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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (English) **18th Sunday after Pentecost (Latin)**

September 27, 2026

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Please call the office to contact parish leadership

Mass Intentions & Anniversaries

Cards and envelopes to request a Mass Intention are available at the entrances.

Sep 27 9:00 a.m. Living and deceased members members of SVdP St. Catherine's Conference
11:00 a.m. For the People of the parish

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

Sep 28 Nicholas McClatchey
Sep 29 Mildred Egan
Sep 30 Lola Fisher

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

09/20/2026			
Week 12	**Income***	**Budget****	**Difference***
Weekly Stewardship Reporting			
Offertory+Online Giving	**$2842.00**	**$3674.00**	**($832.00)**
Special Donation			
Yearly Stewardship Reporting			
Total to Date	**$44,623.00**	**$44,791.00**	**($167.00)**
* **BLACK** number means: Collected More than Planned			
* **RED** number means: Did not Collect Enough			
NOTE	**Total to Date Income includes Special Donations.** * **Total Donations does not include Altar Society & Restricted funds.** ** ***The Budget for the Fiscal Year 26-27 will be updated soon.***		



A MESSAGE FROM FR. RAJ...

FAITH THAT SAYS YES AND GETS UP

A little boy once told his mother, "Mom, I'll help you clean the house after I finish playing." After playing, he said, "After dinner." After dinner, he said, "Tomorrow!" His mother finally smiled and said, "My son, I don't need another promise. I need your help!" We can smile at that story, but sometimes our relationship with God can look the same. We have good intentions, we say the right things, but Jesus invites us to go one step further: To let our words become action. In the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus speaks of two sons. One says "no" to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work. The other says "yes," but never goes. Jesus asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is not the one who spoke the better words, but the one who ultimately responded with his life.

Then, on the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we meet a man who cannot even walk. His friends bring him to Jesus, and before Jesus heals his body, He reaches deeper into his heart: "Your sins are forgiven." Then Jesus says, "Rise, take up your mat, and go home." The man receives Christ's mercy, rises, and begins a new life. Put these two Gospels together and we hear one powerful invitation: God's mercy does not leave us where it finds us. His grace calls us to rise and respond. The first Gospel asks, "Will you live yours, yes?" The second asks, "Will you rise when Christ calls you?"

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CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Please double-check the calendar on the website for the most up-to-date schedule.

Sunday, September 27
Rosary 8:30 a.m.
English Mass 9:00 a.m.
Latin Mass 11:00 a.m.
Coffee and donuts after Mass

Seminarian Appeal

Tuesday, September 29
Latin Mass 6:30 p.m.
Followed by Rosary with Benediction, Exposition
Confession 7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 30
Men Walking with Christ 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 1
Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Followed by Benediction 6:00 p.m.
Confession 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2
First Friday Latin Mass 9:00 a.m.
Fr. Raj Office hours for pastoral needs
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Parish Movie Night 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 4
Rosary 8:30 a.m.
English Mass 9:00 a.m.
Latin Mass 11:00 a.m.
Coffee and donuts after Mass

Please note, in addition to the Tuesday and Thursday evening Confession times, Confession is also available during Fr. Raj's Friday office hours, and by appointment.

("Faith that Says Yes and Gets Up" continued)

Perhaps there are times when we have said "no" to God through our choices, our anger, our lack of forgiveness, our neglect of prayer, or our unwillingness to change. But the Gospel gives us hope: our last word does not have to be our first word. Like the first son, we can change direction. Like the man who was healed, we can allow Christ to forgive us, lift us up, and begin again.

The Holy Mother Church also gives us the saints this week as living examples of what it means to say "yes" to God. St. Wenceslaus and St. Remigius teach us courage and faithful service; St. Michael teaches us to stand firm in the spiritual battle; St. Jerome teaches us to love and live God's Word; our Guardian Angels remind us that God is always with us; and St. Thérèse teaches us to do even the smallest things with great love. Their lives remind us: faith is not simply something we say, it is something we live. Dear friends, the Gospel and the saints give us the same invitation: Do not simply say, "Yes, Lord." Live your YES. And when you fall, do not remain on the ground. Let Christ forgive you, raise you up, and begin again. May the example of the saints inspire us, may the Word of God guide us, and may Christ's mercy strengthen us to live a faithful "yes" each day. Amen.

With you in prayer and service,
Fr. Raj Pandi
Your Parochial Vicar



WINTER WARMTH DRIVE!

Catholic Community Services is hosting their annual *Winter Warmth Drive*, September 21-October 21! Please donate new or gently used items such as sweatshirts, kids' clothing, jackets, and more. The donation bin is located in the vestibule.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic? You are invited to join us in the **OCIA** (**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**) program at St. Catherine of Siena! Classes begin in October and conclude in the Easter Season. Contact Shawn & Diane Church at sd_church7@msn.com with any questions and for more information.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

This October, devoted Catholics of all ages across North America are uniting in prayer. Many will meet face to face in familiar locations. Others can participate in spirit. You are invited to join in this extraordinary movement of prayer that is designed to mobilize and energize multi-generational groups of children and families. St. Catherine will join with people all across the country in saying the Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, October 4th at St. Catherine, promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our restroom cleaning team needs a few more volunteers. If you would like to help keep our restrooms clean, please contact the parish office.

Feast of St. Vincent de Paul TODAY!

The 9:00 a.m. Mass intention is for the living and deceased members of our Parish Conference. In remembrance; *Elmer Binford*, *Robert Vitus*, *Leona Maricle*, *Theron & Trudy Atkinson*, *Darrel Spiesschaert*, *Don & Mary Opoien*, *Jerry Etienne*, *Kay Beach* and others. God bless them! In the last year, our 7 Active members have made over 40 personal encounters (Home Visits). We thank the parish for your prayers and support.





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GATHERING:
THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT 7:00 PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

ALTAR SOCIETY

The charism of an Altar Society is rooted in hidden, humble service and profound reverence for the Eucharist, mirroring Martha's hospitality and Mary's adoration by treating the physical sanctuary as the literal dwelling place of God.

SEVEN SISTERS OF APOSTOLATE

Seven women, one Holy Hour each day of the week.
United in prayer.
Strengthening our priests and our Church.

SPENDING ONE HOLY HOUR EVERY DAY TO PRAY FOR THE PRIESTS AND THE CHURCH.

MEN WALKING *With Christ*

Becoming Better
Husbands • Fathers • Sons • Disciples

GATHERING EVERY WEDNESDAY
5:15 PM TO 6:00 PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

FAITH BUILDERS
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Scripture Study on
THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW
Growing in faith together
through God's Word, friendship and prayer.

EVERY THURSDAY
10:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
IN THE PARISH HALL

All Are Welcome!

Whether you are new to the parish, returning to the Church,
or looking to get more involved...
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE!

Come as you are. Leave with hope and a renewed heart.
WE ARE ONE FAMILY IN CHRIST!