MASSES FOR OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1

Monday, 26	8:30 am (SF)	**No Mass** Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday, 27	8:30 am (SJ)	**Stella Westlake** ***(Irma Straka)*** Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday, 28	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People** - *Feast of Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles* Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday, 29	8:30 am (SJ)	**Betty Miller** ***(Lee & Janice McCarthy)*** Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday, 30	8:30 am (SF)	**Phillip & Betty Lamantia** ***(Jim Lamantia)*** Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday, 31	5:00 pm (SF)	**Cecilia Horkulic** ***(CWC of Toronto)***
Sunday, 1	9:00 am (SJ)	**Jenny Dickinson** ***(Rick & Marian Barker)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**Tom Grimes** ***(Tim & Agie Rock)*** Rv 7:2-4,, 9-14; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY: Nut Rolls - 9:00am (SFH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ**)**
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
SUNDAY: Donuts and Coffee after morning Masses

As of 10/20/2026: Trinity West: **Sally Wenner; Dave Kireta;** Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.***



On behalf of all the parishioners of St. Francis Parish, I would like to offer our prayers and best wishes to **Irma Straka** who celebrated her **100th birthday** on October 21, 2026. May you continue to enjoy the gift of many years that God has blessed you with. ***~ Fr. Vennitti***

CWC News



Coffee and Donuts: The Catholic Women's Club invite all our parishioners to join us for coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning liturgies next Sunday.



Volunteers Needed: The C.W.C is asking for volunteers (both male and female) to help deep clean our churches before the Advent/Christmas seasons. This will include the pews and floors under the pews and anything else that needs to be cleaned. We will provide the cleaners and the items to clean the floors. We ask if you could bring your own rag and bucket. We will clean St. Joseph Church on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6pm** and St. Francis Church on **Wednesday, Nov. 11, also at 6pm**. If you are able and willing, please sign up at the church entrances for either day or , if possible, both days. Thank you in advance for helping out with this project.



The Harrison County Catholic Women will have a Used Christmas Decoration Sale at ***Sacred Heart Church*** in Hopedale on Friday, Nov. 6th, Saturday, Nov. 7th , Friday Nov. 13th and Saturday Nov. 14th. They will be open from 9:00am to 6:00pm all 4 days in the church basement. From personal experience, I can assure that you will find many fine Christmas decorations at very reasonable prices. Stop and look around; you may be surprised at what you find!

CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $1,955.00; Loose: $225.00; Candles: $57.00; Mission Sunday: $177.00 St. Joseph: Adult: $1,410.00; Loose: $45.00; Candles: $42.00; Mission Sunday: $45.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for October 18th**: **5:00pm**: 69; **9:00am:** 74; **11:00am:** 84.*

MASSES: None

MEMORIALS: None

MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 1

Altar Servers:

5pm: Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Carmen, Lincoln, Royce Abdalla; **11am:** Aidan Myslinsky, Ethan McClain

Lectors:

5pm: Jim Orsini; **9am:** Kim Dougherty; **11am:** Judy Koehnlein

GROW AND GO
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Sounds simple, right? Not so much. Jesus' words in today's Gospel can't help but take us back to that age-old question: "And just who is my neighbor?" According to the Lord's words in the reading from Exodus, our neighbors are the alien, the widow, and the orphan. Documents from the USCCB such as "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity" and its writings on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person clearly reflect the position of the U.S. Bishops that it is essential for public policy to respect the dignity of all. While challenging at times, our faith doesn't offer guidance only for interior, spiritual realities. Indeed, our Church proclaims that we must let the demands of the Gospel shape the whole of our society. We are – to use St. John Paul II's phrase – to work to build a "culture of life," a "civilization of love." In the end, Catholic Social Teaching is nothing but the Church's effort to live Christ's call to love our neighbor as ourselves in the wider human community.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In response to the scholar of the law's question about which commandment is the greatest, Jesus responds by saying that it is to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Heart, soul, and mind are words that describe the innermost self. The Lord – it is clear – wants to be loved fully, by all that we have and are. He wants to be loved as the only Lord in our lives; there can be no other. St. Paul praises the Thessalonians for turning "to God from idols to serve the living and true God." In other words, they underwent a change of heart, where they turned away from loving things that were not God to loving and serving the only true God. This change of heart has enabled them to become witnesses to others of Christ's love. In our own lives, we must also undergo conversion if we wish to bear authentic witness to the Lord and to our faith. What are the idols we need to let go of to surrender our hearts, souls, and minds more fully to the Lord?

STUDY

As Catholics, we all have a responsibility to form our consciences and deepen our knowledge of the Church's teaching surrounding critical issues facing our world today. Spend some time this week familiarizing yourself with the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, which are "a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amid the challenges of modern society." (USCCB

WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN QUOTES

*"The witness of our Blessed Mother (in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,) invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. . . . Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to **make haste** to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."*

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need