

# St. Richard Parish

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October 16, 2022

**“Will not God then  
secure the rights  
of his chosen ones  
who call out to him  
day and night?”**

*Luke 18:7*



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***Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## OUR MISSION

*Know Him more clearly,  
Love Him more dearly, and  
Follow Him more nearly, day by day.*

### Parish Contact Information

The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
You can contact the parish staff at  
314-432-6224 or [info@strichardstl.org](mailto:info@strichardstl.org).

### Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Gene Robertson Ext. 1015 <a href="mailto:grobertson@strichardstl.org">grobertson@strichardstl.org</a>
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Emmaus Choir	Ruth Ferris 314-991-6854

**If someone is in danger of death and needs the sacrament, please call: 314-432-6224 Ext. 1016**

### Mass Schedule

Weekdays	8:15 a.m.
Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m. 11 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	3:45-4:15 p.m. Or by appointment
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### **BAPTISM**

Registered parishioners please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism and necessary preparations. For your first child, a Baptism Preparation Class must be completed. Baptisms are typically held after the Sunday 11 a.m. Mass.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples planning marriage should contact the Parish Office **at least six months** in advance for proper procedures.

### **INTERESTED IN BEING A CATHOLIC?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, program prepares all who wish to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

Contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit by the Pastor or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion.

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, October 15</b> 5 p.m. Carol Underriner	<b>Saturday, October 22</b> 5 p.m. Doris Smith
<b>Sunday, October 16</b> 9 a.m. Tom Kutz 11 a.m. John Tucker	<b>Sunday, October 23</b> 9 a.m. Sandra Kardis 11 a.m. Michelle Taylor
<b>Saturday, October 29</b> 5 p.m. Jo Ann Morton	<b>Saturday, November 5</b> 5 p.m. Mary Claire Hachmeister
<b>Sunday, October 30</b> 9 a.m. Griffin Taylor 11 a.m. Sharon Serra	<b>Sunday, November 6</b> 9 a.m. Joe DeLuca 11 a.m. Paul Wienke

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, October 15</b> 5 p.m. Mimi Minner Tony Torkelson	<b>Saturday, October 22</b> 5 p.m. Doris Smith Joyce Todd
<b>Sunday, October 16</b> 9 a.m. Dave Peters Mindy Peters	<b>Sunday, October 23</b> 9 a.m. Marty Reiter Peggy Thomeczek
11 a.m. Ted McCaskill Pam McCaskill	11 a.m. Linda Shead Oren Walton
<b>Saturday, October 29</b> 5 p.m. Katharine Scott Carol Underriner	<b>Saturday, November 5</b> 5 p.m. Jo Ann Morton Carolyn Siemer
<b>Sunday, October 30</b> 9 a.m. Karen Andrus Joe DeLuca	<b>Sunday, November 6</b> 9 a.m. Rebekkah Limpert Michelle Taylor
11 a.m. Dan Seidel Paul Wienke	11 a.m. Ted McCaskill Sharon Serra

### ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgy Committee	Doris Smith	872-7823
Finance Committee	Rich Lewis	567-6860
Athletic Association	Bill Davidson	732-3814
Helping Hands	Kathy Peters	569-0678
Art & Environment	Kathy Engelbrecht	808-0307
Ladies' Club	Carolyn Sousa	489-2358
Leisure Club	Sharon Cusick	482-3317
Men's Club	Eric Vehige	640-0786
Prayer Chain	Mimi Minner	650-7893
SVDP Helpline	314-289-6101	Code 2292

**IF YOU VOLUNTEER AT ST. RICHARD, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER ON THE ARCHDIOCESE'S NEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE SITE.**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called **Prevent and Protect STL**. Please register at:  
[www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org) (passcode: **stlprotect**)

Contact Kathy ([info@strichardstl.org](mailto:info@strichardstl.org)) with any questions. Thank you.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 16

Donut Sunday after each Mass  
 9 a.m. - Mass & Jonah Prayer Ministry  
 Commissioning  
 11 a.m. - Mass

## Monday, October 17

8:15 a.m. - Mass  
 9 a.m. - Faith Share/Sacred Heart Room  
 7 p.m. - Rosary/Church

## Tuesday, October 18

8:15 a.m. - Mass/ followed by  
 Our Mother of Perpetual Help devotions  
 11 a.m. - Leisure Club/Sacred Heart Room  
 7 p.m. - Lectio Divina/Sacred Heart Room

## Wednesday, October 19

8:15 a.m. - Mass  
 2 p.m. - Discussion Group/Marian Room  
 7 p.m. - Emmaus/Church

## Thursday, October 20

8:15 a.m. - Mass  
 7 p.m. - Men's Club/Pavilion or Sacred Heart Room  
 (depending on weather)

## Friday, October 21

8:15 a.m. - Mass

## Saturday, October 22

5 p.m. - Mass

### BULLETIN DEADLINES

All items must be submitted no later than  
 2 p.m. on Tuesday for publication the  
 following weekend, unless otherwise noted.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Now Jesus was telling them a parable  
 to show that at all times they ought to pray  
 and not to lose heart. Lk 18:1

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### Stewardship Reflection

~ 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...”

