

ST. CLARE ST. PHILOMENA



A Catholic Community in
Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park, MI



September 16, 2018 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Father Andrew



I hope you had a blessed week.

This week we welcome the Servite Religious Community to St. Clare for the celebration of their 125th Anniversary.

With Sisters, Fathers,

Associates, former parishioners of Servite parishes, and graduates of their schools, we come together to give thanks to God for their many years of service to the people of God. Following Mass everyone is invited to our gym for light refreshments.

Our Michaelite Road Trip

Last Sunday 23 parishioners traveled to London, ON to participate in the Mass in honor of St. Michael. With a few hundred parishioners from different parts of Ontario visiting the headquarters of the Michaelite Fathers for North America, we prayed for the jubilarians, for an influx of new vocations, and for our parishes. It was windy, a bit chilly but we managed to avoid the rain, and that Polish sausage in the warm bun really hit the spot! St. Michael pray for us.

Collection for the CSMA

Today I invite you to participate in a collection for the benefit of the Michaelite Fathers. Special envelopes were included in your set of parish envelopes and are also available at the tables by the entrances to our churches



(color red). Donations received from this appeal will benefit the Michaelite Seminary in Krakow that educates and prepares future priests. Please say a prayer for the seminarians and vocations to our Religious Community. Perhaps there is someone from our parish that would like to consider being a Michaelite? I am ready to open a new house of formation in the USA. Also let's pray for the seminarians from our parish who are currently studying and for new vocations as well.

Little Lambs – coming Sept. 30th

Soon St. Clare parish will offer Liturgy of the Word for young children during the 9:00 am Mass. Children will be dismissed early in the Mass, and led by their Catechist to a classroom in the Church Social Hall where the **Word** will be taught in ways they can begin to understand. If you would like to participate in this program, or have your child participate, please contact our DRE, Sr. Kathy at 313-647-5057 or skavery@stclarem.org or Jessica Smihal at jessicahowlett@hotmail.com

Thank you

This weekend we wrap up the annual Book Sale fundraiser for our school. Thank you to all the volunteers who spend hours making this a great experience for those who come to browse, buy or find that special book. Thank you to all who support this great PTO event.

Beginnings

As the month of September unfolds, the life of the parish gets back to its regular activities. This Monday, the Religious Education program—a combined effort of St. Clare and St. Philomena begins. We wish all catechists and students many blessings as they embark on their

faith journey. Our RCIA 2018/19 program begins this Wednesday September 19th. Let's keep in prayer all those who expressed interest in joining the Catholic Church.

Saints this week:

• Thursday, Sept. 20th.

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and companions, martyrs of Korea. The greatest persecution of the Catholic faith in Korea, happened between 1839-

1867. Saint Andrew and 103 companions were martyred during that time and were canonized by St. John Paul II in 1988.



• Friday Sept. 21st.

St. Matthew, the Apostle and Evangelist – one of the 12 Apostles and author of the first Gospel. Little is known about him, other than his writings in the Gospel.



Away

This week Deacon Rich and I will be away. Fr. Rich Bartoszek the Chaplain from Beaumont Hospital will be celebrating the weekday Masses and handling any ministerial needs that arise.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Andrew

SERVITE MASS MOB - CELEBRATING 125 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES

News and Events In Our Parish Community

St. Vincent de Paul News

Our next St. Vincent de Paul Conference meeting is Tuesday, September 18th at 7 pm in the Whittier Room. Please join us to discuss our plans for the coming year. There are lots of ways to get involved, and we always welcome new members.

The Friends of the Poor Walk is Saturday, September 29 at 10 am at Belle Isle. This is a national event with the purpose of providing local SVdP conferences the opportunity to raise funds to support their special works and projects. Any money we raise will go into the St. Clare SVdP account to assist people in our immediate area. To walk--it's a leisurely 3 miles on Belle Isle--sponsor or donate, please go to <https://www.fopwalk.org>. You may also place your gift in a marked envelope and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. A donation of any amount will be much appreciated! For more information, leave a message on our assistance line at 313-647-5062 or email Barb at barbarakoster@comcast.net



**Thanks for helping us
help others!**

Barbara Koster
SVdP Conference President



Come Join the Fun
St. Clare Parish Community
for the Annual Oktoberfest Weekend!

