

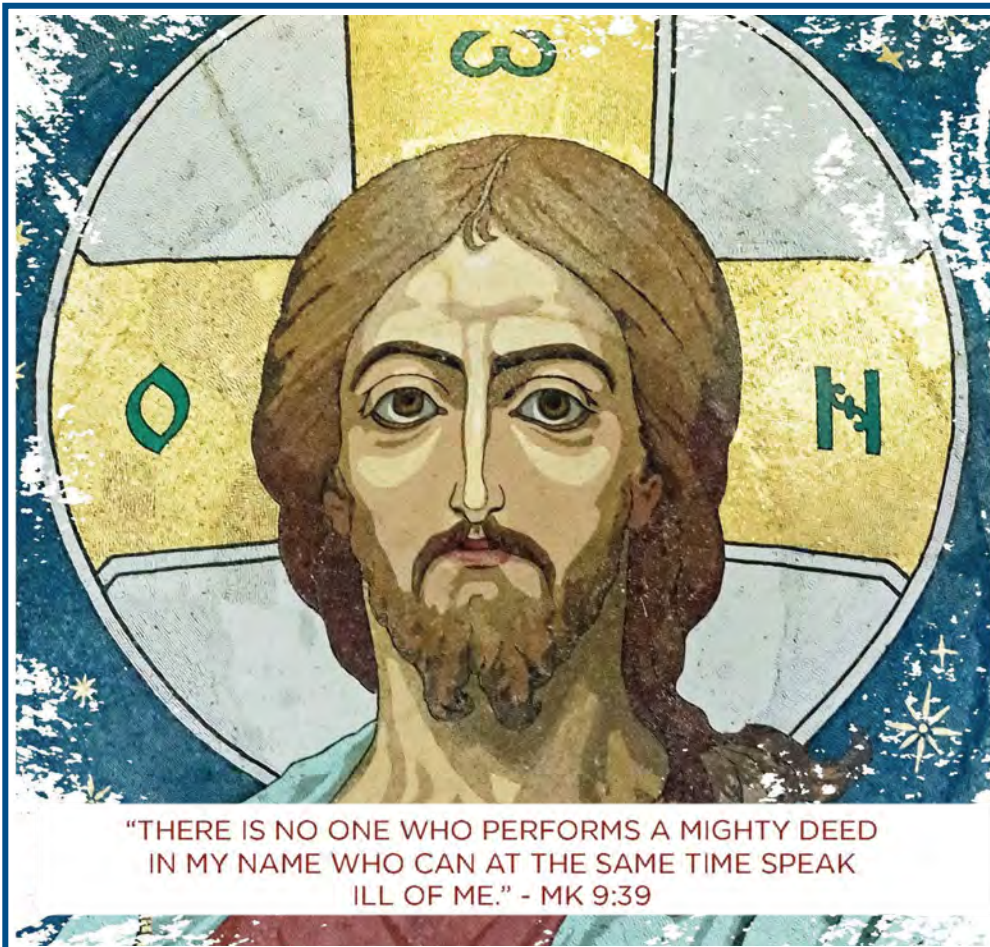
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**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

26th Sunday Ordinary Time



**"THERE IS NO ONE WHO PERFORMS A MIGHTY DEED  
IN MY NAME WHO CAN AT THE SAME TIME SPEAK  
ILL OF ME." - MK 9:39**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekends:**

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

## STAFF

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION: IF ALL WERE PROPHETS

Today's readings call us to examine the motives behind our actions, especially those that lead us away from God and towards sin. Not only looking at what obstacles keep us from growing spiritually but also when we are a stumbling block to the growth of other people's faith by way of: being unjust in our judgment of others; showing partiality; exhibitions of greed or entitlement (and not only with regards to money or goods); allowing our pride to cloud or color our decisions.

