

October 15 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle” (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palate, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience. (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

October 15 – James and Ruby Freeman
October 22 – Walter and Annabelle Busch
October 29 – Harriet and Allen Kunz

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 14 – Harold Huff
Sunday, October 15 – Dot Stier
Tuesday, October 17 – Mary Gilland
Saturday, October 21 – Don and Mary Gilland
Sunday, October 22 – Craig Simon
Tuesday, October 24 – Carl Veerkamp

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – October 21 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Morgan Busch
Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Joe and Janet Wagner
EM: Judy Steuri (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)
Janet Wagner, Beth Simon

Sunday – October 22 at 10:00 AM

Server: Mason Ryder
Lectors: Julie Stephens, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: Matt and Leslie Hicks
EM: Susan Schutte (*Bread*), Kevin Tunny (*Hall*)
Katie Spreckelson, Scott Simon

Saturday – October 28 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Ella Wagner
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer
EM: Judy Steuri (*Bread*), Terry Harmeyer (*Hall*)
Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – October 29 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Arlene Gehl
Gifts: Spencer and Laura Gilland
EM: Vicki Wagner (*Bread*), Dana Newhart (*Hall*)
Leslie Hicks, Amanda Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2795.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 30.00
Loose Collection	\$ 308.00
Total Regular Collection	\$3133.00
Capital Improvement	\$200.00
Pickpockets	\$366.30
Rummage Sale	\$5874.28

MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU!

PARISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS:

- ❖ **Baptism:** Please call the parish office about Sacramental preparation and to schedule Baptism celebration.
- ❖ **Marriage:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date of your wedding.
- ❖ **Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the Masses or by appointment.
- ❖ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

RUMMAGE SALE – "A huge thank you to all who helped with the fall rummage sale, especially those who worked tirelessly during the week setting up. Also want to thank everyone who donated items, making this our most successful sale to date. God's blessings, Roberta"

\$5,874.28 was the amount brought in from the ladies' rummage sale. Great work!

THANK YOU – Thank you to everyone for making the Pumpkin Show parade float for the 175th Anniversary of St. Maurice Church a great success.

PICKPOCKETS – Thank you to the pickpockets last weekend, Ava and Layne Wagner and Sam Schoettmer, and Maria, Addi, and Neil Harlemert. They collected a total of \$366.30.

MEETING – Finance Committee members will meet on Tuesday, October 24, at 6:45 PM.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Get Ready to Set Your "**Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move**" for World Mission Sunday!

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to kindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, October 18, 6:45 PM.

JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, October 22, 8:30 AM.

TURKEY BINGO AND RAFFLE – St. Peter's Catholic Church, Franklin County, Community Building, 1207 East Road, on Sunday, November 5, at 6:00 PM. Refreshments provided – sandwiches and homemade pies. All proceeds are given to charity. Come and spend an enjoyable evening!

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

October 21 – Eric Busch, Ken Hellmich
October 28 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

October 22 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
October 29 – George Bultman, Kevin Tunny

FALL SMORGASBORD – Our smorgasbord is fast approaching, Saturday, November 11. We will be in need of homegrown corn, sweet potatoes, and hamburger from Napoleon Locker. If you can donate any of these items, please see or call Judy (812-614-5839) or Susan (812-498-4449). More information will follow at a later date.

175TH CELEBRATION – We would love for you to attend our 175th anniversary celebration on December 3! Please RSVP by November 1 by calling or texting Mary Bultman at 812-525-6408 or Tara Johannigman at 812-560-1891.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Batesville Knights of Columbus will be having an initiation on October 23 at the clubroom at 624 Delaware Rd. We ask that you be at the clubroom at 6:00 PM. Bring \$45.00 for dues and initiation fees. Initiation will start at 6:30 PM. If you have questions, contact Scot Harmeyer at council1461@indianakofc.org or at 812-933-9046.

UCA – SHEPHERDING – Our archdiocesan ministries and programs allow us to walk alongside those who are on their faith journey, as well as those who are lost and in need of God's healing. Your gifts to the United Catholic Appeal allows us to:

- *Form and walk beside young adults seeking the faith*
- *Celebrate and affirm cultural diversity in our Church*
- *Walk with those hurting or in crisis*
- *Uphold the sacredness of marriage and support and strengthen families*
- *Welcome and include persons with disabilities*
- *Promote the dignity of life*

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "You drop something when you're younger, you just pick it up. You drop something when you're older, you stare at it." (Rev. Barbara Bartholomew, Grace Lutheran Church, Wadsworth, OH)

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>NO Coffee & Donuts</p>	<p>Hall in Use - Setting Up for Rummage Sale</p>	<p>Hall in Use - Setting Up for Rummage Sale</p> <p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Hall in Use - Setting Up for Rummage Sale</p> <p>Feast of St. Francis Pet Blessing 6:30 PM</p> <p>Elementary RE Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Hall in Use - Setting Up for Rummage Sale</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Pickpocketers</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>NO Jr. High/High School RE Classes</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p> <p>Pickpocketers</p>	<p>COLUMBUS DAY</p>	<p>NO Holy Hour or Mass</p>	<p>FEAST OF POPE JOHN XXIII</p> <p>NO Elementary RE Classes - Fall Break</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p> <p>Youth Outing to Rascal's Fun Zone</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 6:45 PM</p>	<p>FEAST OF ST. LUKE</p> <p>Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</p> <p>Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p> <p>Finance Meeting 6:45 PM</p>	<p>Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>FEAST OF STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES</p> <p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<p>Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p> <p>NO Coffee & Donuts</p>	<p>Last Date to Make Reservations for December 3rd 175th Anniversary Luncheon</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p> <p>EVE OF ALL SAINTS</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p>	<p>ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>Mass at St. John 5:30 PM</p> <p>Mass at St. Maurice 7:00 PM</p> <p>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</p>	<p>ALL SOULS DAY</p>	<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</p> <p>For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.</p>	