

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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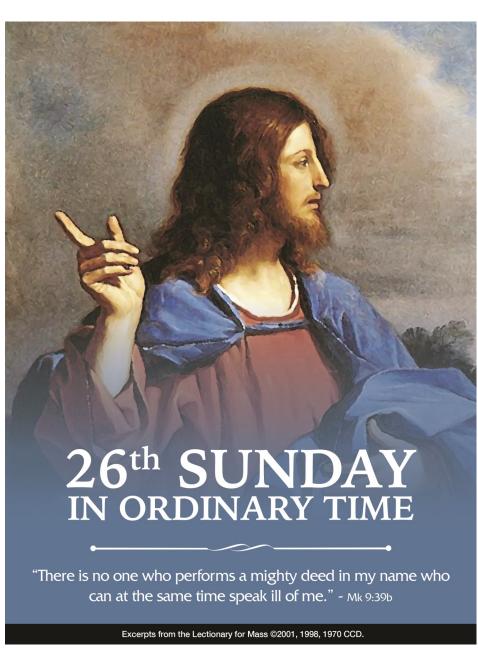
Parish Office Hours

Monday | 9:00am-4:00pm (Closed for Lunch 12:00-1:00pm) Tuesday | 9:00am-3:00pm Thursday | 9:00am-3:00pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday | Closed

MISSION STATEMENT

"St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Community is a growing and welcoming parish family. We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ by embracing the Word, Sacraments, and commitment to service."

- Rev. Fr. David Burgard, Pastor
- ♣ Rev. Fr. Giancarlo Ghezzi PIME, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Mr. Mike Stewart, Deacon





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Go to www.give.aod.org and select "support my parish" then search for St. John the Baptist parish.



A NOTE FROM FATHER DAVID

Archbishop Vigneron recently published a pastoral note to the people of the archdiocese, reflecting on the continuing challenge and anxiety of the pandemic. He speaks for all of us in acknowledging that we all find ourselves in a place that in the spring we hoped would have been behind us by now. In addition to our personal suffering, we continue to feel the suffering of all those who have been affected by the pandemic. We feel the loss of those who have died. We know that our emotional and psychological health has been impacted.

The archbishop has asked us to reconsider the Catholic tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother Mary on the first Saturday of the month, by possibly attending mass and/or going to confession. Mass is offered at St. Mary Church on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. After mass, the presiding priest makes himself available for the sacrament of reconciliation until all are heard.

So, we are invited, by the witness of Pope Francis, to entrust

ourselves to the Lord through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the Stormy Sea. This can be done on any day, not just the First Saturday of the month.

Finally, the archbishop has asked us to consider daily praying the Memorare prayer to Mary for the intention of being guided safely through this pandemic to a new and better life of safety and deeper faith. This prayer is commonly attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, who lived one thousand years ago.

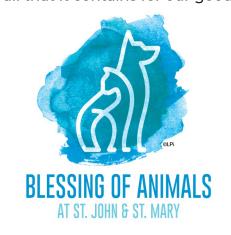
Remember, () most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known that
anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by
this confidence, I fly unto thee,
() Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I
stand, sinful and sorrowful.
() Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
But in thy mercy hear and answer me.

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Blessing of Pets

This coming Saturday, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi and his teaching on the dignity and value of all of creation, we will offer the blessing of pets. The blessing of pets will be at St. John the Baptist at the school entrance at 1:00 pm, and at St. Mary in the grassy area west of the church at 2:00 pm. Feel free to bring pets (properly secured and restrained), even if they have been blessed before. In blessing our pets, we are also asking God to bless us to be better stewards of creation and all that it contains for our good.



LAY LEANINGS... By Deacon Mike Stewart

I listened recently to a young wife pour out her frustrations over their attempt to buy their first house in a market that is somewhat akin to a shark tank. Time after time they find what seems to be the perfect house, in the perfect neighborhood, at the right price, only to find themselves coming up short in a bidding war. It's a reality many face in these very uncertain times. "I'm just so disappointed," she said exasperatingly, "It's just not what I expected at all."

