

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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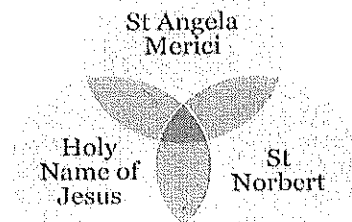
Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 – 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



See, I am doing "Something New." Now it is springing forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19)



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HOLY NAME of JESUS PARISH

We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

PLEASE GIVE YOUR HEALTH ON-GOING ATTENTION

We encourage our members to always value their good health, caring for themselves and the health of our community. We are grateful, always hopeful, and ever cautious about the worship and activities of our parish.

Continue to consult the **Parish Bulletin** for more specific real-time information as well as **current information** announced by St. Louis County and posted at the doors of church and parish buildings.

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CELEBRATING MASS & SACRAMENTS

Liturgy of the Eucharist

(Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST)

Sunday 9:30 am

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Civil Holidays See Mass Intentions in Bulletin for Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Mike at Home / Church

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Mike at Home / Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9:00am – 10:00pm

Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

Parish Rosary

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP * PARTNERSHIP * STEWARDSHIP

EVANGELIZATION * SOCIAL CONCERN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Laudetur Jesus Christus, In Saecula Saeculorum! Today, on the **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we are reminded of the importance of taking responsibility for our own conduct and being judged accordingly. In other words, it's about the freedom we have to choose between saying 'Yes' or 'No' to God. However, with this freedom comes great responsibility for our actions. At times, we may misuse our freedom, but God's goodness always calls us to repentance. In the Christian community, self-seeking and rivalry have no place, and we are called to imitate the humility of Christ. In the first reading from **Ezekiel (18:25-28)**, we are reminded that each of us is accountable for our own conduct and will be judged accordingly. **This emphasizes the importance of taking responsibility for our actions and striving to live in accordance with God's will.**

The second reading from **Philippians (2:1-5)**, teaches us that self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. **Instead, we are called to imitate the humility of Christ. Let us set aside our selfish desires and strive to live in harmony and unity, following the example of our Lord.**

Lastly, the Gospel (**Matt. 2:28-32**) reminds us that **actions speak louder than words**. Just as being in a holding pattern during a flight can be frustrating, we can find ourselves in holding patterns in various aspects of life. **Whether it's in our jobs, unhealthy habits, or relationships, we may feel stuck, circling in the same patterns day after day. However, Jesus teaches us through the parable of the Two Sons that it is never too late to change.**

Even those who were considered "sinners" by society, such as **tax collectors** and **prostitutes**, were entering the kingdom of God before the religious authorities. They were willing to admit their wrongs, be honest about what needed to change, and allow God to show them a new path forward.

Brothers & Sisters, as we reflect on these scriptures, let us **examine our hearts** and **ask ourselves if we are truly living in accordance with God's will. Are we using our freedom responsibly? Are our actions aligned with the teachings of Christ?** Let us seek God's mercy and guidance as we strive to walk the path of righteousness.

May the Lord make us know His ways and teach us His paths. May He guide us when we stray and lead us in the right path. And may His mercy and love be ever present in our lives. Remain blessed. Jesus loves you! Amen.
In Christ, Through Mary,

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Calling all area college students:

STL Awakenings hosted by the UMSL Catholic Newman Center is our most popular retreat of the year and we would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (*seriously*). You do not have to attend UMSL just be college aged.

The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- **we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, Oct. 20th at 4:30pm and return on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 3pm.** Save the date! Cost is \$60.00 for the entire weekend. **If you register online before Oct 6th, you get \$10 off!!** The final registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 13th. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website: cncumsl.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe at joe@cncumsl.org.

September 25, 2023

From the Pastor....

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to offer a word of thanks to all those who are praying for the success of the All-Things New plan as we move forward in the process. I can feel your prayers and support at this time.

I want to dispel a rumor and give you the facts of the matter.

