

# October 8 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## CARING FOR GOD'S VINEYARD

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard? (Sr. Dianne Bergant)

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## 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.

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Monday:** Rosary at 10:30 AM

**Thursday:** Holy Hour at 5:00 PM; Mass following at 6:00 PM

**Sunday Obligation:** 9:00 AM

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:** Holy Hour at 7:00 AM;  
Mass following at 8:00 AM

**Friday:** Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Saturday Obligation:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday Obligation:** 7:30 AM

**Confession:** Friday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM / Saturday: 4:45 PM

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

October 8 – Carl and Patricia Mistler  
October 15 – James and Ruby Freeman  
October 22 – Walter and Annabelle Busch

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7 – Lynn Herbert  
Sunday, October 8 – Caleb Kramer  
Saturday, October 14 – Harold Huff  
Sunday, October 15 – Dot Stier  
Tuesday, October 17 – Mary Gilland

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – October 14 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ava Wagner

*Lector:* Judy Steuri

*Gifts:* Brian and Karen Horan

*EM:* Beth Simon (*Bread*), Judy Steuri (*Hall*)

Terry Harmeyer, Rita Kress

### Sunday – October 15 at 10:00 AM

*Server:* Macy Kinker

*Lectors:* David Hardesty, Cindy Weisenbach

*Gifts:* Chris and Valorie Parker

*EM:* Kevin Tunny (*Bread*), Leslie Hicks (*Hall*)

Vicki Wagner, Amanda Schutte

### 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

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3930.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.25
Loose Collection	\$ 254.00
Total Regular Collection	\$4196.25
Capital Improvement	\$220.00
Religious Education	\$20.00

## **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*Creator God, quiet our minds and open our hearts that we may become the holy person you created us to be. ~ The Redemptorists*

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST** – Congratulations to **Claire Elizabeth Wagner**, the daughter of Ethan and Ashley Wagner, who was baptized on Saturday, September 30. May she walk closely with the Lord on her faith journey.

**NO HOLY HOUR/MASS** – Father Binu will be at a retreat this week, October 9–12. There will be no Holy Hour or Mass on October 10 at St. Maurice, and there will be no Holy Hour or Mass at Immaculate Conception in Millhousen or St. John the Baptist in Osgood on any of those days.

**CARD SHOWER** – Card Shower for Dolores Simon's 90th birthday on October 26. Please send cards to: St. Andrews Health Campus  
Attn: Dolores Simon  
1400 Lammers Pike  
Batesville, IN 47006

**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** – Our 175th anniversary celebration is on Sunday, December 3. Please pick up invitation from table in the back of church if you have not already, and RSVP by November 1st by calling or texting Mary Bultman at 812-525-6408 or Tara Johannigman at 812-560-1891.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – NO classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, October 11. Enjoy your Fall Break!

**JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, October 15, at 8:30 AM.

**HEALING SERVICE** – Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, October 17, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman, IN. Confessions 6:30 to 8:30 PM; praise & worship music at 6:45 PM; and the service at 7:00 PM. Come, receive prayer!

**4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

October 14 – Paul Simon, Ken Harmeyer  
October 21 – Eric Busch, Ken Hellmich  
October 28 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner

**10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

October 15 – Paul and Arlene Gehl  
October 22 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide  
October 29 – George Bultman, Kevin Tunny

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – TEACHING** -

The United Catholic Appeal directly impacts each parish – supporting our current priests, training our future priests and deacons, and teaching children and adults to know, love, and serve Jesus. Your gifts to the United Catholic Appeal provide:

- Education, tuition assistance, and care for seminarians
- Formation for our deacons
- Ongoing support and formation for our priests
- Training for lay ministers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist
- Formation and support resources for Catholic school leaders and teachers, catechetical leaders, and catechists
- Care for priests who have retired from active ministry

**ST. NICHOLAS PARISH MISSION** – All are

welcome to St. Nicholas's Parish Mission on November 5–7. Fr. Sean Danda, Pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, IN, will present on "Divine Encounter: The Power of God's Love." Talks will be held in St. Nicholas Church from 6:30 to 8:15 PM each evening, which includes Eucharistic Adoration and reflection time. Confessions available each night from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. On the last night following the talk, a reception will be held in the Prayer Center.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – One day it seems

our blessed Lord was walking through the courts of heaven and saw some souls who apparently got into heaven very easily.

He went to Peter and said, "Peter, I have given you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. How did these souls gain entry into My Kingdom?"

Peter said, "Don't blame me, Lord, every time I close a door your Mother opens a window!" (*Fulton Sheen*)

# 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Donuts</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 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 &amp; Donuts</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><b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</b></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>	