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OCTOBER 11, 2026 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 4:00 pm
Sunday | 8:30 am and 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin or website

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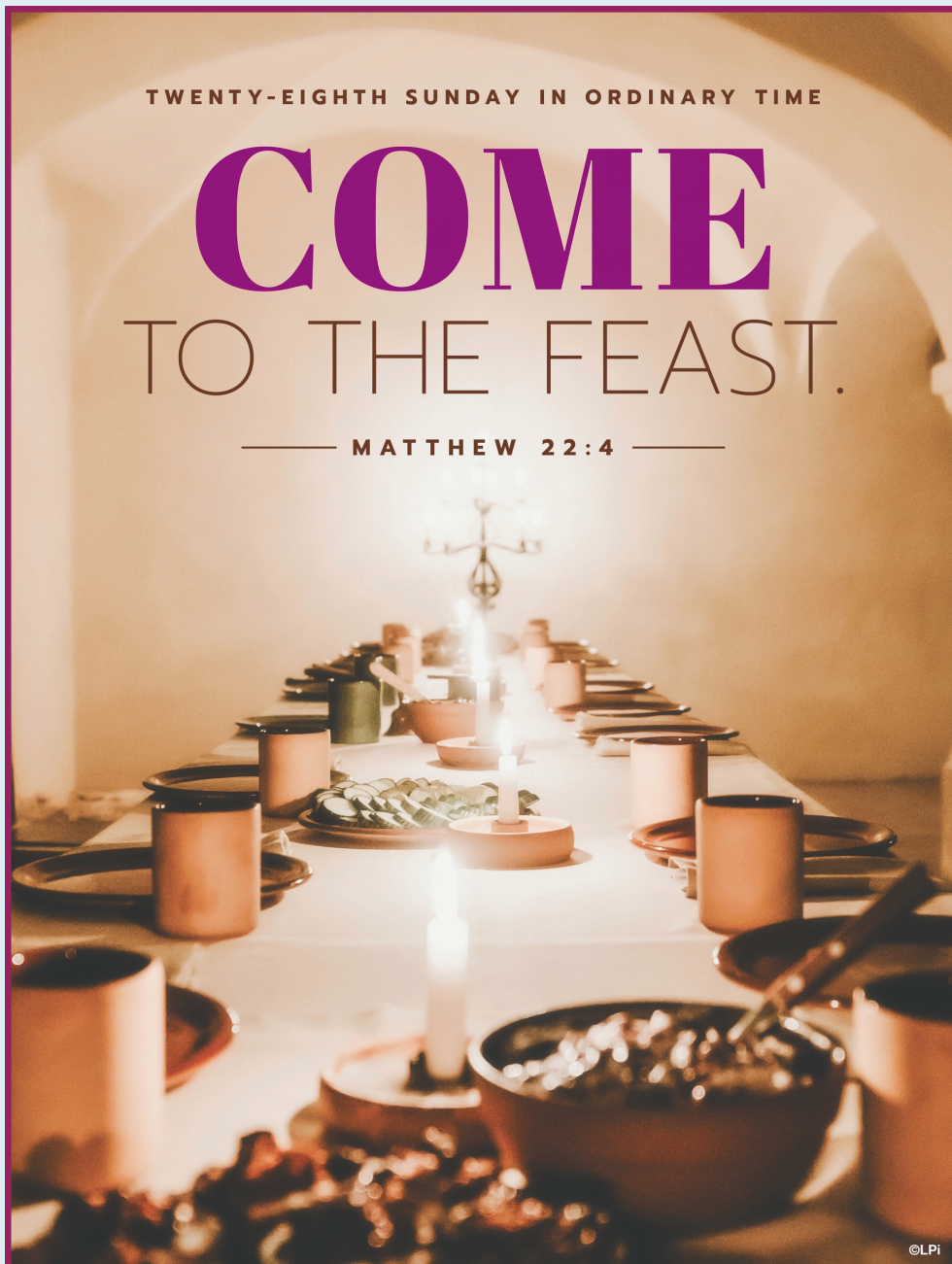
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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

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QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER

More from The Ultimate Catholic Quiz by Karl Keating. The vessel that holds water at the door to Catholic churches may be called any of these *except*

- a. a stoup.
- b. a font.
- c. a holy water holder.
- d. a mandamus bowl.
- e. none of the above.

The answer and more information on the opposite page.

ARE YOU A CRAFTER OR VENDOR? St. Mary's in Leeper is looking for crafters and vendors to be part of their Christmas Holiday Craft Show on December 4th and 5th. If you have unique items to share and would like to join them for this festive holiday event, go to the church's website: watch4deercatholic.church and click on the Church Events link for an application and helpful hints page.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – October is Respect Life Month

Our faith reminds us that every human life is sacred. Protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults is not just a responsibility – it's a Respect Life issue that involves all of us. If you suspect or know of abuse, report it immediately. Speaking up can save lives and uphold the dignity of every person. For details on how to report child abuse, visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

OFFICE and CHURCH HOURS

Church Office Hours:*

Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Tuesdays: 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Fridays: 8:00 am-2:00 pm

Church Hours:*

Mondays/Wednesdays: 7:00 am-7:00 pm

Tuesdays/Thursdays: 7:00 am-9:00 pm

Fridays: 7:00 am-2:00 pm

*These hours exclude special events, Masses, Adoration, Confession, other functions as well as holidays, and subject to change without notice (but we will do our best to communicate adjustments).

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**Respond with Love**

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL MINISTRY *training*

(for NEW Ministers)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sunday, Oct. 18 from Noon to 1:15 pm

OR

Monday, Oct. 19 from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm

Lectors

Monday, Oct. 26 from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

OR

Sunday, Nov. 1 from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm

Altar Servers

Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

AND

Sunday, Oct. 25 from Noon to 1:00 pm

Greeters & Ushers

TBD

ANSWER TO

“QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN’T ANSWER”

- It seems people think of this word first or never heard of the word at all.
- Font* is a synonym and perhaps in more common use today.
- While in no way a regular title, this phrase accurately describes the apparatus, so this isn't the right answer either.
- Ah, here we are. *Mandamus* sounds as though it might have something to do with the Maundy Thursday foot-washing ceremony, but not so. The word actually means a writ issued by a superior court, generally to an inferior court, ordering the performance of a certain act.
- The right answer is *d*.



Offertory	Sept. 26 - 27
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MASS INTENTIONS

Confessions every Saturday from 3 pm to 3:40 pm;
other times as scheduled in bulletin/website;
anytime by emergency

Monday - October 12 - Columbus Day

Indigenous Peoples' Day

----- NO MASS -----

Tuesday - October 13

8:30 am | † Gene Griebel (Ray and Helen Bell)

Wednesday - October 14 - Saint Pope Callistus I

----- NO MASS -----

Thursday - October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus

-----NO MASS -----

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
with Benediction

Friday - October 16 - Saint Hedwig and

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

----- NO MASS -----

Saturday - October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch

4:00 pm | † Rob McElravy (Kathy McElravy)

Sunday - October 18 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

8:30 am | † Craig Beary (Mom and Dad)

8:30 am **RADIO MASS** | † Deceased Catholic Daughters
of the Americas Members (CDA)

11:00 am | † For the People

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

Helen Selker by David and Margaret Potvin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Monday - Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4,
5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday - Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48
/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday - Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday - Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
/Lk 11:47-54

Friday - Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday - Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday - Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



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