~2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

**World Mission Sunday** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass on Oct. 23, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that the Church is missionary in nature and that we are called at Baptism to share in this mission together. World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.



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Read Pope Francis' full message here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc58vd7c>.

### Weekly Offering



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#### Offertory for 10/9/2022

General Offering	\$ 4,117.00
Repair & Maintenance	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	105.00
Other	67.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,294.00</b>

Online Giving (average est.) \$ 4,200.00

## You Must Show Up to Be Heard!

Your response to the All Things New survey was wonderful! The percentage of parishioners who turned in a completed survey was well above the average throughout the Archdiocese. Now it's time to stand up and show up in person. If you care about St. Richard Parish and its future, you need to attend one of the two Listening Sessions scheduled for next week! Your presence will speak volumes to the Archdiocese.

Our Parish Listening Sessions will be: Tuesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 27. The sessions will run from 6-8 p.m. in O'Brien Hall each night.

**You must register in order to attend a Listening Session.**

Please register for ONE listening session at <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org>.

When you get to that page, scroll down until you see a large button labeled: "Click Here to Register for a Listening Session." Since there are hundreds of people trying to register, the site response is slow. Be patient and wait to complete your registration. Registration will close approximately 24 hours prior to the session, or once O'Brien Hall's seating capacity is reached, whichever comes first. If you do not have a computer, you may call the Parish Office to have Kathy register you. There will not be additional opportunities for St. Richard Listening Sessions other than these two nights.

Plan on attending a listening session so you have accurate information about St. Richard, the Archdiocese and draft plans for the future of the Catholic Church in this area. Reach out to your fellow parishioners to make sure everyone can attend and has registered. Form carpools with those who cannot drive at night. Offer to watch children or those in need of care so other parishioners can attend. We are a strong faith family; let us help each other so we all have the opportunity to show up and share.

Each listening session will be facilitated by trained, volunteer parishioners from another parish. During the session, you will receive new information from the Archdiocese including a Planning Area overview and multiple DRAFT model options to consider for our respective planning area. There will then be some small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback.

After the final listening session in each planning area, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will make public the content presented at all the parishes' Listening Sessions in that planning area, and will offer an additional opportunity for parishioners to provide open-ended feedback through an online survey. The survey will remain open until December 31. Parishioner feedback to the models is critical, as it will be used to help shape the future of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The Archdiocese has created Parish Workbooks as a resource to help you prepare for the sessions. The workbooks contain data about the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our local planning area, and St. Richard. **St. Richard is in Planning Area #7.** Each Parish Workbook is posted on <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Parish-Workbooks>.

Please register as soon as possible. Final decisions have not been made. Your presence and input will have an impact of the future of St. Richard.



**ALL THINGS NEW**

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus as the first Evangelizer of the Good News.

Send forth the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of St. Louis and grant us the gift of true discernment so we may do your will in all things.

Help us be totally free to follow wherever you lead us, totally generous to be good stewards of your many gifts, and totally passionate to suffer all in order to be more closely united to you.

Commissioned by your Son and empowered by the Spirit to "Go and Make Disciples of all Nations," strengthen us by the power of your grace as we bring the Good News of Salvation into the lives of all those we touch, so that individual hearts and all of society may be converted to you and all things might be made new.

Inspired by the apostolic zeal of previous generations, as we begin the process of planning for the future, may our only desire be to do all things for the greater glory and honor of your name and for the good of your people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

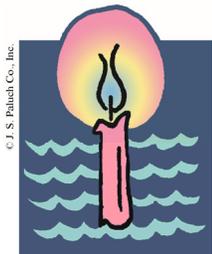


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## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The next RCIA class will begin later this month. Any adult who would like to join the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist, or any Catholic who has yet to be Confirmed, is invited to contact the Parish Office.

In addition, we are looking for interested parishioners to be on the RCIA Team to accompany the catechumens and candidates on their journey to Easter. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



Christian Initiation

## Sock Angel Update

With last week's donation of 427 pairs of socks, we have 6,599 pairs of socks for those in need! This number surpasses last year's donation of 6,302, which may be other groups' goal for this year.

