

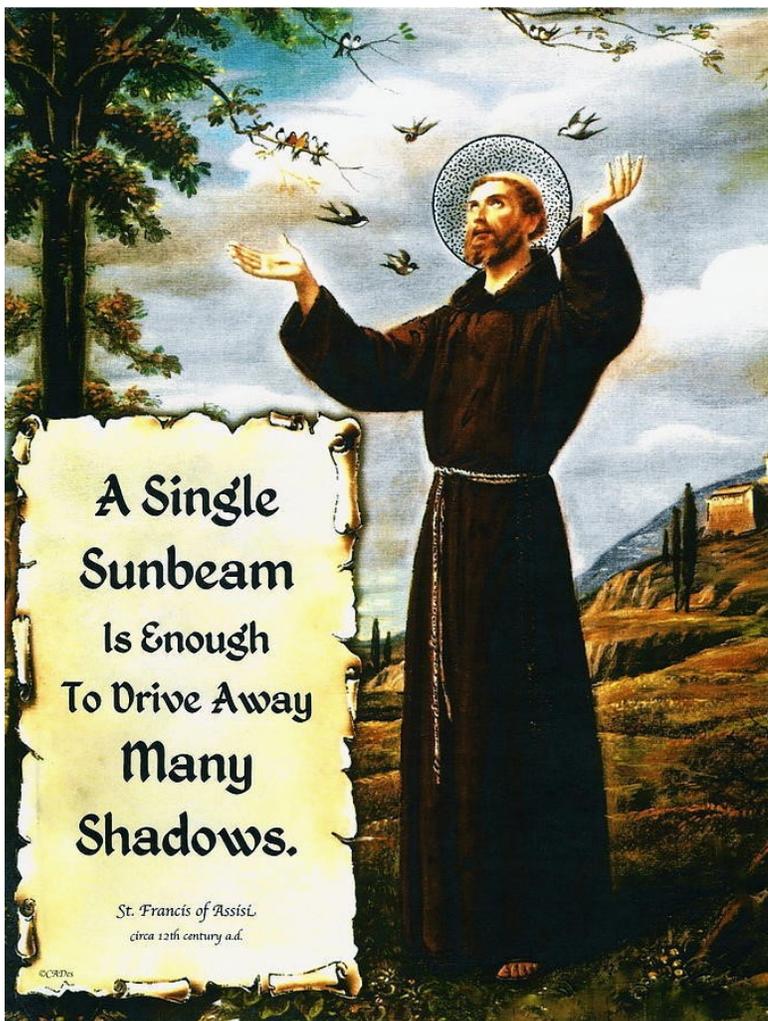
# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

## 27th Sunday—October 4, 2020

Masses Sat. 4:00 pm, Sunday, 7:30, 10:00, 11:30  
Sun. 8:30 Vietnamese—Livestream Sat. 4 pm Mass



A Single  
Sunbeam  
Is Enough  
To Drive Away  
Many  
Shadows.

St. Francis of Assisi.  
circa 12th century a.d.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Sanctuary Candle: Frank & Marianna Mucha+(Richard, son)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 4, 2020</b>
7:30am	Edward & Mary Anne Wood+ (Wood Family)
8:30am	Pray for the protection of God's Creation
10:00am	Faith, Hope & Courage Intentions
11:30am	Irene Sarvaidec+ (Lay Associates)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 5, 2020</b>
8:30am	Joan Confer+ (Diane Mulholland)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 6, 2020</b>
8:30am	Parish Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 7, 2020</b>
8:30am	Paz Gallana+ (Sannuto Family)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 8, 2020</b>
8:30am	Ray+ (Tom McCarty)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 9, 2020</b>
8:30am	Joe & Christine. Anniversary (The Family)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 10, 2020</b>
8:30am	John, Agnes & Jean Brady+ (Mary Brady)
4:00pm	John Wolosin+ (Cathy & John Wolosin)

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Readings for the Week of October 4, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</b> Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</b> Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest</b> Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Saint Francis of Assisi offers an example of genuine and deep respect for the integrity of creation. As a friend of the poor who was loved by God's creatures, Saint Francis invited all of creation - animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon - to give honor and praise to the Lord. The poor man of Assisi gives us striking witness that when we are at peace with God we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples.

It is my hope that the inspiration of Saint Francis will help us to keep ever alive a sense of 'communion' with all those good and beautiful things which Almighty God has created." Pope John Paul, II.

# Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Hymn: Sing to the Mountains

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.

Verse:

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

### Presentation Hymn: We Have Been Told

We have been told. We've seen his face  
And heard his voice alive in our hearts.  
"Live in my love with all your heart.  
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Verse:

I am the vine; you are the branches,  
And all who live in me will bear great fruit.

### Communion Hymn: Let Us Rejoice

This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad;  
This is the day the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad!

Verse:

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
the Lord of love and mercy  
has brought wonder to our eyes!

### Sending Forth Hymn: This is the Day

This is the day! This is the day!  
This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice!  
Let us rejoice and be glad!

Verse:

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad. (to Refrain)

## Be a good tenant of the vineyard

*"I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."* – Matt. 21:43



Have you ever tried to explain something to someone, but they just don't seem to get it? You repeat yourself over and over again, take different approaches, or even use different images, but to no avail. I'm sure that others have had that feeling when trying to explain computers and electronics to me! It's just not something that I easily grasp.

For the second week in a row, Jesus, in the Gospel according to Matthew, is addressing the chief priests and the elders. And for the second Sunday in a row, he uses the image of a vineyard to make his point. Last week, it was the story of the two sons who were both asked to go into the vineyard to work. One refused, but eventually did what his father asked him. The second son said yes, but never went out to work. Jesus used this illustration to teach the leaders of the community about doing God's will.

Jesus uses a parable of the landowner, who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants. However, out of greed and jealousy, they kill all who the landowner sends to collect the harvest, including his own son. He condemns those who acted in this way, and vows to lease the vineyard to other tenants who will tend to it and produce a fruitful harvest. At the end of the parable Jesus says to the chief priests and the elders, "...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." But they just didn't get what Jesus was trying to tell them.

We know that all that we are and all that we have, find their origin in God's goodness and generosity. Like the tenants in the parable, we are entrusted with what is God's and are called to be good steward of the gifts, talents, and faith that is entrusted to us. And, through our Baptism, we are called to produce a fruitful harvest for God and His Kingdom. Are we doing that with our lives? Or do we allow greed, jealousy, consumption, and other self-interests to stifle lead a life of faith and charity?

The good news is that God is patient with us, and He stands ready to strengthen and guide us through His Word, the Sacraments, and through His Spirit which is given to us.

Do you have the courage to be the good tenant of the vineyard who will take what has given and produce abundantly for the kingdom of God?

~ Bishop Gregory Parkes

# Parish Giving

**Parish Mass Offering September 27, 2020**

**Sunday Offertory—\$5,531.50—Mass Count 443**

Last year Offertory—\$5,485.50—Mass Count 667

**Online Giving \$1,826.67, / Candle Money \$99./Needy \$15.**

**Debt Reduction \$776.00**

**A good number of parishioners are following the Mass on Facebook streaming the Sat. 4:00 Mass and available Sunday.**

**Thank you for keeping your eye on this page. We are here for you. The work of the parish continues, so call or stop in 9:00 to 2:00.**

**Visit [www.svdpfl.com](http://www.svdpfl.com) to sign up for online giving!**

**Consider coming to weekday Mass at 8:30 to receive Holy Communion or spend some quiet time in prayer. Open from 8 am to 8 pm.**



Thank you for taking time to offer public witness to your concerns for protecting the child waiting to be born . All you need to do is sign the

list in the back of church to make your commitment. Join Joan Milloy in her witness to the value of every human life. She is chaired our Social Concerns/Respect Life committee. Our parish supports all efforts to preserve life daily and especially during the **annual 40 Days for Life campaign.**

Every fall we are encouraged to sign up and pray outside the abortion clinic on HWY 19 in Clearwater. This **Tuesday, October 6th and**



**October 20th**, please sign-up for an hour of prayer at the clinic **name on the sheet or contacting Joan:** [jmilloy@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmilloy@tampabay.rr.com). All who gather to pray during 40 Days for Life meet on the sidewalk of this Address: 28960 US-19 STE 110, Clearwater, FL 33761. Hope to see you stand in prayer with us.