Are we capable of judging the behavior or action, and not the person, and doing so always with kindness? Is our primary motive always the care and well-being of

that person without bias or superiority? Do we believe the only good accomplished in the world originates from us? Do we count our blessings for how the Holy Spirit moves us to worship and find ways to welcome and invite others?

Psalm 19:8-14 speaks to the unwitting ways we block God's blessings, "Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" If we have been holding back hospitality in our parish ministry or apostolates, we will do well to heed Moses' response. "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them

all!" Through our Baptism, we have all been commissioned to know, love, and serve the Lord. With a heart of collaboration and rooting ourselves in prayer, what wonders we can do together to spread and live the Good News.

Jesus's entire life was dedicated to the salvation of humankind. How will we live out our faith and call in our life? What obstacles do we put unknowingly or unconsciously in front of others? More importantly, how can we remove those and be prophets, authentic witnesses of the love of God to others?

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<b>SEPT. 25</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Annalyn Liette</b> <i>Randy, Kathy, &amp; Grant</i>
<b>SEPT. 26</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Gen Cicholski†</b> <i>Dean &amp; Gina Hoops</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gordon Family members living and deceased</b> <i>Carolyn Gordon</i>
<b>SEPT. 27</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Katherine Pucharich†</b> <i>Francis Pucharich</i>
<b>SEPT. 28</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Barbara Hitt Myers†</b> <i>Mary &amp; Mike Fallova</i>
<b>SEPT. 29</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Phil Skvarka†</b> <i>Phil Skvarka Jr.</i>
<b>SEPT. 30</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Terri Porter</i>
<b>OCT. 1</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Barbara Hitt Myers†</b> <i>Cindy Myers</i>
<b>OCT. 2</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Vince Scarbin†</b> <i>Dean &amp; Gina Hoops</i>
<b>OCT. 3</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fred Hicks†</b> <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Matthew Hicks†</b> <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>

**THE 2022 MASS BOOK OPENS OCT. 1.**

*The Sanctuary Candle*  
beside the tabernacle burns this week for the *Darrell & Barbara Myers Family*  
Requested by *Cindy Myers-Neisen*



## Sisters Fill Social Gaps

We are pleased to offer this week the first of a series about Sr. Agatha's religious order in Zimbabwe.

Sister Agatha Munyanyi belongs to the congregation of Sisters of the Child Jesus, SJI, which is based in the diocese of Gweru in Zimbabwe. The abbreviation SJI stands for the Latin 'Sorores A Jesu Infante.'

Zimbabwe belongs to a group of countries collectively known as Southern African Development Community. SADC was formed to achieve economic growth, alleviate poverty, enhance quality of life, and to promote and defend peace and security in the region.

### Foundation

The congregation, founded in 1950 by Swiss missionary Bishop Alois Haene, celebrated 70 years of existence last October. The founder had to overcome many obstacles recruiting girls to enter the congregation, such as convincing parents to allow their girl child to attend school and to embrace celibate life. In some cases, a bridal dowry was paid to parents.

### Purpose of Congregation

The founder observed gaps in what the government was providing to its citizens. Vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in rural and urban communities were generally neglected.

### Founder's Goals

- champion the education of children in rural communities where most Catholic schools have been established.
- address education of the girl child in Zimbabwe's patriarchal society.
- equip disadvantaged urban and rural women with relevant skills to remove causes of poverty.
- address the needs of orphans and mentally challenged children.
- assist priests in parish ministry.
- work in the diocese health institutions as nurses, laboratory technologists, and X-ray operators and so forth.
- expand their services to public institutions.

### Spirituality (Gospel Value)

The SJI sisters live a gospel value of Childlikeness of the Child Jesus who is the perfect child of the Father. The sisters live the spirit of Childlikeness by being simple in lifestyle, humble, joyful, and compassionate in their service to the people of God.

### Number of SJI Sisters

There are 230 professed Sisters. It is fortunate for the congregation to have girls continuing to expressing interest in the congregation and continuing the founder's goals.