In early August, Holy Name of Jesus Church was involved in a serious case of bank fraud. An outsider in another state, was able to compose a check and cash that check for a large amount. Thanks be to God that our banking institution was quickly aware and they returned the money back to the parish account. The bank froze all of Holy Name of Jesus bank accounts because of this outsider's actions. Since all the bank accounts were frozen and I was in Nigeria visiting my ailing mother at the time, all accounts payable invoices were processed through St. Norbert Church. Holy Name is reimbursing St. Norbert for its expenses until we can open new bank accounts. At no time, were any monies used from St. Angela Church to pay any expenses from Holy Name or St. Norbert Church. Please reach out to me if you have questions about this issue. You can always use the Financial Misconduct Hotline at the Archdiocese by calling 866-458-3960.

This rumor and others like do not help the process of coming together as one Catholic Church. Please reach out to me so I can give you the facts of the process.

As I have said, change is very difficult but we must trust each other in the process and depend upon the Holy Spirit to guide us as we journey together.

Thank you again for your patience and your support.
I can be contacted at 314-831-3874 or frpeter@saintnorbert.com.

Blessings for you and your loved ones.

Fr. Peter Faimega

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

Wednesday, October 18 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Community Center/Tuesday 10235 Ashbrook Drive

To schedule appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to www.bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10035

Masks optional. Appointments required.



SAVING LIVES
IS IN MY BONES!
Give & get your choice
of a gift card or bonus
points to shop our store
for our new Halloween
shirt & more.

 **ImpactLife**

Discover the Fascinating World of the Synod on Synodality

Dear Brothers & Sisters, Praise be Jesus Christ!

We are pleased to remind you of our upcoming Synodal journey in *Universal Church*. So, prepare to embark on an extraordinary journey as the Vatican hosts the first-ever global Synod on Synodality, where clergy and laity will convene for a month of captivating discussions. Here's everything you need to know:

The *Synod on Synodality*, initiated by *Pope Francis* in 2021, is a worldwide endeavor aimed at fostering unity and growth within the Catholic Church. It involves multiple stages, from local dioceses to global assemblies, with the goal of advising the pope on building a synodal Church.

Synodality, as defined by the Church, is the action of the Holy Spirit in the communion of believers and their missionary journey. It encompasses the form, style, and structure of the Church, emphasizing constructive dialogue and respectful listening.

During the upcoming synod assembly, (Oct. 4–28 and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.”) three key questions will be explored: How can we deepen our union with God and promote unity among humanity? How can we better share our gifts and serve the Gospel? And what processes, structures, and institutions are needed for a synodal Church? The synod assembly will delve into various thought-provoking topics, including the role of women deacons, priestly celibacy, LGBTQ outreach, and the exercise of authority within the Church. It also aims to explore lessons from other Christian communities regarding the exercise of authority and responsibility.

This synod differs from previous ones as it includes voting delegates who are not bishops, such as laypeople, priests, consecrated women, and deacons. The assembly will take place in the Paul VI Hall, fostering a more inclusive and collaborative environment.

Leading up to the Vatican assembly, there will be a retreat for bishops and participants, an ecumenical prayer vigil, and various preparatory events to ensure a fruitful and prayerful synodal experience.

Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich and Cardinal Mario Grech are key organizers of the Synod on Synodality, playing crucial roles in shaping this historic event.

Let us join in prayer for the Synod on Synodality, *seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us towards unity, truth, and a synodal Church that embraces the challenges of our time. Remain Blessed, Jesus Loves you!*

In Christ, through Mary,
Evangelization Team

Further Info: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/255356/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-synod-on-synodality>

Holy Name's Spiritual Reading Library

Did you know that we started a spiritual Reading Library in the back of church? The bookcase is located inside the gates to the Adoration Chapel. As you walk through the gates look to your left. Please sign out the book you would like to read and keep it as long as you wish. Place the sign-out card in the basket on the shelf in the bookcase. When you return the book, just replace the card in the pocket and put the book back on the shelf.

Spiritual reading is a practice of reading books and articles about spirituality with the purpose of growing in faith and your relationship with God. Studies have shown that reading books on spirituality improves your mental and physical health and helps you feel less stressed. It is a way to hear God speaking to you.

