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St. Faustina's experience receiving the invisible stigmata

Philip Kosloski—published on 10/05/25

A lesser known story from the life of St. Faustina is that she received the invisible stigmata, feeling the pain Jesus suffered on the cross.

At times God allows certain saints to receive what is known as the *stigmata*, the miraculous presence of Jesus' wounds reproduced in the body.

The wounds usually appear visibly on the head (as Jesus' head was wounded by the crown of thorns), on the hands and feet (as Jesus was wounded with the nails), and on the side (as Jesus was wounded with the lance).

But some saints have borne the stigmata invisibly, with the wounds causing pain but not being visible to the outside world.

St. Faustina falls into this last category, as she did not have any external wounds, but only invisible wounds that produced an intense amount of pain.

Invisible stigmata

St. Faustina explains her experience in her *Diary*:

When I experienced these sufferings for the first time, it was like this: after the annual vows, on a certain day, during prayer, I saw a great brilliance and, issuing from the brilliance, rays which completely enveloped me. Then suddenly, **I felt a terrible pain in my hands, my feet and my side and the thorns of the crown of thorns.** I experienced these sufferings during holy Mass on Friday, but this was only for a brief moment. This was repeated for several Fridays. (*Diary*, 759)

For St. Faustina, this was an occasional pain, one that only lasted for a short amount of time. Some saints experienced the pain more frequently, while others simply had the external sign, with little pain.

God does not grant such a grace for no particular reason, but typically to invite an individual into his pain and suffering, and to help that saint offer the pain for others.

St. Faustina saw the pain as a way that she could offer suffering for the conversion of souls:

During holy Mass one Friday, I felt myself pierced by the same sufferings, and this has been repeated on every Friday and sometimes **when I meet a soul that is not in the state of grace.** Although this is infrequent, and the suffering lasts a very short time, still it is terrible, and I would not be able to bear it without a special grace from God. There is no outward indication of these sufferings. What will come later, I do not know. **All this, for the sake of souls.** (*Diary*, 759)

St. Faustina received many special graces in her life, graces that she didn't ask for, but that were granted to her because of her receptivity and openness to God's will.



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Weekend Masses, Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

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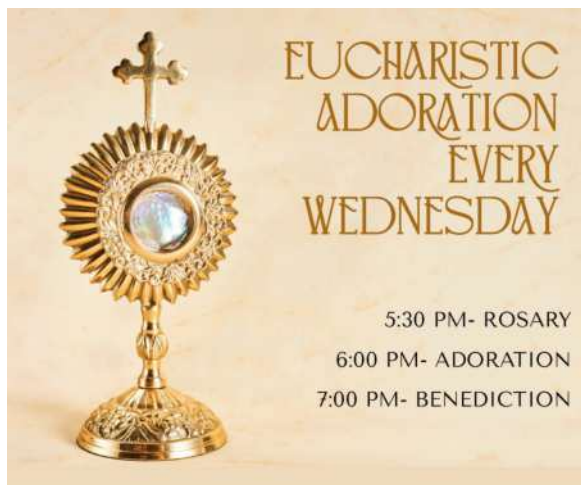
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October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17 | 2 Tim 2:8-13 | Lk 17:11-19

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

After his healing in the Jordan river, Naaman returns to Elisha. It's clear from their ensuing conversation that his miraculous healing had led to him recognizing the God of Israel as the one who had healed him. In thanksgiving, he desires to offer sacrifice, and pledges that he "will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except the Lord." In the Gospel, we see the Samaritan returning to Jesus after his healing, falling at the Lord's feet and "glorifying God in a loud voice." It's clear from both Scriptures that when we recognize what God has done for us, our first response is to worship. That's why our central act of worship as a Christian community is called *Eucharist* – from the Greek word for thanksgiving. When we come to worship God, what is it that we're grateful for? If gratitude is the heart of worship, it's a fruitful practice to intentionally spend some time considering God's providence in our lives over the past week so we come to the liturgy prepared to offer thanks.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Something that has always struck me about today's Gospel is that Jesus heals all ten of the lepers, not only the one who returned to offer thanks. While we, as humans, can be tempted to withhold love when we know it will not be acknowledged or appreciated, Jesus heals all ten. God is good to us, even when we're ungrateful. As Paul says, "If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself." God can do only one thing: love. How powerful would it be if we worked to imitate the kind of gratuitous love we see in today's Gospel? Think about opportunities to practice this kind of love. What a witness this would be to the world if we were to imitate God's way of loving. As the Persian poet Hafiz wrote: "Even after all this time, the sun never says to the earth, 'You owe me.' Look what happens with a love like that. It lights the whole sky."

REFLECT

Take some time before Mass each Sunday to do an examine-style prayer, reflecting on where you've seen God's action in your life during the week. How has God provided for your needs? How has God accompanied you through challenges? How has the Spirit of God brought consolation and strength? Make a list of all the places you've experienced God's presence and grace and prepare to offer thanks to God for these gifts at Mass.



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Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office.

Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed.