We will be collecting for two more weeks. Your sock donation will help keep feet warm and dry. Let's see how many more people we can help before winter sets in.

## All Souls Day Reminder

In your envelope packet, you will find an envelope for All Souls Day. There is a place for you to write the names of deceased family and friends whom you would like to be placed in the Purgatorial Society. Once a week a Mass is said for everyone enrolled in the society.

If you make your offering through Faith Direct, simply put the names on a plain envelope marked "All Souls Day" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off to the Parish Office.

Please have all envelopes into the Parish Office by October 25 so they can be included in the annual listing. It is helpful if the names are clearly printed so there are no spelling errors.

Thank you!

## ALL SOULS



# ACTS

## Adoration - Community - Theology - Service

The next Men's ACTS Retreat, "O Lord, Attend to My Cry," will be November 3-6. The retreat runs from Thursday evening through Sunday morning Mass. Participants will leave and return from St. Richard. Registration brochures are in the vestibule. **Registration deadline is Monday, October 31.**

Contact Pat Cannon ([cannonstlouis@aol.com](mailto:cannonstlouis@aol.com)) for more information.

The next Women's ACTS Retreat will be July 20-23, 2023. Contact Anne Sommer ([annesommer@earthlink.net](mailto:annesommer@earthlink.net)) for more information.



Join us for coffee, juice and donuts in O'Brien Hall TODAY (Sunday, October 16) after each Mass.

## Calling All Bakers

**BREADS, CAKES, BROWNIES, COOKIES, & OTHER TREATS NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE BAKE SALE!**

Treats can be dropped off in O'Brien Hall  
**Fri., Nov. 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. or  
Sat., Nov. 5th from 8 to 10 a.m.**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER,  
PLEASE CONTACT SHARON AT  
314-482-3317**

*Your support is appreciated!*

Proceeds from the Bake Sale go to support the Ladies' Club's activities throughout the year.

My confidence is placed in God who does not need our help for accomplishing his designs.

**St. Isaac Jogues**  
French Jesuit priest and missionary to the Native Americans. In 1646, Isaac was martyred by the Mohawk.

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October 19

# Know Him More Clearly

## Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer - Twenty-ninth Week of Ordinary Time



For the Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time, through the parable of the persistent widow wearing down the unjust judge, Jesus urges us to have faith. “Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones who call out to Him day and night? Will He be slow to answer them?”

Monday is the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Luke, evangelist, with its own special readings. Wednesday we remember Saint John de Brébeuf and Saint Isaac Jogues, priests and martyrs, and their companions.

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians speaks about God’s mercy and grace, calling us “members of the household of God” and saying that as a community we “are being built together into a dwelling place” of the Spirit. Paul, who was probably a prisoner at the time he wrote this letter, urges us to live “in a manner worthy of the call you have received” and calling us to patience and humility.

This week in Luke’s Gospel we hear Jesus giving us His challenging message: be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom, be unencumbered enough to follow Jesus freely. He says, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Our faith and calling as Christians means we are called to go beyond what our world and culture requires: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Jesus envisions His mission on earth as a purifying fire, “and how I wish it were already blazing!” He tells us, “If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate, make an effort to settle the matter on the way.” The weekday gospels end with the parable of the gardener who saves the barren fig tree from being cut down, saying to his owner “Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.”

On the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time we have Jesus’ dramatic story of the Pharisee and the tax collector standing in the temple, the Pharisee relieved that “I am not like the rest of humanity” and the tax collector with eyes down, begging for mercy. “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## Daily Prayer This Week

As Jesus continues to head toward Jerusalem in this week’s readings, it can be easy to pray, if we can focus. For simple thoughts and feelings to make their way into the background of our reflections this week we have to make a conscious choice to do it. Once we choose to let ourselves be reflective in this way, we can let this week’s readings into our consciousness.

It becomes real when I realize that I am on the road with Jesus to Jerusalem in my life. I can sense the resistance in me to face all that it means. I resist the call to greatness that Jesus offers – to be a servant for others. Greed can take a serious role in my life – unconscious, of course, but once I experience how many things I “want,” I’ll sense the role of greed within me.

I see the potential for my fruitfulness connecting with my Lord throughout this busy week when I hear the call to be “vigilant” and to be aware of the “signs” of times today. Some days we can begin our days like getting on a treadmill and going all day. If I’m only attentive to what is immediately in front of me, I start to lose perspective. With reflection, I can see the “big picture” again and why I’m here and for whom I am responsible. Sometimes I’ll have the courage not to be a “peace at all costs” person, but will actually take steps, say things, come together with others to “set the earth on fire.”

