THE BULLETIN

St. Therese
OF LISIEUX

October 18, 2026
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CONNECTING POINT

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Make Christ your first priority.

Recently, while listening to a podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitz, I was inspired by his discussion of how to order life's various demands. Citing Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Fr. Mike suggested that we simply must "make Christ our first priority, and then everything else will fall into proper place."

In the first reading this weekend (Isaiah 45:1, 4–6), we hear, "I am the LORD, and there is no other, there is no God besides me." We believers know there is only one God, but this scripture also means that nothing else in our lives should take precedence over Him. We must honor God above all things.

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Connecting Point (cont'd)

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How do I make sure to give God the best of who I am?

Furthermore, our Responsorial Psalm (96:1, 3–5, 7–10) is a call to direct action, reminding us to "Give the Lord glory and honor." Still, in the Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21), Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The coin bears Caesar's image, but *we* bear the image of God; we belong to Him.

Because we belong to God, we honor Him by selflessly giving Him our time, talents, attention, relationships, choices, and monetary gifts. Are we always giving Him our best—or merely our leftovers?

This reminds me of the "Widow's Mite" story, a great scriptural illustration of Fr. Mike's principle, "Make Christ our first priority, and then everything else will fall into its proper place." In Mark 12:41–44 and Luke 21:1–4, Jesus watches people place their offerings into the Temple treasury. The wealthy people contribute substantial amounts, but a poor widow puts in two small coins. Jesus says, "She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mark 12:44). Although her amount is comparatively small, the priority is far greater. The widow puts God before herself, giving not from her surplus but from what she needs to live. She puts her total trust in God. As we make God our priority, we are called not to be stingy with our money.

We are also called not to be stingy with our love. Is unconditional love always easy? Isn't it much easier to be joyful, kind, and loving when we are around the people we love and when everything is going well? The real test comes when life stresses us out, and we bring our dark sides, frustrations, conflicts, and differences into relationships and into how we treat one another. The bible tells us to love our neighbors and our enemies, but also the crabby people and those who don't vote the same way we do. These are opportunities when keeping God's love a priority is a real challenge. Sometimes, loving them may seem impossible.

Finally, there is prayer. When it seems impossible to love, turn to God in prayer and ask Him for the strength to love with His love. Make it a daily priority to come to God in prayer. Give Him your best, not your leftovers.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.
Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our Archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love.
Amen.

St. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 18 – 25

SUN 18

9 AM OFFICE HOURS
7:30 AM **K OF C COFFEE & DONUTS**
8 AM **MASS**
8 AM **RETROUVAILLE MTG**
9:45 AM **MASS & CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
11:45 AM **MASS & CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
1:30 PM **CHALDEAN MASS**
1:30 PM **SENIOR CARD GRP**

MON 19

9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH**
2 PM **ROSARY**
6 PM **GROW PARENT MTG**
7 PM **CONFIRMATION PREP PARENT MTG**

TUE 20

7 AM **AA MTG**
8:30 AM **MASS**
9:30 AM **BIBLE STUDY**
1 PM **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**
1 PM **GRIEF SUPPORT**
6 PM **BONFIRES & BLESSINGS**
6:15 PM **K OF C ROSARY**
7 PM **K OF C ASSEMBLY 2599 MTG**
7 PM **K OF C LADIES OF THE ASSEMBLY MTG**

WED 21

8:30 AM **MASS**
9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH**
10 AM **ROSARY MAKERS**
3 PM **EVANGELIZATION CHARITY MTG**
5:30 PM **HOLY HALF HOUR**
6 PM **FAITH, FUN, & FRIENDS**
7 PM **CHOIR REHEARSAL**
7 PM **YOUNG ADULTS: PUMPKINS & PRAISE**

THU 22

OFFICE CLOSED 2-3 PM FOR STAFF MTG
7 AM **AA MTG**
8:30 AM **MASS**
9 AM **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
9:30 AM **WOMEN OF FAITH**
11 AM **GRIEF MINISTRY MTG**
3 PM **CONFESSIONS**
6:30 PM **BIBLE STUDY**

FRI 23

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 AM **MASS**
9:30 AM **STRETCH & STRENGTH**
12 PM **WIDOWED FRIENDS GATHERING**