For more information call:
867-3663

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John Cardinal Foley (dec)

Saturday, October 11, Vigil for Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. James, Matt & Annette Lawler (dec)
and Patricia Sullivan (dec)

Sunday, October 12, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ladyne and Christopher Bunsey (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Kevin Turtle (dec)

Monday, October 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Helen and Bill Dubinsky (dec)

Tuesday, October 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Beverly Dalessandro (liv)

Wednesday, October 15, Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, October 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Charles Fegley Murray (dec)

Friday, October 17, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Marchese (dec)

Saturday, October 18, Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Paul Kafun (liv)

Saturday, October 18, Vigil for Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Jonathan Spagnola (dec)

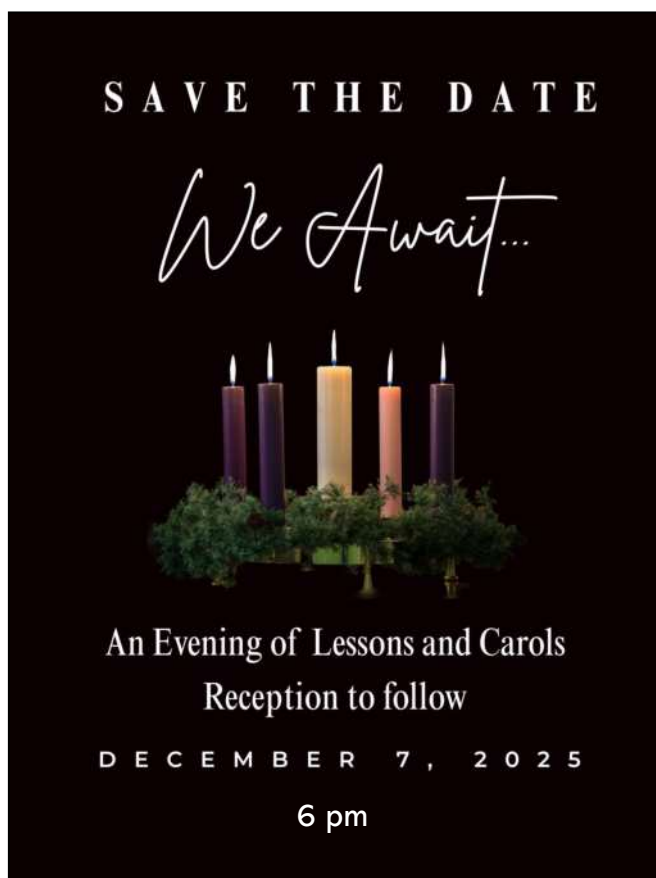
Sunday, October 19, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ted Doroski (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Bill and Craig Weber (dec)

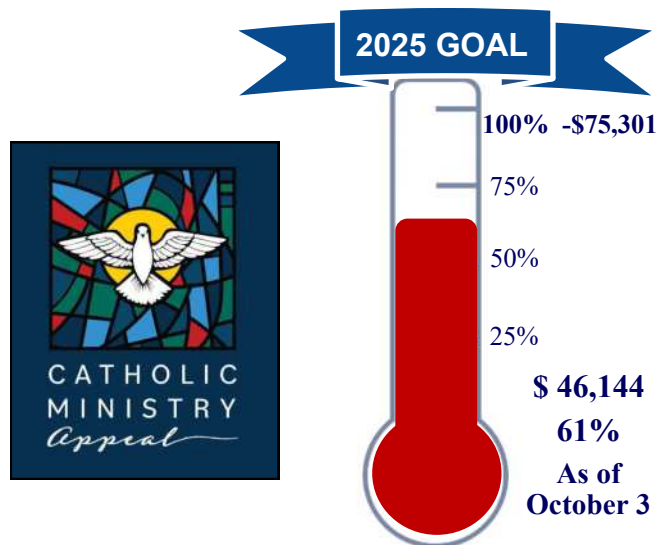




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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 839
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 10

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 12

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, October 13

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

Wednesday, October 15 ~Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation CH

7:00 pm Benediction CH

Thursday, October 16

4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting CYH-1

5:00 pm Handbell Practice MR

6:30 pm Choir MR

Sunday, October 19

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

1:00 pm– 6:00 pm *40 Days for Life* Peaceful Protest

@ All Women's Health Center, 4131 Central Avenue

Monday, October 20

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

Wednesday, October 22 ~Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation CH

7:00 pm Benediction CH

Thursday, October 23

5:00 pm Handbell Practice MR

6:30 pm Choir MR

Sunday, October 26

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30am Masses PC

Trinity Awards Presented at the 9:30 am Mass CH

and Reception

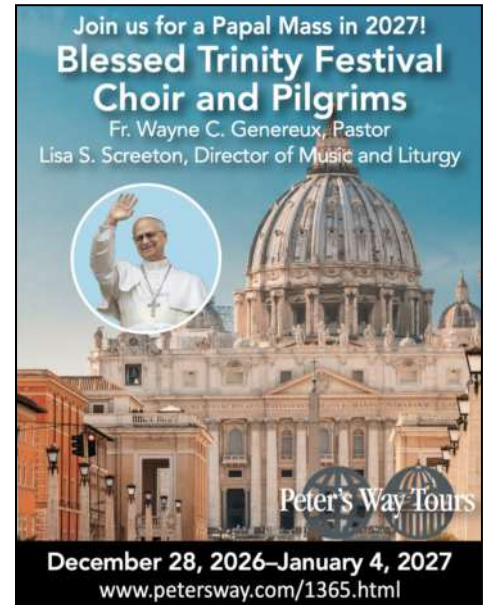
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PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room, PL=Parking Lot



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