OCTOBER 12-14, 2018

Under the Tents on the St. Clare School Grounds
Corner Mack and Outer Drive, Grosse Pointe Park

Friday Night Bingo 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Sunday Outdoor Mass under the tent 5:00 pm

Saturday Night Party 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm
Featuring

**THE AUSTRIAN DUO
AND GERMAN DANCERS
THE POLISH MUSLIMS!**

GOOD FOOD, GOOD BEER, GOOD FRIENDS!
Join Us!

Advance Tickets will be available in early September.
To get the latest updates, follow us on Facebook.com/stclarem
For more information, call 313-886-3849 or email: Kochs43@hotmail.com
www.stclarem.org

Events In and Around Our Parish Community

(SCM= St. Clare Church | SPC=St. Philomena Church)

Monday, September 17

8:00 AM	Mass and Marian Devotion.....	SCM
7:00 PM	Intercessory Prayer Group.....	Rectory Chapel
4:00 PM	Religious Education	School
6:30 PM	Religious Education	School
7:00 PM	Intercessory Prayer Group.....	Rectory Chapel

Tuesday, September 18

9:30 AM	Legion of Mary Meeting	Whittier Room
1:00 PM	School: Ok2Say Assembly	Social Hall
4:00 PM	Silent Meditation	Rectory Chapel
6:30 PM	Mass and St. Michael Devotion.....	SCM
7:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.....	Whittier Room
7:00 PM	Faith Formation.....	Rose Room
7:30 PM	Al-anon (Adult Children of Alcoholics)	Parish Offices

Wednesday, September 19

8:15 AM	School Mass	SCM
9:45 AM	Pastoral Team Mtg.	Rose Room
6:00 PM	Exposition and Adoration	Church
6:30 PM	RCIA	Faculty Room
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry	Social Hall
7:00 PM	Legion of Mary Rosary	Church

Thursday, September 20

8:00 AM	Mass	SCM
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Friday, September 21

8:00 AM	Mass and Divine Mercy Devotion.....	SCM
9:00 AM	Friday Faith Formation	Whittier Room
7:00 PM	MCOMM Comedy Fundraiser	Church Social Hall

Saturday, September 22

2:30 PM	Saturday Confession	Church
4:00 PM	Saturday Mass	SPC
4:00 PM	Saturday Mass	SCM

Sunday, September 23

9:00 AM	Sunday Mass (Sunday Family Program)	SCM
10:00 AM	Sunday Mass.....	SPC
11:00 AM	Sunday Mass.....	SCM
5:00 PM	Sunday Evening Mass	SCM

Dates to Remember

Event info. | Registration: <https://stclarem.org/event-tickets>

Monday, Sept. 24	Religious Ed. Parent Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 29	Walk for the Poor
Thursday, Oct. 4	Thursday Faith Formation Begins
Thursday, Oct. 4	Blessing of the Pets
Saturday, Oct. 6	Healing Mass
Sunday, Oct 7	Baptismal Families @9AM Mass
Saturday, Oct. 13	Oktoberfest
Sunday, Oct. 21	Sports Mass
Saturday, Oct. 27	Trunk or Treat
Sunday, Oct. 21	Sports Mass

Celebrating 125 Years in the United States



About the Sisters we are Celebrating with Today

The mission of the Servants of Mary (also Servites) is to manifest God's compassionate presence in the spirit of Mary. We respond to

the words of Jesus: "Be compassionate as your God is compassionate." We do so by following the example of Jesus, under the guidance of Mary.

Our commitment to compassion calls us to:

- * Witness Gospel values
- * Center our lives in love of God and neighbor through prayer, community, and service
- * Share with others healing and hope
- * Be in right-relationship with all creation
- * Welcome others in a spirit of hospitality
- * Live joyfully our charism of compassionate presence

The Order of Servants of Mary (Servites) was founded in 1233 by seven Florentine nobles and business men who went to Monte Senario, outside of Florence, Italy to live lives of prayer, community and service dedicated to Mary, Mother of Sorrows.

Our congregation, the Servants of Mary of London/Cuves, led by a Prioress General and her Council, is comprised of vowed women religious ministering in the US, Jamaica, England, Scotland, France, Canada, Austria, Belgium, and Congo. In addition, each area has a lay Associate Program.