### Charism (Gift to the People of God)

The Sisters of the Child of Jesus bring Jesus and his message to the people by their continuing presence in selfless service to Him through the congregation's goals.

*Our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Philip "Flip" Patrello.*



## Mass Book Opens Oct. 1

Please note that the 2022 Mass book opens Friday, Oct. 1. There will be forms available in the church vestibule, as well as on our website in the FORMS menu. You can also call or stop in the office.

## Prayer REQUESTS

**Homebound:** Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

**Nursing Homes:** Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

**Recently Sick:** Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard.

**CALENDAR**

Mondays until Nov. 8	<b>INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA</b> St. Joseph Cathedral 7 p.m.
Begins Sept. 29 & Sept. 30	<b>EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS</b> Wednesdays 9 a.m. Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Church Hall
Oct. 1	<b>2022 MASS BOOK OPENS</b>
Oct. 7, 8, 9	<b>CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS</b> <a href="http://instant-scheduling.com">instant-scheduling.com</a>
Oct. 16 Church Lot	<b>COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENT</b> Noon- 3 p.m.
Monday Oct. 18 Xavier Hall	<b>K of C Council #1907 BLOOD DRIVE</b> Schedule at 1-800-733-2767 or <a href="http://RedCrossBlood.org">RedCrossBlood.org</a> (Enter the word KNIGHTS)

**SCHEDULES OCT. 2 & 3**

**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:00 p.m. **A. Wise / P. Remke**  
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**  
10:00 a.m. **A. Taylor / J. Klug**

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**FATHER WILL BLESS ANIMALS**

Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. in the church to celebrate St. Francis Assisi's love for all living creatures as his feast day approaches. St. Francis' feast day is Oct. 4.

**THE VICTORY NOLL SISTERS SMALL**

Grants Program is offering up to \$1,000 to groups to seed sustainability and climate justice projects inspired by Laudato Si'. The priority deadline to apply is Oct. 14. Any project that connects to the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform will be considered. To learn more and to apply, visit: [Victory Noll Sisters Small Grants Program | We're all part of God's plan\(et\) \(godspanet.us\)](http://VictoryNollSistersSmallGrantsProgram.com)

**THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE**

a Pastoral Needs Survey is extended until Sunday, Sept. 26. Those who wish to submit paper surveys have until Thursday, Sept. 29. So far, more than a thousand have responded. Bishop Brennan and the Diocesan Pastoral Council now hope to hear from as many as 3,000. Please help the bishop and the council learn how to better serve us by taking the survey. A link to the survey is on our website, and paper surveys are in the office.



**A COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE IDA AID**

will be taken up next weekend, Oct. 2 & 3. Donations go to the Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund to assist with humanitarian, long-term recovery, and other significant needs.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**A PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL**

illness recovery and understanding will take place at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m. The service is in conjunction with Mental Illness Awareness Week. All are welcome to attend the candlelight service to pray for people who are living with mental illness.

To protect everyone during pandemic, masks are required and no social gathering will follow. NAMI of Greater Wheeling is co-hosting the service. If you or someone you know needs help, contact NAMI at [Nami.org/miaw](http://Nami.org/miaw)



**A COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENT**

is in the works for Saturday, Oct. 16, from noon until 3 p.m. in the church parking lot, and organizers remind everyone that they are still taking help and ideas!

Part of the fun will be a table where everyone can donate, trade, or choose Halloween costumes. There also will be playground games, face painting, and free hot chocolate and popcorn. Planners are still asking for the following donations: costumes, pumpkins, hot chocolate, and popping corn, oil, salt, and brown bags to go with the machine on loan from Marshall County Schools. A bin will be in the vestibule for these items. Anything you can do to help make the event a success will be greatly appreciated. Financial support also is welcome. Please write checks to St. Francis Xavier with the memo "Halloween" and drop them in the collection basket.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

**REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:**

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