## Small Christian Online Faith Sharing:

We are excited to offer a program called *The Journey*, to explore with you how we encounter Christ in our everyday lives. The groups will begin in November. We now have a few team leaders in place, but would love to have a few more. This is an opportunity for people to gather online from the comfort and safety of their own homes. It is easy to become a team leader. Our goal is to offer a variety of times and days. Don't hesitate in giving Chris a call to learn more on how to enrich your spiritual growth at 727-938-1974. Full and fun training will be provided.

## Finance Corner

### WORD OF APPRECIATION

This past week we paid bills including: Electric \$4,162.54, Computer Service \$550, Office Supplies \$26.48, Publications and Training \$149.95 and Needy \$150.

Your moral and monetary support sustains the daily service our parish is able to offer to the many who need the church in these trying time. You enable us to continue the ministry of the parish. The offertory this week was lower than last years. Your contributions help us tremendously as we attempt to rebuild our budget loss and meet expenses.

We are doing well on the Pastoral Appeal. Our goal is \$89,275 this year and we have pledges of \$69,607. Of the pledges, \$59,274.16 have been paid. We have 607 families of which 218 have made pledges, with the average pledge being \$319.30.

Thank you and God Bless you!

### Learn to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours:

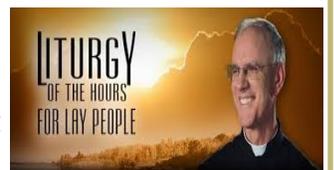
Join us this Thursday, Oct. 8 at 9:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We meet in the Media Room, for seating. Contact: Gloria Jung (727) 372-1792, [gjung@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gjung@tampabay.rr.com). Enrich your prayer



life on this Journey to Holiness with the Divine Office, second highest Liturgical Prayer of the Church.

Learn the origin of this historical prayer of 150 Psalms, the Why, Who, and When of surrounding the Hours throughout the day. Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. guides us in how to receive spiritually the most from our prayer with Jesus to the Father. Five DVD episodes with additional instructions for praying the Hours.

The psalms are the basis of prayer. Guided by the Holy Spirit the Church prays in a continuous way to the Father offering praise and glory.



## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Live the  
Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH  
October 2020

**Last Sunday, Pope Francis addressed the United Nations General Assembly calling for the organization to continue to focus on human rights and the environment. Mr. President:**

“We cannot fail to acknowledge the devastating effects of the Covid-19 crisis on children, including unaccompanied young migrants and refugees. Violence against children, including the horrible scourge of child abuse and pornography, has also dramatically increased.”

“Millions of children are presently unable to return to school. In many parts of the world, this situation risks leading to an increase in child labor, exploitation, abuse, and malnutrition. Sad to say, some countries and international institutions are also promoting abortion as one of the so-called “essential services” provided in the humanitarian response to the pandemic. It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child.”

“I urge civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly their right to life and to schooling. I cannot help but think of the appeal of that courageous young woman, Malala Yousafzai, who speaking five years ago in the General Assembly, reminded us that “one child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world”.

“The first teachers of every child are his or her mother and father, the family, which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights describes as the “natural and fundamental group unit of society”. All too often, the family is the victim of forms of ideological colonialism that weaken it and end up producing in many of its members, especially the most vulnerable, the young and the elderly, a feeling of being orphaned and lacking roots. The breakdown of the family is reflected in the social fragmentation that hinders our efforts to confront common enemies. It is time that we reassess and recommit ourselves to achieving our goals.”

One such goal is the advancement of women. This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Conference on Women. At every level of society, women now play an important role, offering their singular contribution and courageously promoting the common good. Many women, however, continue to be left behind: victims of slavery, trafficking, violence, exploitation, and degrading treatment. To them, and to those who forced to live apart from their families, I express my fraternal closeness. At the same time, I appeal once more for greater determination and commitment in the fight against those heinous practices that debase not only women but all humanity, which by its silence and lack of effective action becomes an accomplice in them.

We never emerge from a crisis just as we were. We come out either better or worse. This is why, at this critical juncture, it is our duty to rethink the future of our common home and our common project. A complex task lies before us, one that requires a frank and coherent dialogue aimed at strengthening multilateralism and cooperation between states. The present crisis has further demonstrated the limits of our self-sufficiency as well as our common vulnerability. It has forced us to think clearly about how we want to emerge from this: either better or worse.

The pandemic has shown us that we cannot live without one another, or worse still, pitted against one another. The United Nations was established to bring nations to-

**Protecting Our Families Against Pornography-  
Winning the Battle** is a free,



one-hour, live webinar designed to help pastors, youth ministers, and parents find victory over pornography for teens and young adults. It is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.** Helping families protect themselves from the evils of pornography is one of our diocesan missions, which is why we conduct *Safe Haven Sunday* each year.