SAT 24

3 PM OFFICE HOURS
8 AM **SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN**
4:30 PM **MASS**

SUN 25

9 AM OFFICE HOURS
8 AM **MASS**
9:45 AM **MASS (SPECIAL NEEDS) / LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
10:45 AM **K OF C RECEPTION**
11:45 AM **MASS / LITTLE LAMBS / CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
1:30 PM **CHALDEAN MASS**
6 PM **YOUTH GRP**

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM • **Friday** Closed • **Saturday** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM • **Lunch** 12 - 1 PM (Mon-Thurs)

EVENTS



SUN | OCT 18 | AFTER ALL MASSES

K OF C COFFEE & DONUTS

Are you ready for some delicious donuts? The Knights of Columbus will soon host the next Coffee & Donuts in the Gathering Space after all Masses. Fill up your cup spiritually at Mass and then see the Knights for your fill of coffee, donuts, and fruit. You are invited to linger a while as you visit with your fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you then.



WED | OCT 21 | 5:30 – 6 PM

HOLY HALF HOUR

The Little Way Family Ministry will host a 30-minute Eucharistic Adoration experience designed for young families. Through simple prayers and gentle guidance, children will be introduced to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and begin learning what it means to spend time with Him in Adoration. This is a child-centered experience, so little voices, curious questions, wiggles, and even tears are welcome. Come as you are to help our children grow in love and reverence for Jesus together!



WED | OCT 21 | BEGINS 7 PM

YOUNG ADULTS: PUMPKINS & PRAISE

Celebrate the beauty of fall with an evening of creativity, faith, and fellowship! Come paint pumpkins, enjoy good conversation, and take some time to praise and thank God for the blessings in our lives. No artistic experience is needed—just come ready to have fun, meet fellow young adults, and enjoy a relaxing fall evening together. Bring a friend and celebrate the season and our faith as a community!



SIGN UP HERE

SUN | OCT 25 | 1 – 3 PM | AUSTIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

AUSTIN CATHOLIC HS OPEN HOUSE

Come tour our campus and meet our talented teachers and staff at our Fall Open House to discover why Metro Parent magazine has voted us one of the best private schools in Macomb County! Preregistered students have a chance to win a $2,500 tuition voucher! Scan the QR code to sign up.



WED & THU | OCT 28 & 29 | 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

St. Therese of Lisieux will again host an AARP Driver Safety Course. You must attend **both** four-hour sessions. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Parish Office at 586-254-4433 or Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse, at 586-254-4433 Ext. 320 or Marilync@stol.church. The cost is $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-members, payable at the door.



REGISTER HERE

SUN | NOV 1 | 9:45 AM (ASSEMBLE AT 9:15 AM)

JUBILARIAN MASS & RECEPTION

All married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (1, 5, 10 years, etc.) are invited to be honored at Mass. Beforehand, each couple will have a souvenir picture taken, and a reception for the couples and their families will follow in the Social Hall. By October 26, please RSVP online or with the Parish Office and upload or bring a wedding/current picture for us to publish. Your photo will be returned. Couples being honored are asked to meet in the Social Hall by 9:15 AM to assemble for the Mass.



WED | NOV 4 | BEGINS 7 PM

YOUNG ADULTS: MOVIE NIGHT

Come out for a relaxed evening of faith, fellowship, and film as we gather to watch House of David. Take a break, enjoy the movie with fellow young adults, and connect with others in our Catholic community. Whether you're familiar with the story of David or experiencing it for the first time, come enjoy an evening of great conversation, community, and a powerful biblical story brought to life. Bring a friend, grab some snacks, and join us for a night together!



SIGN UP OR DONATE HERE

SAT | NOV 7 | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM | ST. ISIDORE

KIDS COALITION AGAINST HUNGER

Answer Christ's call to feed the hungry by joining us as St. Isidore hosts Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Together, we'll work toward our goal of packing **125,000 meals** for families in need, both locally and around the world. This joyful, family-friendly event welcomes volunteers of all ages. Meal costs have increased to $0.42 each, so financial support is also needed to reach our goal of **$52,500**. Use the QR Code to register and/or donate.



SUN | NOV 8 | 6 – 7:30 PM

THE UNDERGROUND YOUTH GROUP: RELIC RALLY

Come out for a campus-wide hunt to uncover the saints in a whole new light! We'll explore hidden corners of the church campus, crack clues, and discover wild saint stories you've never heard before.

