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OUR MASS SCHEDULE

The 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed. Go to the homepage of our website for the link.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. **Tuesdays - Thursdays:** 11:00 a.m.

Fridays: 6:00 p.m. **Holy Days:** 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

We welcome you to join our parish by contacting our Office Manager, Theresa, at the Parish Office

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Fridays 5 p.m. or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Antony avarghese@columbuscatholic.org

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Contact Kathy Dancey <u>kathydancey@gmail.com</u>

Religious Education of Children:

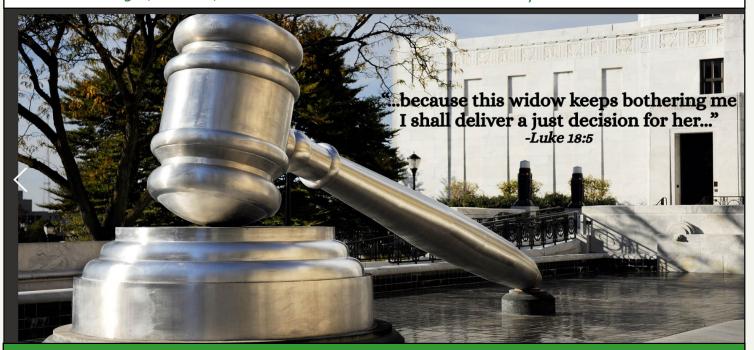
Contact Diane Bowling dbowling841@gmail.com

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office office@sfacolumbus.org

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Contact Fr. Antony a minimum of 6 months in advance of your desired date



OCTOBER 19, 2025 / 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 19, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mass for Francis Paul Fabijanic (Paula Vasey)

11:00 a.m. Mass for Dr. Talal Attar

(Dan O'Brien & Gary Davis)

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for **Intentions of John Paul Schoen** (Marianne Schoen)

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for Living & Deceased Members of Dodd and Keenan Families (Diane Keenan)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for Richard Deaquila (Rubinic Family)

Friday, October 24, 2025

6:00 p.m. Mass for **Intentions of Michael Schoen** (Marianne Schoen)

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mass for Richard Robinson

(Tim Dunleavy & Rev. Lynn Robinson)

11:00 a.m. Mass for **Dominic Svorinic** (Paula Vasey)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for **Family of Joseph & Annie Schoen** (Marianne Schoen)

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, October 30, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for Rosalie Hall (Diane Bowling)

Friday, October 31, 2025

6:00 p.m. Mass

SECOND COLLECTION

TODAY is World Mission Sunday. Our second collection helps support: 82,498 seminarians; 258,540 religious sisters; 8,749 shelters and orphanages; 11,992 health centers; and 843,785 catechists.

ALL SOULS' DAY REMEMBRANCE

Since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year and is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we will celebrate our annual Remembrance Ritual on All Souls' Day, **Sunday, November 2**. We will remember our family and friends who passed away **this past year** (Nov 1, 2024-Nov 1, 2025) in a special way at our All Souls' Day Mass. Please submit the full name and date of death of those you want to be remembered to Renee Morkassel at rmorkassel1@gmail.com You may also include those who you would like to be remembered in our *Book of Remembrance* in the Candle Room.

OCIA COMBINED RITES

Next Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate the *Rite for Entrance Into the Catechumenate and of Welcoming the Candidates* at the 11:00 Mass. Those preparing for the Initiation Sacraments, those baptized candidates completing their Christian Initiation, and those seeking reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be recognized and welcomed.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done. — Father John Muir ©LP

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PASTA DINNER COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Pasta Dinner Committee (PDC) is excited to announce the formation of a Raffle Basket Subcommittee. Volunteers who are willing to dedicate their time and energy to making this new endeavor a success are needed. Volunteers can expect to invest a moderate amount of time two to four weeks prior to the pasta dinner. The commitment is manageable and flexible. Our next Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2026. If you are interested in joining this fun and rewarding adventure, reach out to Marti Damm at 614.804.7217 or marti.joy.damm@gmail.com

COMMITMENT SUNDAY November 2

October is the month of commitment at St. Francis. Over the month, parishioners are asked to renew their commitments to their church in the form of time, talent, and treasure. From helping with holy Mass, religious education, parish social events, St. Vincent de Paul, or at NNEMAP food pantry, and even increased financial giving, everyone is asked to look over the service opportunities available and lend their heart and hand in gratitude to God.

The month will end with Hospitality Sunday on November 2, where parishioners will be asked to pledge their commitments to the parish.

SAVE THE DATES:

COMMITMENT SUNDAY November 2

MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday, November 22

CRAFT & COLLECTIBLES FAIR Sunday, November 30







TIME TALENT TREASURE "It is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

Talent: We need your help to enhance our Sunday Mass experience. Join our group of Liturgical Ministers by volunteering to be a Greeter, Altar Server, Crucifer, Lector, and/or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If you are interested or need more information, contact Renee at sfa.litmin@gmail.com

Scan the QR code to the right for Online Giving to St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



OCIA

MONDAYS 7:00-8:30 PM

Parish Hall

<u>LEADERSHIP</u> TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

> 7:00 PM Parish Hall

"BREAKING OPEN THE WORD" WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact Kathy Dancey for invite kathydancey@gmail.com

FINANCE COUNCIL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
6:00 PM

Parish Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

Church

Contact Paula Vasey for information musicdirector@ sfacolumbus.org

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 7:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact Louis Schulte for invite schultlj@gmail.com

PASTORAL COUNCIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

NNEMAP SPICE PACKETS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 10:00 AM

Parish Hall

LITURGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:00 PM
Parish Hall

Liturgical Minister Schedule

STEWARDSHIP OF "TIME" AND "TALENT"

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS? Contact Renee at sfa.litmin@gmail.com

| | Oct 19 9:00 a.m. | Oct 19 11:00 a.m. | Oct 26 9:00 a.m. | Oct 26 11:00 a.m. |
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| Altar Servers | Louis Schulte | Moriel Hounmenou Brandon Pablo | Frank Schneider | Moriel Hounmenou Char Sounouvou |
| Greeters | Jeanna Diederich Todd Marti | Kevin Dunleavy Lilah Williams | Al Ortiz Kathy Ortiz | Alisha Pablo Brent Reed |
| Crucifer | Stephen Colahan | Marco Montez | Susan Kyanko | Alison Miller |
| Lector 1 | Tom Vargo | Mary F Macioce | James Farwig | Doug Cluxton |
| Lector 2 | Jarret Chirafisi | Sharon Gehrlich | Todd Marti | Pat Visel |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Doug Cluxton | Niqui Beckrum | Louisa Celebrezze | ME O'Shaughnessy |
| | Susan Kyanko Frank Schneider | Rachel Beebe Rachel Brown | Dan Burke Stephen Colahan | Jaime Capestany Mark Coleman |
| Collection Counters | Х | Sharon Gehrlich Tom Gehrlich Terra Schulz | X | Jaime Capestany Laura Casaday Adriana Gambach |

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