The Religious Alliance Against Pornography, is offering this Webinar as a means to provide solutions to overcoming the threat posed by pornography to families and marriages. Share the information about this webinar with other parents & parishioners, so that they can also participate.

**To register, visit [www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn](http://www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn).**



**Can't afford your bills?**  
Catholic Charities & Bishop Parkes  
want to help with your utility bills  
(352) 686-9897 x157 (Citrus/Hernando/Pasco)  
(813) 631-4370 x157 (Hillsborough)  
(727) 893-1313 x157 (Pinellas)  
or email:  
[utilityassistance@ccdosp.org](mailto:utilityassistance@ccdosp.org)  
Begins June 29, 2020

Even though COVID has altered many plans, Catholic Charities is adapting to make sure these resources are readily available.

“We’re focusing on doing everything virtually. People will be able to send their documents

in by taking a picture with their phone or scanning it in. We’ve had to rethink our processes and think outside the box to be able to continue to provide our services.”

Bishop Parkes’ COVID-19 Utility Assistance Fund for parishioners that Catholic Charities is administering. Only ten percent (10%) of the grants made thus far are for residents of our ‘Northern’ Counties and of those only six I believe are from Pasco County. While I do not know the financial state of the people across the counties or parishes of our diocese, including St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, I cannot imagine we do not have parishioners or others in need in your area. Above is the image flyer. I know that your Society of St. Vincent de Paul group has exhausted its funding. All the more reason to promote and access this assistance program.

Part of the goals for Courageously Living the Gospel is addressing the need for affordable housing for low-income, working families and individuals. The resources that are provided through the expanded Pathways Program are indispensable to these communities. When you are in need of rent or utility assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at: Email: [utilityassistance@ccdosp.org](mailto:utilityassistance@ccdosp.org). By Phone:(352) 686-9897 ext. 157 (Pasco County) In 2019, the Pathways Program provided aid to 584 households across five counties.

## Diocesan Marriage Preparation

Contact Debbie, [deb@dosp.org](mailto:deb@dosp.org), in the **Marriage and Family Life Office** for **Pre Cana, Journey to Matrimony, Re-Marriage and Convalidation**. Gathered marriage preparation sessions follow CDC guidelines for safety.

## Elections Resources for Faithful Citizenship

In keeping with its mission, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops aims to educate and inform Catholics and provide resources to assist the faithful with their responsibility to participate in political life. To help inform voters before casting their ballots, several resources are available at [www.flaccb.org](http://www.flaccb.org), including an Election and Political Activities Guide, responses to the Candidate Questionnaire Project, and the Presidential Candidate Comparison on issues of importance to Catholics.

## How to Prepare for Election Season

Giving public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the political process. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. To help Catholics prepare for election season, Bishop Gregory Parkes has created a one minute video on Faithful Citizenship and is providing a variety of resources to help Catholics in their civic duty. Visit <http://www.dosp.org/faithful-citizenship-resources/> for more information.

*For I was...in prison and you visited me." (Mt 25:35, 36)*

The Catholic Church in Florida aims to live out this corporal work of mercy with hundreds of volunteers involved in ministries to the incarcerated throughout the state.

Due to the COVID pandemic, volunteers have largely been unable to visit the imprisoned since mid-March. As of August 12, the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) reports 12,988 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 and 70 inmates have died due to the coronavirus. 1,866 DOC staff members, including Secretary Mark Inch and Deputy Secretary Ricky Dixon, have also tested positive. We invite you to pray this [COVID-19 prayer of solidarity](#) for all of them.

With visits suspended, there are other ways to support those who are incarcerated and the ministries that serve them. To find out more, please contact your local diocesan Jail and Prison Ministry office.

**FAMILY**  
*Rosary Day*  
A TIME FOR DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020, 3 P.M.**

Event will be livestreamed on [columbuscatholic.org](http://columbuscatholic.org) and available for later viewing on the Diocese's YouTube channel.



## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Knights of Columbus

The Knights will have their monthly General Meeting on Monday October 19, 2020 at 7:00pm. Friday night dinners will return to Father Farrell. Hall on October 23. from 4:30 to 6:30. All the Knights are welcome and encouraged to come. Face masks will be worn and social distancing held.



