

Stone and vineyard. Jesus offers a challenge to us as we begin to live the season of harvest that Fall offers: We are called to produce fruit of/for the Kingdom of God. As we approach October and this time of the Liturgical Year, our readings begin to focus on the endtimes/our end to remind us our ultimate goal is not the fruit of the world. Our ultimate goal is the harvest of heaven meaning that we are called to make Jesus our cornerstone (foundation). Like any other foundation, it provides the stability no matter the season of life. That is also why we hear in the Second Reading to not have "anxiety". Hence, the key to bearing fruit for the kingdom and not worried about the/our future is trust and obedience in the Lord who gives us what we need. Like this time of harvest provides the fruits of our labors so may our trust/obedience in what he asks of us be what brings forth fruit for eternal life. Let him be our foundation/cornerstone in the present so we can bear fruit in the future.

It is hard to believe that it is October already! This month offers much fruit for us to take advantage of! With the various feast days such as Guardian Angels (October 2); Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7); Therese of Liseux (October 15); Ignatius of Antioch (October 17); Simon and Jude (October 28) to name a few! October is also the month of the Rosary! That is why we will offer the opportunity to pray this beautiful/fruitful devotion 30 minutes before all of our weekend Masses this month. We do need persons to volunteer to lead the Rosary. Please call or email me so I can put you on the schedule! Further, **don't forget that at 1pm tomorrow/today (October 4) is our Annual Pet Blessing**, which this year falls on the actual Feast of St. Francis. This is also the 800th anniversary of this feast day. Francis of Assisi has always been important to me. He is my confirmation Saint and I picked him for his love of animals (obviously) but for the more important reason of when we were researching our Saint names, his story as a man, son, servant inspired me as he listened to the voice of the Lord to "Rebuild my church". He did this obediently not in what he wanted but what he was called to do. May we do the same! In honor of the anniversary of his feast day, Pope Leo declared a "Jubilee of St. Francis" meaning there are various pilgrimage sights to celebrate a revered saint.....I will be emailing you more information on these opportunities this week! **Also, on Sunday/Today, please support our Bake Sale after Mass and don't forget that you can also go to Zacherl Farms from 12-4pm for fall excitement as portion of proceeds from that day admission to events help support our School!**

We also know that October ends with Halloween (a celebration rooted in All Saints Day). I offer a challenge to all of us to think of a Saint that inspired us and if you are looking for your costume this year, dress up as a saint! These costumes could be homemade with what you have! What a fun and great witness to the world!

This month also offers and invitation for you to receive the fruit of the labors of the lord by offering service to him through liturgical ministry. We are not only in need of more ministers; more importantly, this may be a way to help "rebuild our church" by offering the gift of time to our community. Please consider signing up for our upcoming training session for new liturgical ministers. You can be part of as many ministries as you feel called. More information will be offered in the coming weeks, but please sign up and show up (with the exception of Altar Serving; you only must attend **one** training session). These sessions offered are also an opportunity for you to come and have any questions answered if you are unsure if this ministry is for you. Even if you are thinking about a ministry but not sure if you can commit come to a session please sign up for the time that works for you. If you have any questions, reach out!

Liturgical Ministry Training (for NEW Ministers)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sunday October 18: Noon-1:15pm or Monday October, 19: 7:15pm-8:15pm

Lectors: Monday October, 26: 6pm-6:45pm OR Sunday, November 1: 12:15pm-1pm

Greeters/Ushers: tbd

Altar Servers: Tuesday, October 20: 6p-7p AND Sunday, October 25: Noon-1pm

Please note our *regular* Office and Church Hours as summer has now ended. However, we have also made an adjustment to Tuesdays to be open later if you have matters to take care of and work during

the day, etc. Remember this schedule is subject to change at anytime and will also adjust on holidays, holidays, etc.

Office Hours <i>(Located at 720 Liberty Street)</i>	Church Hours:
<i>Monday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's:</i> 8am-4pm <i>Tuesday's:</i> 8am-6pm <i>Friday's:</i> 8am-2pm	<i>Monday's, Wednesday's:</i> 7am-7pm <i>Tuesday's and Thursday's:</i> 7am-9pm <i>Friday's:</i> 7am-2pm <i>Come spend some time with our Lord!</i>

Thank you for your support of Fr. Evans and our Missionary Cooperation Appeal. Remember, part of "rebuilding the church". This cooperation appeal is one way that we can not only care for our neighbor but also to fulfill the mission of who we are called to be as this should/is part of our lives as a church and believer. If you still would like to offer a gift for the ministry that Fr. Evans shared, please leave your gift in an envelope marked "2026 Missionary Cooperation Appeal" and we will be sure to include that gift.

This weekend members of our Confirmation Class will receive their bible. Remember the word of God guides us to know him and is a great tool to keep him the foundation of our world. If you need a bible, they are available in the Gathering Space Lobby and at the office.

Next Weekend:

1. *We will offer the Anointing of the Sick after all three Masses. All you will need to do is make your way to the designated area after the closing hymn. If you are struggling in body, mind, or spirit this is for you and you can receive this as many times as you need in your life!*
2. *We will also honor all Married Couples who are celebrating Anniversary Milestones in 2026! Please contact the office to let us know which anniversary you are celebrating. This is opened to any couple just married or making, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years, etc, (AND ANY YEAR BEYOND 50 YEARS).*
3. *Bring your phone IN to Mass as I will be sharing with you an exciting opportunity that we have been given with another opportunity to have an app to help us pray.... The Hallow App is coming to Clarion!*

I know we often think of *Vocation* as the Ordained and Religious Life. However, the Lord (as many of you know), calls many to the Married Life as a visible and beautiful expression of Christ to his Church. This is the only Sacrament that one gives to another. Please continue to pray for and encourage more holy marriages in our church and world. One of the greatest blessings of my priesthood is getting to journey with soon-to-be married/married couples. If you are struggling in your marriage, please never hesitate to reach out to me and seek counseling. If you found yourself divorced and remarried, know you are always welcome and we want to help you be reconciled/encounter healing. **Or perhaps you may be thinking about having your Marriage blessed (Convalidation) in the Church if you had the wedding elsewhere/outside of the Catholic Church; perhaps you have been praying about the annulment process to be remarried; or engaged and want to be married! All of the above allow us to be in full union with the Church and help the world know his love.** A Wedding is never just about the day, but a witness to a lifetime. Marriage (and life) are not perfect, but his grace will always guide, heal, renew, and prevail. Wherever any of the above may resonate with you or with a loved one, or if you have questions, please reach out to me so I can help you.

Finally, a warm welcome to all visitors joining us for ALF. The theme for this year is: *Liberty, Legacy, and Leaves*. This is my second ALF as I arrived shortly before last year's and am looking forward to what, the week brings.....Enjoy! Please know of my continued prayers as we journey together and let me know what I can do to try to help you and be together! Please don't hesitate to reach out.



Enjoy A.L.F. and have a Great Week! Fr. Jason Feigh, Pastor