WELCOME TO THE SERVITE

MASS MOB



Celebrating 125 Years in the United States



**THANK
YOU
FOR
YOUR
SERVICE**

About the Sisters

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The American/Jamaican Servants of Mary are under the present leadership Sr. Mary Gehringer and her Council and has its Motherhouse (headquarters) at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent in Omaha, NE. The leadership team is responsible for overseeing the spiritual, community, and ministerial needs of the Sisters and Associates. (Sr. Mary served in the Detroit area at St. John Berchman, St. Joan of Arc and in the Archdiocesan Office)

Early Servite Sisters brought their mission of compassionate service to the United States. They established a firm foundation in the States in 1893 in Indiana. The Sisters continued to move to areas where there was a need.

Servites came to Detroit beginning in 1931 and established the schools at St. John Berchman, (1931-1982); St. Juliana, (1941-1990); and Servite High, (1949-1985).



Presently there are 18 Servants of Mary serving in Michigan. 10 professed religious and 8 associates. Since the above schools have closed, our sisters have ministered as administrators, teachers, chaplains, religious education directors, Pastoral Associates, Hospice Healers, Secretaries and Prayer Ministers.

We are grateful to all who have helped us to minister in Michigan and in the United States. Our prayers are especially with you on this day of Celebrating 125 years in the United States.

Faith Formation and Christian Service



Religious Education

If you have not registered for Religious Education, please do so immediately as our classes begin this week.

Religious Education classes on Monday nights begin this week, the 17th. Monday 4:00-5:15 for grades 1-4, 6:30-8:00 for grades 5-8.

Sunday family begins next Sunday, September 23 at the 9:00 Mass and following until 11:30. The Right of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) also begins this week on Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 in the school lounge.

Please pray for all those who have expressed an interest in this program. All are welcome to join us to learn more about our faith. If you are not involved in the church, a simple "job" or "ministry" that you could do, would be to provide hospitality for a Wednesday night for our candidates and catechumens. Just let Sr. Kathy know.

Little Lambs, a Sunday program for children 3-7 begins on Sunday, September 30 during the 9:00 Mass. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Adult Faith Formation begins on October 4. 6:30 share snacks, 7:00 programming begins.

Sr. Kathy Avery | skavery@stclarem.org

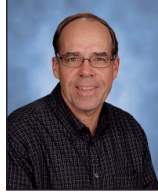
Wanted: Thursday Night Committee Members

The St. Clare Social Hall is the place to be on Thursday nights!

The flagship of our Adult Faith Formation program, each Thursday evening includes refreshments, food, fellowship, education and spirited faith sharing.

Creating these events takes planning and execution, and that's where you come in. The Thursday Night Faith Formation Committee is seeking new members from St. Clare and St. Philomena. If you are interested in helping select, plan and coordinate these exciting programs, please contact Tom Warnez at twarniez@metcom-inc.com

NOTICE: The book rack, formerly located near the family room, is now in the church vestibule at the Mack Avenue doors.



Christian Service Corner

Be Bold Be Holy Catholic

The Motor City Mitten Mission will host a fundraiser event with Darren McCarty and Friends on Friday, September 21, in the St. Clare Social Hall. The **Darren McCarty Slapshot**

Comedy Show begins at 7:00 PM. I encourage you to attend and support our new friends from the **Motor City Mitten Mission**. Look for all the details on Facebook and on our website.



Tickets are available on Eventbrite at:

<https://mcmmdarrenmccartyslaphotcomedy.eventbrite.com>.

More info may be found: www.motorcitymittenmission.org



St. Clare and St. Philomena join Life Remodeled:

Sign-up for this "Unleash the Gospel" event on Tuesday October 2. Come for the morning, afternoon or all day. Register here: <http://signup.com/go/WGipECE>

Life Remodeled is a Detroit-based nonprofit that invests approximately \$5 million in cash, labor and materials into one Detroit neighborhood each year. Projects are determined by the community's needs and vision.

October 2, 2018 is the day for St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Philomena. We will be working in the Durfee Neighborhood near the Seminary.

Some of the service opportunities this year will include:

- Blight removal
- Beautification
- Home repairs
- City murals

* Must be 14 years old or older to participate.