PRAYER CHAIN

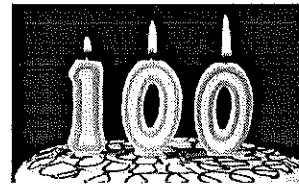
If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176

BUNCO

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Ladies Auxiliary #2951 invites you to BUNCO on Sunday, October 22, 2023 in St. Sabina Huels Hall (church basement), 1625 Swallow Ln. Florissant, MO 63031 (Handicap accessible) Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and Bunco begins at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person (\$80 table of 4) in advance or \$25 per person at the door Lunch, Soda and Water included Basket Raffles and 50/50 Prizes for Most Wins, Most Buncos and Most Losses To reserve your seat, send a check payable to St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Auxiliary 2951 and mail to Denise Busken, 145 Boone St., Florissant, MO 63031

Happy Birthday

Gladys Engbers!!



REMINDER: We will have Mass on Friday, October 6th at 8:00am. We will continue to have 8:00am Mass on the **FIRST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH ONLY.**

At Sunday mass, you're going to try to listen to the first reading. Here, in a one-minute read without preaching, is the background to prepare you for that:

Ezekiel prophesied to the Jews during their Exile in Babylon. This was 600 years after their Exodus from Egypt and 600 years before Jesus of Nazareth. Their religion was being purified by the experience of exile. They held some tenacious, simple-minded beliefs that Ezekiel tried to correct:

- One was that sinners could never convert.
- Another was that guilt got passed from parents to children. (They had a proverb: "Our ancestors have eaten green grapes, and their children's teeth are set on edge.")
- A third was that God was more strict and punitive than merciful. All this is in Ezekiel, chapter 18, before the verses that form our first reading. The prophet declares that the LORD declares that all those doctrines are wrong. God IS merciful, children DO NOT inherit guilt, sinners CAN repent. And how do the people respond to the prophet? They shout "God's ways are not fair!" They would rather keep their folk-religion than accept the loving kindness of God and enjoy the possibilities that it opens for them. So Ezekiel just says it all again. And that's Sunday's first reading. (And it preps us to hear Sunday's gospel, where Jesus, in a different context, declares essentially the same good news.)

See more at <https://wordandchurch.org>



PLEASE PRAY *for*:

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, Mary Masterson, Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Mary Lou Sammelman, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler, Marjorie Dubray, Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda, Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Sr. Mary, Shirley Swoboda, Jacklean Thomas Dudley, Megan Peters, Alana Murilloi

MASS INTENTION

Monday 8:00am	October 2 Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday 8:00am	October 3 Ethel Meyer
Wednesday 8:00am	October 4 Roberta Cassmeyer
Thursday 8:00am	October 5 Belmont Apprill
Friday 8:00pm	October 6 Virginia Nolkemper
Saturday 5:00pm	October 7 Homer Zigler
Sunday 9:30am	October 8 Doris Drury

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4th. St. Francis is known to have a great love and respect for God's created world, especially animals. It has been a long tradition to bless pets on his feast.

On

Wednesday, October 4th, we will have a drive through blessing of pets in the upper parking lot at Holy Name of Jesus beginning at 6:00 PM. We ask that you keep your pets in your vehicle, and after a brief prayer, as the vehicles drive through the parking lot, a blessing for your pet(s) will be prayed.



Stewardship of Treasure

**Your Gifts of Support for
Our Parish Mission**

September 24, 2023	\$3,445.02
Online Giving (included above)	\$845.00
Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
This week's <loss>	\$4,582.98
Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
This Weeks <loss>	\$9,397.98
Trivia night profit	\$7,060.78

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ez 18: 25-28/Phil 2: 1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21: 28-32
Monday:	Zec 8: 1-8/Mt 18: 1-5
Tuesday:	Zec8: 1-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 21:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12/Uk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Lectors

October 7 5:00pm	Marilyn Gittemeier
October 8 9:30am	Bess Arends



Eucharistic Ministers

October 7 5:00pm	Mary Krsul
October 8 9:30am	Annette Casey