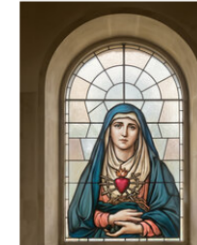


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September 13, 2026 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Month of Our Lady
of Sorrows

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Mass Schedule September 2026

Monday: 8am @
St Joachim

Tuesday: 8:15am @
St. James

Wednesday: 8:15am @
St. Joachim

Thursday: 8am @
St. James

Friday: 8am @
St. Joachim

Saturday 4pm
(1st & 3rd weekend @
St. James; 2nd & 4th
weekend @
St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8am @
St. Joachim
10am @ St. James

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept 14:
@ St. Joachim: Jeff
Kamper

Tuesday, Sept 15:
Betty Matthews

Wednesday, Sept 16: @
St. Joachim: Tom Lodder

Thursday, Sept 17:
Dan Declue

Friday, Sept 18:
@ St. Joachim: Margaret
Massie

Saturday Sept 19:
4pm: Lisa Gillam

Sunday Sept 20:
8am: @ St. Joachim: Trevor
Wild Jr
10am: Ruthie Walther

Mass Intentions are \$10.
Please call the office or
drop by to schedule them.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm
Prior to Saturday
evening Mass or by
appointment



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September 20 : Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:
Saturday 4pm: Laura Allen
Sunday 10am: Danny Mueller

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
C:Vikkie Neier Jamie Warden
L: Judy East Marvin Wright
R: Paul Villmer Kim Coleman

Servers
Saturday 4pm: Madison Battreal
Sunday 10am: Joshua & Penelope Kearns

Music:
Sat: 4:00pm. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00am Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00am Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Daily Mass Lectors
Tuesday September 15: Joyce Politte
Thursday September 17: Rhonda Politte
Tuesday September 22: Catherine Dickey
Thursday September 24: Judy Wright
Tuesday September 29: Mary Campbell
Thursday October 1: Vicki Thurmond

**If you cannot be available for your scheduled day, please notify the parish office. Thank you!

Heavenly Dusters
Kathy Pashia 9/18
Jeanne DeGonia 9/25
Diane Mull 10/2
Bobbie Heifner 10/9

Altar Linens
Diane McGirl 9/14
Glenda Whitten 9/21
Kathy Pashia 9/28
Bobbie Heifner 10/5

Money Counters
Pat & Tina 9/15
Mary Ann & Donna 9/22
Becky & Rhonda 9/29
Jeanne & Rhonda 10/6

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Envelopes:	6870.00
Loose:	484.00
Online Giving:	510.00
Maintenance:	435.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	317.00
Votives:	25.35
Catholic University	170.00

Total Giving: \$8821.35

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September 13, 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” – ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the life that He intended for you.

THE COUNCIL’S CORNER

**Our next meeting is November 10 @ 5:30pm.

*We are in need of Lectors, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to serve in these ministries, please let the parish office know. This is open to St. Joachim parishioners as well. We ask that you be added to the schedule. We have scheduled ministers each week. If you are not scheduled, we ask that you allow the scheduled ministers time to reach the altar before coming forward. Thank you for your time and dedication to these ministries.

*We are also in need of sacristans to help set up the altar for Mass and open up church for Mass when needed. Please call the office if you would like to help.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR ISSUES, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our next Pantry Distribution day will be September 19th. We thank all our volunteers who help with the distribution and we especially thank all our generous donors who help support the pantry with your money and donations. We couldn't serve the needy in our community without your generosity and dedication to our mission.

St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,
Boxed Cereal, powdered milk, breakfast items

September 13, 2026

Your Faith Can Change a Life

What does it mean to live out your Catholic faith beyond Sunday Mass? For Vincentians, it means meeting Christ in our neighbors who are struggling with hunger, loneliness, housing instability, and financial hardship.

This year alone, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers have conducted more than 58,000 home visits and provided over \$10 million in direct financial assistance to families in crisis. Behind every number is a child who slept safely, a senior who kept the lights on, or a family that avoided eviction.

The need continues to grow. If you have ever felt called to do more, now is the time. Consider becoming a Vincentian member right here in our parish and serve your neighbors in the spirit of Matthew 25. Contact our parish conference at 573-436-0859 to learn how you can make a difference.