*We recommend you sign up with a parish, although this is not required. Please contact your parish to see if a group is volunteering.

Mike McDevitt

Christian Service Coordinator

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Worship and Prayer In Our Parish Community

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



(SCM= St. Clare Church | SPC=St. Philomena Church)

Saturday, September 15

4:00 PM Mary Ellen Canestraight SCM
James Higgins (29th Anniv.) SCM
For an Increase in Vocations SPC

Sunday, September 16

9:00 AM Josephine Buhagiar SCM
Antonio & Antonia DeAngelis SCM
Gabriele & Rosaria Serraiocco SCM
John Dennehy SCM
10:00 AM St. Philomena Class of 1968 SPC
11:00 AM 125th Anniversary of Servite Sisters SCM
For all Servites and Friends of Servites SCM
Joe Grassi SCM
Frank Grassi SCM
Geminiano Pablo (Birthday Remembrance) SCM
Wilberto Pablo SCM

Monday, September 17 - Marian Devotion

9:00 AM St. Clare Parishioners SCM

Tuesday, September 18 - St. Michael Devotion

6:30 PM Patricia Zatina (1 yr. Anniv.) SCM

Wednesday, September 19

8:15 AM John J. Olis SCM

Thursday, September 20

8:00 AM Intentions of Sandra Lousin SCM
Josephine Reitzloff SCM
Geoff and Dawn Kirles (Liv.) 15th Wedding Anniv. .. SCM

Friday, September 21 - Divine Mercy Devotion

8:00 AM Margaret C. Olis SMC
Michelle Schultz (Birthday) SCM

Saturday, September 22

4:00 PM Fr. Tom Wilisowski (Birthday Wishes) SCM
Margaret E. Olis SCM
Margaret C. Olis SCM
Wilisowski Family Living and Deceased SCM
Rose Coyle SPC

Sunday, September 23

9:00 AM Josephine Reitzloff SCM
10:00 AM Norina Veltri (30th Anniv.) SPC
11:00 AM Patricia McKeever SCM
Wanda & Ray Barth SCM
Duane Depue SCM
5:00 PM Ruth Howell (21st Anniv.) SCM
Margaret E. Olis SCM
Patricia McKeever SCM

Please Remember in Your Prayers

ST. CLARE

Michael Anderanin II
Sr. Kathy Avery
Marti Benedetti
John Blondin
Karen Bolton
Ann Carson
Marie Ciaramitaro
Sam Ciaramitaro
Kathie DeMumbrum
Karen Galkowski
Patrick Giffer
Clayton Guensche
Betty Irvin
Christine Kahanak
Hector Kim
Ted Kirles
Marty Knorp
Mary Ellen LeRoy
Joseph Lisy
Bahia Mahfet
Josephine Marino
Mary Ann McLaughlin
Sandy Melanson CSJ
Carol Provencal

Bob Phillips
Anne Purvis
Joel Rivera
Larry Rochwalski
Tracy Tripp
James Schoenherr
Diane Sullivan
Jeffrey P. Valentic
Lois Watson
Christopher Wolfslayer

ST. PHILOMENA

Toni Lams
Judy Monahan
Sharon Sadowski
Julie Gosskie
Bob Retherford
George Krappmann
Lucky Quillin
Thomas Bingham
Davonte Atwater
Margaret Ochenski
Dan Lusch
Cathy Plotzke
Clem D'Angela

**5:00 PM Mass Resumes
Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**All Souls Mass
Sunday, Nov. 4**

**Vocations Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 10**

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newsletter
text **STCLAREM** to **22828**

Our School and Parish Community

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

SUNDAY

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

MONDAY

*Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10-17;
Lk 7:1-10

TUESDAY

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22;
Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and
Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14;
Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;
Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

School News

From the Desk of Kathy Pawlowski
Kindergarten Teacher

Another school year has begun! The Kindergarten students had a busy week adjusting to a full day of meeting new people, learning the layout of the school building, attending special classes, and learning procedures. One of the highlights of the first week was the fire drill. It was a bit scary for some of us, but we have one emergency drill down, and future drills should run more smoothly.

The first order of business is to help the children learn to hold a pencil correctly and form letters. We have completed the first page in our Handwriting book. Listening and following directions will earn a sticker on the handwriting page!

