletries. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen.

How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don't have money in our pocket, we don't have food to give, and we don't have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don't even offer ourselves.

Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let's hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don't simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WELCOMING OUR BROTHER IN CHRIST

On Friday, August 15, 2025, Noah (Brother Cyprian Mary) Boehm made his Simple Profession, taking the vows of poverty, celibacy, and obedience, at a beautiful Mass in St. Gertrude Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Please keep Brother Cyprian — and all young men discerning a vocation — in your prayers.

(Brother Cyprian Mary pictured sixth from the left)

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: <https://zionsvillecatholic.com/ncycdonations> 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.



CIRCLE OF GRACE

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the USCCB's directive, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana utilizes a program for the safe environment education of children and young people called Circle of Grace. This program is meant to be a supplement to the formation of children and young people that goes on in the home and in schools.

Circle of Grace will be implemented during the week of Oct.5, 2025

To read more, please scan the QR code.



SAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sept. 28: Love Life Challenge
Sept. 28: CLOW during 10:30a Mass
Sept. 30: That Man Is You @ 6a
Sept. 30: Grieving with Great Hope @ 6:30p
Sept. 30: She Shall Be Called Woman @ 7p
Oct.1: Little Flowers Initial Session @ 6:30p
Oct. 4: Oktoberfest/Pumpkinfest
Oct. 7: That Man Is You @ 6a
Oct. 7: She Shall Be Called Woman @ 7p
Oct. 8: Embrace Life Ministry Meeting @ 7p
Oct. 11-26: Annual Collection of coats/blankets for Caring Center
Oct. 14: That Man Is You @ 6a
Oct. 15: Medicare Education Seminar @ 6p in St. Robert's Room
Oct. 16: St. Monica Ministry @ 6:30p
Oct. 17: Young Adults Spooky Karaoke 6:30p
Oct. 20-29: Italy Pilgrimage
Nov. 3: All Souls Remembrance Mass & Reception
Nov.6: Young at Heart Christmas Party
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



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

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 at 5–6pm.

SOCS

Oct. 22, 2025
Monthly on Wednesdays
7-8 PM



SOCS is a ministry for anyone who wants to walk alongside our young adults as they continue their journeys after high school. The group meets monthly on Wednesdays to: Discuss relevant topics, pray for our students (and for one another), prepare and send care packages, join us in supporting and encouraging our students! Please scan the QR code to join!

GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Oct. 5 | 12–2 PM

Discover life as a Golden Eagle! Tour classrooms, the new Fine Arts & Wellness Center, athletic fields, and Grotto. Meet teachers, coaches, and students, and learn what makes Guerin Catholic special.

Register at GuerinCatholic.org.

MEDICARE EDUCATION SEMINAR

October 15 @ 6PM
St. Robert's Room

Turning 65, retiring, or new to Medicare? Join an educational seminar (not a sales pitch) with Ed Witte, the "Catholic Medicare Guy," on Oct. 15 at 6 PM in the St. Robert Room. Questions? Contact Terri Delaney at 317.873.2885 or tdelaney@zionsvillecatholic.com

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
Dinner @ 6 PM
Trivia @ 7 PM



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 the right —>



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