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Interested in Becoming Catholic or Learning more about the Catholic Faith? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sept 17 @ 6:30pm in the Incarnate Word Center:
Session Topic: The Bible & Divine Revelation

If interested in becoming Catholic, are missing any of the Initiation Sacraments (First Communion, Penance, Confirmation) or in learning more about the Catholic Faith, call St. Joachim or St. James rectories or Vicki Thurmond (573-854-1257). If scheduling is an issue, please don't hesitate to reach out as we can try to make arrangements to help accommodate your schedule.

Ladies Sodality

Our pantry/hall cleanup was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped! It was much needed and greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting is Sept 1.

Parish School of Religion(PSR)

PSR Teachers have already started working on activities and curriculum for this school year. Open house for parents and students is scheduled for September 9th at 6:00pm. There will be paperwork to fill out for the parents and a brief meeting about what we are working on for this year. For the kiddos, they will report to their new classrooms and meet their teachers for the year. We are looking forward to another great year!

Dr. Melissa Cordia

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows, a time when the Church invites us to reflect on Mary’s deep compassion and steadfast faith. Throughout her life, Mary endured profound suffering—from Simeon’s prophecy to standing at the foot of the Cross—yet she remained completely united to God’s will. Her sorrows were not signs of defeat but moments where love proved stronger than pain. The Church honors her Seven Sorrows to help us see that Mary walks with us in our own trials. She understands grief, fear, and uncertainty, and she brings our suffering to her Son with a mother’s tenderness. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows encourages us to trust that God is present even in hardship and that no tear is unnoticed by Heaven. May Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, comfort all who carry heavy burdens and lead us closer to the healing heart of Christ.

**Pope Leo XIV
General Audience
September 9, 2026**

Dear brothers and sisters, in our series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council, we continue our reflection on *Gaudium et Spes*, focusing on the dignity of the human person. Human dignity flows from our identity as children made in the image and likeness of God. We are endowed with the gifts of intelligence, for seeking truth; conscience, for recognizing our ultimate calling; and freedom, for choosing the good. Only through Christ do we understand that our personhood implies relationship and the call to give ourselves as a gift to God and others. May we therefore help each other to guard and defend our God-given dignity and journey together toward our heavenly homeland.

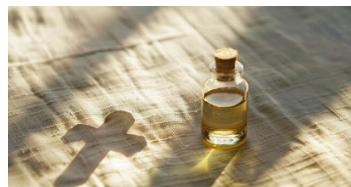
Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the Church’s great sacraments of healing. It is not only for those near death—it is offered to anyone facing serious illness, major surgery, chronic suffering, or the frailty of old age. In this sacrament, the priest lays hands on the person and anoints them with the Oil of the Sick, praying that Christ will bring **strength, peace, and spiritual healing.**

The Catechism teaches that through this sacrament, “the Holy Spirit’s gifts of strengthening, peace, and courage” are given to the sick (CCC 1520). It unites the person to Christ’s own suffering, forgives sins when needed, and prepares the soul to trust more deeply in God’s mercy. Physical healing may occur, but the sacrament always brings grace to endure with hope.

Anointing reminds us that no one suffers alone. Christ is close to the brokenhearted, and through this sacrament He offers comfort and the assurance of His loving presence.

If you or someone you love is ill, consider requesting the Anointing of the Sick—Christ desires to meet us with compassion in our moments of need.



The Ride For Life!

SXS RIDE & BENEFIT

Supporting Caring Hearts Family Resource Center

Join us for a fun-filled day supporting a vital community resource serving families in Washington County!

Event Details and Activities

17 Date: October 17, 2026

Location: The Red Barn,
130 Webster Rd, Caledonia, MO.