EVENTS (CONT'D)



WEEKLY TUES | THROUGH NOV 17 | 1 – 2:30 PM

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SERIES

The next St. Therese of Lisieux Grief Support Group Series is underway! You need not attend all sessions. You are free to attend the ones you can make. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 586-254-4433 or Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse, at 586-254-4433 Ext. 320, or MarilynC@stol.church. Both newcomers and those who have attended previous sessions are welcome.



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SAT | DEC 19 | BEGINS AT 4:30 PM MASS

MERRY & BRIGHT: A CHRISTMAS GIRLS' NIGHT

Ladies 13 and up are invited to a cozy evening of faith, food, friendship, and Christmas fun! Join us for Mass, followed by soup and salad, a festive hot chocolate bar, and plenty of time to connect. Then, settle in at 6 PM for a Christmas movie together. Bring your mom, daughter, sister, or friend to enjoy a relaxing night celebrating the season together!

An Important Update from Archbishop Weisenburger

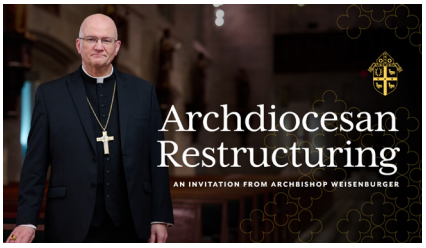
Msgr. John Kasza, Moderator

As the Archdiocese of Detroit continues its restructuring process, Archbishop Edward Weisenburger has shared an important update regarding the future of our parishes.

In a new video message and letter to the faithful, Archbishop Weisenburger discusses the next round of proposed pastorate models, upcoming priest assignments, and what we can expect as the Archdiocese moves toward a final restructuring plan in April 2027.

We encourage all parishioners to take a few moments to watch the Archbishop's video and read his letter to better understand these important changes and the vision for the future of our local Church.

Scan the QR code below to watch the video and read the full letter on our website.



Please continue to pray for our Archbishop, priests, and parish communities as we move forward together in faith and trust in the Holy Spirit.

Thank You for Filling the Bottles!

Scott Kozak, Grand Knight Council 11957

Our parish family has done it again. Thanks to your generosity, this year's Baby Bottle Drive raised $5,600 for Abigayle Ministries.

Every bottle that came back to us, whether filled with coins, bills, or checks, represents a real act of love for mothers, babies, and families in need. Having visited Abigayle Ministries and spoken with the staff, it is clear that your donations are appreciated, especially since they have seen a reduction in contributions lately. Together, you have given some hope to women facing difficult times and helped ensure that newborns and their mothers have the support they need. Your gifts will provide practical help, compassion, and care at a time when it matters most.

We are grateful to everyone who took a bottle home, collected spare change at the kitchen table, encouraged children to give, or simply offered a prayer for the cause. Thank you also to our Knights, who collected bottles and counted the donations. Your time and hard work made this success possible.

> *And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.*
> Matthew 18:5

Thank you for welcoming these little ones with such an open heart. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Please keep Abigayle Ministries and the families they serve in your prayers. For more information, please visit **www.abigayleministries.org**.

Blessings and Vivat Jesus!



One Hail Mary at a Time

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and if praying it entirely feels a little intimidating, you are not alone!

Maybe you don't know all the prayers by heart, lose track of the mysteries, or simply aren't sure where to begin. That's okay. The Rosary doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful.

The Rosary is a simple way to walk alongside Mary as we reflect on Jesus' life, and it can look different in every season of life.

Maybe you pray one decade together with your family before bedtime. Perhaps you follow along with a guided Rosary in the car on the way to school or work. Or, you may pray a decade while rocking your baby, during your lunch break, on a walk, or in the quiet of your home. It all counts.

If a full Rosary feels like too much, start small: one decade, one mystery, or even one Hail Mary.

This October, may we all find a little time to pick up our rosaries—whether we are returning to a devotion that has been part of our lives for years or discovering it for the very first time. There is no perfect way to begin. Just take the next little step toward Jesus.