It's easy to understand and sympathize with this woman's experience, because let's be honest, much of our lives are spent standing in that gap between our expectations and the actual outcome of things. As I've experienced more of life and as I've tasted both delight and disappointment, it's become increasingly obvious that perhaps the problem isn't so much with outcomes as it is with our expectations.

It seems as though it's perfectly acceptable to have expectations that lift us, stretch us and cause us to grow beyond our boundaries. At the same time, however, it's unreasonable to presume that every expectation I set for myself will happen just as I expect. We all live in the reality that life just isn't that predicta-

ble; and if somehow it were more predictable, I guess we'd rarely be surprised by anything.

Many world religions encourage us to detach ourselves from outcomes, particularly from those things that we have little or no control over. Instead, we're encouraged to keep moving forward, facing whatever emotions may come head on, whether disappointment, fear, frustration or any number of reactions that come from finding ourselves in that gap between our expectations and our outcomes. Honestly, I see disappointments as God's way of pointing us in a new direction, a direction we might otherwise not have even noticed.

I encouraged that young wife to imagine how much more special the experience of finally owning their own home will eventually be now that they've stood in the shadows of disappointment so many times. And I encouraged her not to lower her expectations, but rather to surrender the outcome to God – a God who already knows her future address.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Philippians 4:6



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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office or Fr. David with inquiries about the Sacraments at: 734-241-8910 or parishoffice@stiohnmonroe.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday, 4:00-5:00pm. Reconciliation room is in the room at the left side of the altar. In addition to regular confession times, arrangements can be made by calling the parish office.

Marriage

At least one individual must be a member of St. John Church, A minimum of six months previous notice is required before the wedding date. Please phone the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the parish office to make an arrangement and baptism dates at least one month in advance.

Rite of Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Anyone interested in inquiring about our faith, or anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian please contact the parish office. Meetings on Mondays, from 6:30-8:00pm.

Sacrament of Marriage

By arrangement with the pastor at least six months prior to planned wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament is available upon request for persons who are seriously ill, scheduled for a medical procedure, or with a chronic condition. A person can be anointed as often as their condition warrants.



St. John Prayer

Jim Adams Anita Askam Scott Assenmacher Thomas Barron Pamela Barron Dale Beauch Angelo Benvenuto Loretta Brossia Jack Burns Fr. David Carrucci Denise Darin-Clark Tom Clark Thomas Cousino Dan DePuydt Darlene Diekman Barb DuVall **David Graves**

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William O'Connell Pat Orr Dave Padot Zandra Perry Zayden Perry Mother Maria Pia Tony Pollzzie **Robert Rogers** Ruth Ruehs Lillian Sasfy Mary Slavik Daniel Sordini Maxwell Stotz Kay Thoma Oscar Vandevelde Angela Venier

St. John's Prayer List exists for the purpose of remembering in our prayers all our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

We are hopeful that many on the list have received help and healing through the prayers lifted up by our parishioners. If you are still in need of prayers and would like to remain on, or be added to the list, contact the parish office. Names on the list will remain for a duration of six weeks.

We can only publish the names of people who have consented to be added to the list, please check with the individual before contacting us to protect their privacy.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Brandon Anderson, USAF SPC Derek Barron, USA Cpl Michael J. Carrabino, Jr., USMC 2d Lt Alexander L. Compean, USAF Cpt Andrew J. Compean, USA CMCR Kyle Cook Cpt Jonathan A. Dieckman Chief MSgt Mark Fisher, USA PFC Andrew Herrick, USA SrA Stacy Krzyston, USAF SSgt Andrea L. Lake, USAF Cpl Mitchell Layhew, USMC

MSqt Christopher Lindsey, USAF PFC Anthony Marquette, USCG AB Dakota Mills, USAF Sqt Tyler Morrison, USMC EM1 Tad Murphy, USCG A1C Dalton J. Neff, USAF SSgt Natalie A. Neff, USAF TSgt Eric D. Paul, USAF PFC Donald Puruleski, USA AB Jeffrey Stead, USAF MSgt Nicole Stibbe, USAF Pvt Dawson Wohlgamuth

USA - Army | USAF - Air Force | USCG - Coast Guard USN - Navy | USMC - Marine Corps

Almighty and eternal God, protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

DAILY READINGS & OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 26

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

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

Wednesday, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps

138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51 Thursday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday, October 3

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

Psalm

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded,

and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

Gospel

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY IS AVAILABLE

Forget your envelope on the counter? Forget to stop at the ATM? Ran out of checks before Mass?