St. Clare Athletics



St. Clare Fall Sports are in home games at Ferry uted for September 15th, day, October 6th. The Falcons first beat Warren Woods Christian 5-0. Milan Manriquez lead the way on offense with three goals and Danilo Manriquez had two goals. Ian Sherry had a shut-out in goal. Next the Falcons lost to St. Joan 3-2 with M. Manriquez and Max Morman each scoring a goal. St. Clare then played Immaculate Conception winning 3-2 with M. Manriquez yet again leading the way with two goals. Dominick Trudel was a difference maker and scored his first goal of the season! Great job Coach Price and team!

full swing. Boys Soccer has Elementary School scheduled for September 23rd and Saturday, September 29th. The boys are off to a great 2-1 start. The Falcons first beat Warren Woods Christian 5-0. Milan Manriquez lead the way on offense with three goals and Danilo Manriquez had two goals. Ian Sherry had a shut-out in goal. Next the Falcons lost to St. Joan 3-2 with M. Manriquez and Max Morman each scoring a goal. St. Clare then played Immaculate Conception winning 3-2 with M. Manriquez yet again leading the way with two goals. Dominick Trudel was a difference maker and scored his first goal of the season! Great job Coach Price and team!

St. Clare Girls Soccer and JV and Varsity Volleyball continue to play games as well. St. Clare 5th-8th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball will begin in late October, with Tune-Up Camp happening in mid-October. More information will be communicated soon. This session of basketball is open to all St. Clare School children, as well as those who are baptized and attending Religious Education at St. Clare or St. Ambrose. Reminder, St. Clare also offers K-4th grade basketball, open to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Conway at (313) 882-6369 or email cmconway32@gmail.com.

School News continued...

I took a student survey of what each student liked best about Kindergarten. Of course, playing on the playground and playing with toys were the top responses! So, I will make sure that playtime is part of our daily routine.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Opening Day Pictures



Worship and Prayer In Our Parish Community

Weekend Ministry Schedule for St. Clare - Sept. 22-23, 2018

Time	4pm	9am	11am	5:00 PM
Eucharistic Ministers	Jacquie Lauth Becky McCoy Rachel Perkowski Karen Perkowski	Bob Koch Sue Koch Teresa Muniga Margaret Platz Art Post Claudia Rowland	Denise Cotter Dennis Cotter Jean Irvin-Stanley Corazon Galinato Louis Di Iorio SUB	
Lectors	See Schedule	See Schedule	See Schedule	See Schedule
Altar Servers	Owen Parent Luke Parent Leo Parent	Kerrigan Dunham Michael Hannon Dominic Trudel	Emmanuel Ojemudia Miles Morman Max Morman	Abi Pongratz Ciara Pongratz
Hospitality	Linda Hazlett Dorothy Ciesluk Maria Rodriguez Peggy Astfalk	Mary Ann Arsenault Marty McMillan Bob Barto Michelle Fisher Kathy & Dave Grout	Mary Fildew Mary Slate Rich & Marie Browski	Koster-Rigg Family Sue Pongratz Eileen Stratelak
Ushers	Jack McCrea Rodrigo Manriquez Steve McNamara Mike Peltz	Don Calcaterra Tom Havern Dennis Panas Frank Serraiocco	Paul Max Jeff Parthum David Transue	
Celebrant	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Andrew	Fr. Andrew

Weekend Ministry Schedule for St. Philomena - Sept. 22-23, 2018

Time	4pm	10:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Moore	Peter Francis
Altar Servers	Quinn Sahutske Tadgh Sahutske	Grace Walsh Alice Walsh
Ushers	Jeff Pinder Cassie Pinder Martha Louisell	Paul Krajnovic Dan Lusch Melanie Nowc Michelle Orhan Darren Mantyla Len Johnson
Celebrant	Fr. Mark Luedtke	Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

St. Philomena CSA UPDATE

Assigned target: \$45,826
Pledges received: \$22,515
Number of pledges: 45

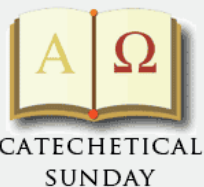
We are asking each parish family to consider a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Whatever sacrifice you are able to make, small or large, your pledge will be deeply appreciated. Thank You.