Registration Opens at 8:30 AM

Cost: \$20 per vehicle

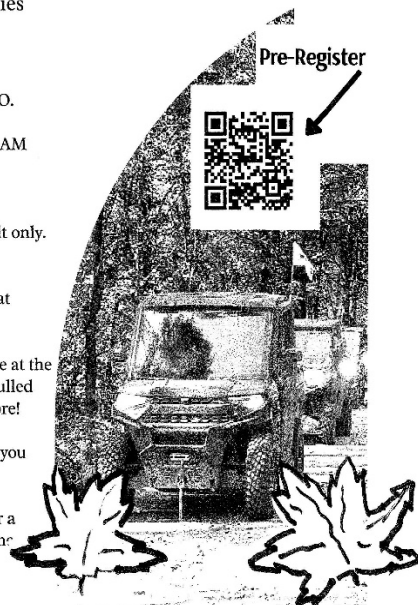
Ride route is gravel and asphalt only.
Trucks and Jeeps welcome!

Ride departs the Red Barn at
930am

Enjoy delicious food for sale at the
Red Barn: Biscuits & Gravy, Pulled
Pork, Chili, Hot Dogs, and More!

Play games for prizes while you
ride!

Donate to Caring Hearts for a
chance to win raffle prizes at the
end of the day!



Caring Hearts Fundraiser

Caring Hearts Family Resource Center is raffling off a rifle between now and Oct. 17th when the drawing will take place at the **RIDE FOR LIFE** at the Red Barn in Caledonia. Please support the pro-life cause!!! Your support is appreciated!



Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me. Amen.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

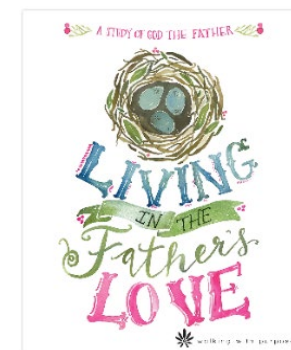
Reflection on Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness is the daily work of a disciple. In Matthew 18:21–35, Peter wants to know the limits—how many times must he forgive? Jesus answers with “seventy times seven,” teaching that mercy cannot be measured or rationed. We forgive because **God has already forgiven us beyond measure**, wiping away a debt we could never repay.

The parable shows the danger of receiving mercy without letting it transform us. The first servant is freed from an impossible burden, yet he refuses to extend even a small kindness to another. His heart remains unchanged, and that lack of mercy becomes its own kind of imprisonment.

Jesus invites us to look honestly at our own hearts. Are there places where resentment still clings? Are there wounds we revisit again and again? Forgiveness doesn’t deny the hurt or pretend it didn’t matter. It simply chooses not to let bitterness shape our future. It opens space for healing, peace, and freedom. Every time we pray the *Our Father*, we ask God to “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” That prayer becomes a gentle but challenging reminder: the mercy we receive is meant to flow outward.

Living in the Father’s Love
Fall Women’s Bible Study
Our fall bible study for women will begin **Wednesday (St. Joachim) on September 23rd** and will be weekly (except for one week) & **Friday mornings (St. James) starting on September 18th.** The Friday study at St. James will be every two weeks.



It is called **Living in the Father’s Love.**

Schedule for St. Joachim:

Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct 7
Oct 21 (meet in church);
Oct 28
Nov 4

Schedule for St. James:

Sept 18
Oct 9
Oct 23
Nov 6
Nov 20
Dec 4



Parish Calendar

Sept 14: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

Sept 17: OCIA (at St. Joachim) 6:30pm

Sept 18: Finance Meeting 9:30am (at St. Joachim)

Sept 19: Food Pantry Distribution Day 7am-9am

Sept 20: Emmaus Youth Group Meeting at
St. Joachim in the Incarnate Word Center
6pm: ALL STUDENTS 6TH-12TH
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Sept 21: Rural Clinic here

Sept 26: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am



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September 2026

**For Those Who Serve
the Poor and Forgotten**

We pray in thanksgiving for all who serve the poor, the sick, and the vulnerable in our communities, clergy, religious, and laypeople alike. Through the example and intercession of St. Vincent de Paul, may we be moved to compassionate action and build structures of mercy that reflect Christ’s love for the least among us.

Dear Padre

September 13, 2026

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Likewise, at Mass, we're so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ's love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one's breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn't a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (GIRM 46). ●

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Monday
September 14
*The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday
September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14,
27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday
September 16
*Sts. Cornelius,
Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs*
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday
September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday
September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday
September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37,
42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday
September 20
*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a

Good News!

September 13, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sirach 27:30—28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew
18:21–35

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●

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Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

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