Make weekly contributions worry free with electronic funds transfer for offertory. Contributions are deducted from either a checking or savings account on the 15th of each month. Special collection envelopes can still be used in the basket on Sundays.

Please consider this easy option for making your offertory contribution to St. John Church. If interested, please fill out the form below with a voided check included. Place it in an envelope and put in the offertory basket, bring it to the parish office or put in the mail.

I authorize St. John the Baptist to initiate electronic debit entries to my:

Checking	Savings in the
amount of \$_	to be
withdrawn each month, beginning in	
the month of	
Financial Inst	itution:

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of US law. This authority will remain in effect until I have canceled in writing.

Printed Name: _	
Date:	
Signature:	

LIVE THE LITURGY: Inspiration for the Week

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday

8:15am | St. Michael Church 8:30am | St. Charles Church

Tuesday

8:15am | St. John Church 9:00am | St. Anne Church 6:00pm | St. Mary Church

Wednesday

8:15am | St. Mary Church 8:30am | St. Charles Church

Thursday

8:15am | St. John Church 12:15pm | St. Mary Church

Friday

8:15am | St. Michael Church 9:00am | St. Anne Church (except 1st Friday)

First Friday

8:30am | St. Charles Church

First Saturday

8:00am | St. Charles Church 8:30am | St. Mary Church

Saturday

4:30pm | St. Mary Church 4:30pm | St. Anne Church 5:00pm | St. Michael Church 5:30pm | St. John Church

Sunday

7:30am | St. Mary Church
8:00am | St. Charles Church
8:30am | St. Michael Church
9:00am | St. John Church
10:00am | St. Mary Church
10:30am | St. Michael Church
11:30am | St. John Church
Noon | St. Charles Church
2:00pm | St. Charles Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25

5:30pm | Fr. Zaid Chabaan

† Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Ken Gill Family

† Dick DuVall (29th ann) by Family

† Valerie Ann Kiley by Ron & Bette Keilman

† Julian LaRoy (50th wedding ann) by Wife

† Charles Pollzzie by Terry & Karen McLauglin

Sunday, September 26

9:00am | Fr. Alan Zobler

† Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Anna Mae Wehner

† Julian LaRoy (50th wedding ann) by Wife

† Cynthia Parran by Joseph Bellino, Sr.

† Raymond Reau by Keith & Rose Mary Askam

11:30am | Fr. Alan Zobler

† John & Donna Clark by Family† Alexis Hasley (1st ann) by Family† Aurelio Taormina by Bonnie Bellino

Tuesday, September 28

8:15am People of St. John Parish

Thursday, September 30

8:15am + For the Poor Souls in Purgatory by Moore Family

Saturday, October 2

5:30pm | Fr.

† Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Evelyn Maniaci In Thanksgiving (50th ann) by Ken & Nancy Duffey

† Valerie Ann Kiley by Joyce Kiley

† Noreen Myers by Terry & Karen McLaughlin

Sunday, October 3

9:00am | Fr.

† Joseph A. Costello, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. L. Perna

† Julius & Muriel LaRoy by LaRoy Family

† Cynthia Parran by Glenn Reau

† Stephen Sasfy by Lillian Sasfy

11:30am | Fr.

† Aurelio Taormina by Bonnie Bellino

† Ron Thomas by Thomas & Bass Family





Christ caring for people through people Stephen Ministry Parishes equip and empower lay caregivers-called Stephen Minis-STEPHEN ters, to provide high quality, confidential, Christ centered care to people who are MINISTRY hurting. Stephen Ministers are parish mem-

bers trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high quality, one to one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once per week for about one hour. Twice a month, Stephen Ministers gather with their Stephen Leaders for supervision and continuing education.

- · Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.
- Parishes receive a practical and powerful way to respond to Christ's commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV)
- Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers, have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to people that are hurting.
- · Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.
- Parish members who are hurting have a compassionate companion-a caring Christian friend who provides emotional and spiritual support.

Below please find the personal testimony of St. Mary Parish Member Greg Applin;

Stephen Ministry has been a wonderful experience for me. I feel, I have been blessed my whole life and it was time for me to help others during their time of need. Stephen Ministry has helped grow my faith and has helped me handle difficult situations thrown at me both in my personal and professional life

Greg Applin St. Mary Parish Stephen Minister



We are looking for the help of our parishioners to assist with live steaming with our new camera system. This would require a minimal training session and then you will be part of a team that will be on a rotating schedule. You would need to be present for the scheduled live stream Mass and show up before Mass at least 15 minutes early to get the software and camera ready. Please contact Deacon Mike for more questions and to sign up, dcnmike@stmarymonroe.org.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST MONTHLY MEMORIAL

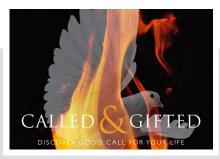
Ackerman & Ruman Families Bacarella & Venier Families **Beck & Wehner Families** Robert & Joan Brennan Fred R. Brossia Family John & Patricia Burroughs Christy Bates Carducci Christy & Mary Carducci Family Joseph J. Carrabino Teresa (Carrabino) Hansen Dominic Cicero, Jr. Chester & Mildred Clark Ann Clark Theodore Colucci Family Saverio & Mary Costello Family Mary Jane Darrow Rev. Albert Robert "Bob" DeSloover Robert A. Dobberstein Pat & Vera Drummonds Family

DuVall, Morrin & Cousino Families **Tom Gerweck** Marion Hatcher Rosemarie Hess-Schindler Anna Hess Lowell B. & Helen R. Hudson **Hudson & Gessner Families** Lauer & Bicking Families **Gus & Helen Janssens Family** Jonathon M. Keck Thomas K. & Marie C. Keegan Julian & David LaRoy Jennifer (Martin) Layhew Jerry E. Loughridge Diane Mack Dorian Mantei William McIntyre Barbara Metz

Robert J. Duffey Family

Kenneth & Wilma Dusseau Family

Armand & Lena Michelin Family Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Miller & Family Connie S. Niemi Vincent J. Palazzolo Pancone & Donofrio Family Sebastian & Vincenzina Patania Pollzzie & Bacarella Family Edward J. Roecker John A. Scheich Joseph Scheich Sordini Family Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Steffes & Family Strauss & Grodi Families **Gregory Neil Thoma** Jeffery William Thoma Joseph & Evelyn Thoma **Ron Thomas** William & Madeline Trawinski Harold & Arlene Weaver **Gerald Windels**



Sign up now through the parish office... CALLED & GIFTED

Live (in-person) Workshop

Coming to Our
Monroe Family of Parishes
Saturday, October 16, 2021
9:00am – 3:00pm
The Knights of Columbus Hall
(Council #1266)
202 West Front Street

Have you ever thought about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received at Baptism and that were strengthened in you at

Confirmation?

Have you ever wondered where God is leading you in this life? If so, please join us at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Monroe on Saturday, October 16th for a live, in-person Called and Gifted Workshop.

Our new Spiritual Gifts Support
Team will take great time and care
with you after the workshop to help
you discover and develop the gifts
God has given you as you look together in wonder at all the goodness He places before you.

Contact your Parish Office to signup. A \$20 materials fee applies to this workshop. Scholarships are available.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED TO COME!



ST. ANNE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Journey Through Grief

The "Journey Through Grief" Prayer and Support Group Meetings have resumed. Join us the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at St. Anne. If you have lost a loved one, please come join us for prayer, support, refreshments and sharing.

COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Please join in praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary on Thursday mornings beginning at 11:40am followed by Mass at 12:15pm in St. Mary Church.



Our prayer intention is for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin to work as a Family of Parishes. We pray also for Fr. David, the moderator as well as Fr. Giancarlo, Fr. Kishore and Fr. Henri and the parish staffs who serve in the Monroe Family of Parishes (St. Anne, St. Charles, St, John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Michael parishes).

FOOD PANTRY

We need our Parish Faith Community to help us. We will be collecting the following items in the coming months. We also gladly accept monetary donations made out to: St. John Food Pantry.

October: Jello Snack Packs / Pudding Snack Packs Individual Apple Sauce Packs

We accept non-perishable food at any time. Please be sure items are not out of date. There are baskets for drop-off in the church vestibule or bring to the parish office. Thank you for your support!

For further information about Christian Service or Food Pantry, contact Lillian Williamson at lillianson@att.net or 734-770-7046.

LET'S PLAY EUCHRE!

Come and join us for an afternoon of Euchre on, Thursday, October 21 at 1:00pm in the St. Mary Parish Life Center.

We will change tables tournament style for each new game. \$3.00 entry for prize money fund, optional.

Our plan is to play on each third Thursday of the month. All are welcome! No partner required!



Need Greeters for Saturday and Sunday Masses for September & October. Greeters need to arrive 45 minutes prior to Mass. You do not have to clean after the masses. Please contact Lillian Williamson to be on the Greeters schedule at 734-770-7046 or lillianwilliamson@att.net.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES FREQUENTLY ASKED

QUESTIONS

What are "Mission Direct" ministries and how will they be structured?

Mission Direct ministries primarily work directly with the faithful in achieving the mission, and are

designed to firmly root parish pastoral ministry in Synod 16 and the Unleash the Gospel pastoral letter. To accomplish this goal, we have identified five ministry areas that reflect a vibrant and evangelizing parish. These are:

Discipleship Formation, overseeing all aspects of disciple formation in the Family, with emphasis on encounter, grow, and witness. The Director of Discipleship Formation identifies, recruits, and forms catechists; assists the school faculty in the preparation of creative, spiritfilled liturgies and sacramental experiences; and other related tasks.

Engagement, assisting parishioners by equipping them for the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Director of Engagement supervises those working in ministry placement, evangelization, communications, RCIA, hospitality, and ecumenical ministries.

Evangelical Charity, ensuring a full response to Catholic social teaching through charity in areas of human need, both within the parish and beyond. The **Director of Evangelical Charity** supervises those working in human services; community outreach; visitation of the sick and homebound; Stephen Ministry; and funeral luncheon ministries.

Family Ministries, assisting families living as domestic churches in their homes. The Director of Family Ministry supervises those working with infant baptism; marriage preparation, and family support group ministries.

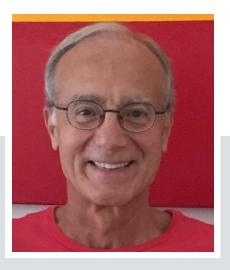
Worship, facilitating the worship life of the community by coordinating and providing quality prayer and liturgical experiences. The Director of Worship supervises those working in liturgy; parish music; prayer groups; and wake service ministries.



EVERY SATURDAY 6:30-8AM



WHERE REGULAR JOES BECOME **BASKETBALL BROS IN CHRIST**



CHARLES POLLZZIE November 11, 1947 September 1, 2021

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles who entered into eternal life. Please keep his family in your prayers.

May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



LINDA BILLOCK January 13, 1947 September 14, 2021

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda who entered into eternal life. Please keep her family in your prayers.

May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Kids Corner READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



If a girl is doing good things and helps you to do good things for God, she is a good friend. If a boy reminds you of how much God loves you, he is a good friend. If a child really is being helpful, don't push him or her away because he or she is not part of your family or church. God is very happy when you accept others even when they are not like you.

PRAYER

Lord, help me understand that everyone is part of your family.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will invite a friend to come to church with me and my family.