God's Garden

By Patricia Kolojeski

I was planning on cutting back the cone flowers (Echinacea) at church last week, but decided against it when I was looking out the window at home and saw some gold finches pecking away at the seeds. Well I thought it more important to feed the birds than cut some old dead flowers! Each flower has a bristly iridescent orange center cone that provides lively contrast with the reflexed petals and is a feeding station for the birds and butterflies. It is not a graceful plant, but big and bold. Rudbeckia is still thriving now. It is sometimes called an orange cone flower, but many can't help calling it Black eyed Susan. It will bloom until frost. It's one of the best for Michigan gardens. The rose turtlehead has a fascinating appearance due to the unusual structure of its flowers. Each deep rose tubular bloom resembles a turtle's head with lower lip protruding and mouth agape. I am entering mine in a "Best of Bloom" competition next week. It's a strange image, but the satiny pink flowers arranged in spikes like snapdragons are gorgeous. It is an easy, long lived and engaging plant. What's thriving in your garden now?

"O Sacred season of autumn, be my teacher, for I wish to learn the virtue of contentment." **Edward Hayes**



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme will be **"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ."** Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Father Andrew will be blessing the Catechists at each Mass this weekend.

Stewardship In Our Parish Community

Sunday Collection

September 9, 2018

St. Clare

Parishioner Envelopes*:	\$ 9,231
Loose Collection:	\$ 1,424
Total Collection:	\$10,655
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$10,331
Over for the week by:	\$ 324

*Includes We Share For The Week

Be Bold. Be Holy. Be Catholic.

Thank you for supporting the New Evangelization.

St. Philomena

Parishioner Envelopes*:	\$4,313
Loose Collection:	\$ 100
Total Collection:	\$4,413
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,800
Under for the week by:	(\$2,387)

*Includes We Share For The Week

The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord God helps us in times of opposition or persecution. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus, in teaching His disciples of His own death and Resurrection, professes that we must take up our cross daily and follow Him. He continues and proclaims, *Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it.* These instructive statements are Christ's requirements for discipleship. St. James gives us a foundation of our Catholic faith: *faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.* Faith and works go together. What a powerful message! As disciples of Jesus, we are called through our Baptism to serve the Church by personalizing Jesus in our lives. Through actions expressing the gifts of joy and peace He grants to us, we are inspired to give our time, talent, and treasure back to God in thanksgiving. One way we do this is to serve our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

How are we responding to a call to service? Discover your God-given gifts through the *Called and Gifted* program.

**The LORD is
KIND and MERCIFUL;
SLOW to ANGER, and
RICH in COMPASSION.**

Stewardship Thoughts

CSA Update

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, a day set aside to affirm and support the work of the many men, women, and young adults who teach our faith in parishes and Catholic schools throughout our Archdiocese.

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Through baptism, we are called to hand on the faith and be a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday allows us all to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Your CSA gifts support religious education directors and their staffs through the work of the archdiocesan Office of Catechetics, which provides consultation concerning policy, curriculum guidelines, and text selection, as well as professional growth and formation opportunities and certification.

For more information about this and other CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

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September 15: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

- Watch: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
- Listen: *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows*
- Listen: *15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering*

September 16 ST. CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE

- Study: *Lectio: Evangelization, Session 6: Sacraments and the Spirit*
- Listen: *Holiness Is Always in Season*

September 17: ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

- Watch: *Hildegard's Gift*
- Read: *The Young People's Book of Saints*

September 18. ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

- Watch: *The Reluctant Saint*

September 21: JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

- Watch: *Lead Kindly Light*
- Listen: *The Logic of Being Catholic*

September 21: ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

- Study: *Lectio: Evangelization*
- Watch: *Lost Gospels or False Gospels? Lectio Divina; Right Here, Right Now*
- Listen: *The Gospel of Matthew. Living the Gospel with the Heart of Pope Francis*
- Listen: *Holiness Is Always in Season. The Case of Jesus*
- Listen: *Proclaiming the Kingdom*
- Listen: *Fan or Follower?*

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A Family Perspective

By: Bud Ozar

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Parish Community Directory

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Mission Statement

"We bring together and welcome into our Catholic Community a richly diverse people to pray, to serve, and to learn in the name and presence of Jesus Christ."

Pastoral Team

Pastor.....Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk, CSMA (647-5000)
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