Finally, perhaps this week I can simply get back in touch with being “called” and respond in a dozen simple ways, to thank the Lord for calling me and asking for the grace to be faithful.

We can prepare for Sunday later this week by begging our Lord to heal our blindness – our blindness to who we are and to the needs of those around us – and to follow him on the road to Jerusalem.

*Dear Lord, sometimes I can be so dense. Thanks so much for getting through to me now and again. When I “get it,” it seems that I want to be your disciple with every ounce of being within me. I really get the “fire” image you use. At other times, all I see is my needs and the ways I seem to be unfulfilled or falling short in some way. Release me from myself, that I might be free to give myself to my brothers and sisters who need my love and care. Then, I’ll follow You into the toughest of situations with courage and hope.*

*Taken from ‘Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer’ on the  
Creighton University’s Online Ministries website:  
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>  
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# Love Him More Dearly

## DAILY MASS READINGS

### Sunday, October 16

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

### Monday, October 17

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

### Tuesday, October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

### Wednesday, October 19

Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday, October 20

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

### Friday, October 21

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday, October 22

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

*Join the  
Halloween Fun!*

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Dust off your Halloween finery and come join the Leisure Club on Tuesday, October 18 at 11 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Room.

Please bring a side dish to share with fellow Halloweeners.

Call Sharon Cusick (314-482-3317) with any questions or for more information.



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## A Letter from Archbishop Rozanski

October 10, 2022

Dear Father,

I, like you, am deeply saddened by the death and devastation that Hurricane Ian has caused, first in Cuba and the Dominican Republic, and then in the southeastern part of the United States beginning in Florida. In addition to the loss of life, we have seen thousands of homes, businesses, and churches severely damaged or destroyed. This was in the wake of Hurricane Fiona, which caused havoc and devastation across Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean just days earlier. The impacts will be long lasting. I ask the Lord to carry those suffering in the aftermath.

To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from these disasters, I am asking our 178 parishes in 11 counties to participate in a second collection at all Masses the weekend of October 15th and 16th, 2022. The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the office relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this and any future disasters. We join other dioceses across the country in this response for support to help with water, food, shelter, and sanitation, along with long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. The funds will be distributed where they are most needed.

Parishioners should *make checks payable to the parish* with “Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund” in the memo line

I will be offering a Mass for those who died in these tragedies, as well as those injured and suffering at this widespread devastation. Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have suffered as a result of Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, who must now rebuild their lives, their homes, their cities, and their churches.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis



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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Anna Angert	Patricia Kelley	Jonathon Penne
Jane Concannon	Cathryn Kinamore	Florence Rahubka
Pat Corker	Milton Kupferer	Thomas Reuther
Patricia Daher	John McCormick	Bern Ruthmeyer
Joe DeLuca	Dorothy Meyer	Denise Sahrman
Betty Eise	Cheli Ohms Mosby	Gloria Smythe
Patricia Filko	Jennifer Mosier	Eileen Thomson
Marie Graves	Patrick Nickens	Mike Underriner
Jerry Huelsman	Jean O'Keefe	Phyllis Walsh
Toni Jodlowski	Betty Penn	Terri Wienke

To add or remove a name from this listing, contact the **Parish Office** at **314-432-6224**.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer Chain, contact **Mimi Minner** at **314-650-7893**.



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**O Prince of Peace, humbly we ask your protection for all the men and women in service of our country.**