**The Ladies Auxiliary** will have their monthly card party on Monday, October 26, from 11 to 3pm in Father Farrell Hall. There will be a hot lunch served at noon for your enjoyment. The cost for the card party is \$7.00. There will be social distancing and face mask worn for your safety.

The next monthly meeting is on Monday, October 23rd, at 7:00pm, in Father Farrell Hall. Ladies if you would like to come and see what we do and how we go about doing things with the Knights, you are more than welcome to come and join us. Face masks will be worn and social distancing will be in effect.

### Family Faith Formation Matthew 21:33-46



Rejection stings, but Jesus understands our rejection because he was rejected himself.

Many churches will observe "World Communion Sunday" today and emphasize the fact that we are all accepted by God and share one world and one communion. This is a nice counterbalance to the rejection everyone has felt at one time or another.

On this date in 1536, William Tyndale, translator of the English Bible, was executed for the crime of translating the Bible! People reject others for strange reasons. Even though Tyndale was rejected at the time, he is now considered a hero of the church and a martyr.

By our sin we were all rejected by God. Christ endured the rejection and scorn of people so that he might save us! Like the stone Michelangelo saved, we have been saved by the grace of God in Christ. Identify ways we reject people today: race, gender, nationality, language, and so forth. Ask: "How can we become more accepting of others -- especially those who are different from us?"

Look at the parable Jesus used of the wicked tenants. How did Jesus use parables to tell about real life. The following is a translation of the characters in the story: Landowner -- God. Vineyard -- the earth. Tenants -- people who have the privilege of using the earth while they are alive -- even though they don't own it. (The stewardship principle states that everything belongs to God and we really own nothing.) Slaves -- the prophets whom the people abused and rejected. Landowner's son -- Jesus. Here Jesus predicts how he also will be rejected, abused, and killed.

## VOCATION MINISTRY

PRAY FOR PRIESTLY, RELIGIOUS LIFE, AND ALL VOCATIONS

**JOIN our S.V.de P. Society Wish List This Week:**  
**As the food pantry remains open during this time we need: stew, chili and peanut butter.**

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.



**Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.**

We are in need of both cash donations and food. Cash donations can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Society and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the office.

*Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.*

## World Mission Sunday OCTOBER 18, 2020

We and our parish families are people of fortitude and strength. We can meet this challenge to give support on World Mission Sunday (WMS), October 17-18. Giving to the Pope's missions through the World Mission Sunday (WMS) collection will help to provide more than 1,100 mission dioceses with the prayerful, financial support necessary to bring the Lord's mercy and help to the poor and most vulnerable communities around the world.



**Our Lady's Guild** welcomes you to share time with us. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13**. We will meet at **12:00 to 2:00** and have a **light lunch**. **Members may bring their lunch from home or be served pizza. Beverages and a wrapped dessert will be provided.** We

will follow the safest health procedures and social distancing. A mask is required in order to attend the meeting..

**Our Lady's Guild Arts and Crafts** meet every **WEDNESDAY** in the Media Room or Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. They are meeting in the summer working on Christmas crafts. They raise funds for our church through sales of their beautiful creations. If you have any questions regarding the Arts and Crafts group, you may call Rosemarie Scordamaglia at 727-946-7504.

The ladies could use donations of Christmas fabric, clear votive candle holders as well as clear vases with a minimum 3 inch opening. Donations may be placed in the Arts and Crafts plastic bin located in the church social hall. Thank you!

**Rosary Makers** is another ministry of Our Lady's Guild. Their first meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 7**, from 1:00 to 2:30 in the education building. Rosary making is fun and easy and over 6,000 were have been made and sent all over the world! If you have any questions about Our Lady's Guild, please call Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730. God bless you and stay safe!

**Youth Ministry News!**  
**Youth Activity Gathering**



Our primary concern for our families is to have a safe and enjoyable place for our youth gather. Limitations are placed before us with the requirement of social distancing, refraining from touching and wearing a face covering. There are still many ways to have fun and enjoy friendships.

**Sunday, October 11th at 12:30—2:30**  
**Pray Together Play Together**

*This Sunday, Oct. 4 is the feast of St Francis.  
Bring your pets to the front of the church at 12:30  
We give thanks to God for the blessings our pet  
bring to our families and homes.*