**CAPT David Butz**  
Fort Bliss, TX  
Grandson-in-law of Fran Waelterman

**SGT Thomas M. Euson**  
Camp LeJeune, NC  
Great Nephew of Neil & Paulette Byrne

**1LT Anna Ferris RN**  
Fort Bliss, TX  
Granddaughter of Fran Waelterman

**CAPT John Andrew Floro**  
Scott AFB, IL  
Nephew of Marcella & Deacon Del Leonardo

**L CPL John M. Geringer**  
Camp Pendleton, CA  
Grandson of Ceil Geringer

**LT COL Christopher Higgins**  
Eielson AFB, AK  
Nephew of Robert & Paula Brose

**CW3 Erick Knarzer**  
Afghanistan  
Nephew of Jean O'Keefe

**SGT Matthew Mansfield**  
Joint Base, Andrews, MD  
Son of John & Jane Mansfield

**SGT Joe Meadows**  
Fort Bragg, NC  
**SGT Sam Meadows**  
Fort Bragg, NC  
Sons of Doug & Karen Meadows

**2LT Brittany Menzenwerth**  
Reserve Center,  
Grand Prairie, TX  
Daughter of Laura Menzenwerth

**MJR Michael Mulligan, Jr.**  
Ft. Irwin, CA  
Nephew of Kathy Soucy

**CAPT Matthew Primm**  
AFB Kuwait  
Grandson-in-law of Marie Everhardt

**SSgt Eric Reuther**  
Ft. Gordon, GA  
Son of Deacon Ron & Cathy Reuther

**LT COL Mark Scherrer**  
Travis AFB, CA  
Son of Marilyn Scherrer

**TSgt Kendall Washington**  
Hurlburt Field, FL  
Son-in-Law of Laura Menzenwerth

**SSgt Tyler White**  
Eglin AFB, FL  
**SRA Randi White**  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Nephew & Niece of Mark & Lynn Pfothenhauer



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**Mass Intentions**

Sat., October 15	5 p.m.	Watkins Family
Sun., October 16	9 a.m.	People of St. Richard
	11 a.m.	Dorothy D'Cruz+
Mon., October 17	8:15 a.m.	Dominic Seraphin
Tues., October 18	8:15 a.m.	Purgatorial Society+
Wed., October 19	8:15 a.m.	Angelo Pandolfo+
Thurs., October 20	8:15 a.m.	Teresa & William Sawyer+
Fri., October 21	8:15 a.m.	Rafaello Gallo & Family+

+ Indicates an individual is deceased



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Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Edward Kullman**, father of parishioner Angie Meyer, father-in-law of Don Meyer, and grandfather of Julie, David and Daniel.

Pray for his family and friends who grieve their loss.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Remember your family and friends**

As Catholics, we have a tradition of praying for the souls of family and friends who have died, for those who are living and facing challenges, and in thanksgiving for all the good God has done for us.

One special way to do this is to have a Mass said for that intention. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention.

wine: Catholic Women's Conference

# Called by Name

Inspiration, faith, fellowship and fun!

**Saturday, November 5, 8am - 3:30pm**  
**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
7701 Town Square Avenue, Dardenne Prairie, Mo

**INCLUDES:**

- Adoration
- Confession
- Prayer teams
- Mass at 8 am
- Shopping
- Fabulous Lunch
- Raffle

**SPECIAL OPTION: Friday Night, Nov. 4**

- Gathering in the Vineyard 6:30 - 9:00pm
- A special evening with our speakers and women of WINE for anyone feeling called to lead women to Christ.
- Includes social hour, dinner, networking, and fun.

**FEATURING:**

  
Kelly Wahliquist

  
Joelle Maryn

  
LeAnn Thiemann

  
Alyssa Bornes

**WINE**  
Women IN the New Evangelization

Register at [CatholicVineyard.com](http://CatholicVineyard.com)

# Follow Him More Nearly

“But when the Son of Man comes,  
will he find faith on earth?”

Luke 18:8



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## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**OCTOBER 16, 2022**

Today's Gospel is set within Jesus' instruction to his disciples to prepare for a future after his ascension, and before Christ's final return. The early Church lived in an unjust and violent world, and likely wondered when Christ would return to complete his work. In this context, we hear a parable of a corrupt judge and a widow seeking justice. The widow has no worldly resources to affect the judge, but only her own persistence. And that was enough.

We today also live in an unjust world, and we the Church long for Christ to fulfill God's promises. But we are not asked to wait passively; instead we must join God's work in bringing justice. We can imitate the widow with our persistence in prayer and action to be instruments of peace in our own place and time. These efforts might well extend beyond our own lifespans, but God will inspire new instruments of peace in future generations. God's persistence will be enough.

### A DEEP BREATH

In today's passage from 2 Timothy, we hear that “all scripture is inspired.” The Greek word translated as “inspired”

literally means “God-breathed.” That is, God breathes God's own life in and through scripture. We can see ourselves also as “God-breathed,” as God's creation was the result of God's speech in Genesis, and as the Church received the Spirit from Jesus' breath (John 20:22). God breathes in and through these writings, and in our encounters with each other, to enliven and to transform us.

Using this word, Paul invites Timothy to engage with scripture, to allow it to teach, correct, and train. Scripture is not a set of rules or an answer book, but a breath of God's fresh air. It is the record of flawed human beings encountering a loving yet mysterious God. It is the story of God and humanity where we can place our life stories in dialogue with God's story. Take a deep breath.

Today's Readings: Ex 17:8–13; Ps 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8;  
2 Tim 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1–8

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