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

Upcoming Children's Formation Dates

- **October 19 (6 PM):** Parent meeting for those who didn't attend on September 3
- **October 26, 27:** Regular class sessions
- **November 9, 10:** Regular class sessions
- **November 16, 17:** Regular class sessions
- **November 21 (12 PM):** Workshop for all Year 1 Confirmation Prep students and their parent or sponsor
- **November 30, December 1:** Regular class sessions

Pumpkin Patch Party

The annual Pumpkin Patch Party took place on October 2. More than 400 people and 30 volunteers were on hand for a family night of fall fun. Everyone was invited to paint a pumpkin, enjoy cider and donuts, and roast a s'more over an open fire. There were games, a glow room, and a popular scavenger hunt with stops focusing on St. Therese of Lisieux and our Blessed Mother. Thanks to the Hospitality Team for serving the cider and donuts, and to the teen and adult volunteers who helped make the night such a great time for all!









AARP Driver Safety Course

Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse marilync@stol.church

More than 41 million licensed drivers aged 65 and older are on the roads, up from 26 million 20 years ago. As people age, changes to vision, hearing, and reflexes may affect driving skills, increasing the risk of being injured or killed in a crash. Physical and mental changes that may affect driving include arthritis; medications; and changes in eyesight, hearing, and reflexes.

General safe driving tips for seniors:

- Avoid driving at night, on the highway, or in bad weather.
- Talk with your doctor to develop a plan to help you keep driving and decide when it is no longer safe.
- Take a defensive driving course to refresh your driving skills, such as the upcoming AARP course at St. Therese.

St. Therese of Lisieux will host this AARP Driver Safety Course on Wednesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 29, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. You must attend **both** 4-hour sessions. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to the Parish Secretary at 586-254-4433 or Marilyn Cito, Parish Nurse, at 586-254-4433 Ext. 320 or Marilync@stol.church. The cost is $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-members, payable at the door.

If you decide it's time to give up driving, talk with family and friends to explore options. A list of transportation alternatives is posted on the Health Ministry Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space and includes the following resources:

- Shelby Township Senior Citizens Transportation: 586-739-7540
- MyRide2: 855-697-4332
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers: 586-757-5551

References
- www.nia.nih.gov/health/older-drivers, December 12, 2018.
- www.aarpdriversafety.org

$750,000 Gift Expands Access to Austin Catholic High School

Allison Hoover, Austin Catholic High School President

Dear Future Crusader Family,

Choosing a high school is one of the most important decisions your family will make. At Austin Catholic High School, we believe every student deserves the opportunity to experience an education that challenges the mind, nurtures the heart, and inspires a life of purpose.

Today, we are pleased to share exciting news that may make that opportunity possible. An anonymous benefactor has made a transformative $750,000 gift to Austin Catholic, designated specifically for need-based tuition assistance for incoming students.

This remarkable generosity is more than a financial gift, it is a powerful vote of confidence in Austin Catholic and in the students and families who make our community extraordinary. It reflects the Augustinian values of truth, unity, and love, and a belief in investing in others' lives and our community's future.

The gift comes from parents of Austin Catholic alumni who experienced the impact of an Austin Catholic education. Their immense generosity shows how deeply our mission resonated with their family, inspiring an investment that will strengthen our school and serve future generations of students.

If you have ever wondered whether an Austin Catholic education could be possible for your family, we invite you to take the next step by attending our Fall Open House on Sunday, October 25. Register using the QR code.

Applications for the 2027–28 school year are now open, and we encourage you to visit our campus, experience our community, and learn more about the opportunities available to your student—including tuition assistance.

Your journey to becoming a Crusader may be closer than you think.

With gratitude,
Allison Hoover

Little Ways, Lasting Gratitude: Investing in Our Parish Today and Tomorrow

A message from Msgr. John Kasza

Msgr. John Kasza, Moderator frjohn@stol.church

I want to begin by sincerely thanking everyone who has participated in our *Little Ways, Lasting Gratitude* initiative. Your response to increasing your commitment to St. Therese through your time, talent, and treasure has been most impressive. It is gratifying to see how much you love our parish and how willing you are to invest in its future.



As you saw in the brochure recently mailed to your homes, St. Therese is a vibrant and growing parish community. From worship and faith formation to outreach and fellowship, wonderful things are happening here. But as our ministries continue to grow, we must also be mindful that our church facilities are now more than 30 years old and require significant care and attention.

A few parishioners have asked a fair question: **"What do we need more money for?"**

The answer is really twofold: **to care for the church we have today and to strengthen the ministries that will shape our parish tomorrow.**

First, we must continue to maintain and improve our facilities. Over the years, careful financial planning and our parishioners' generosity have allowed us to set aside funds for major repairs without another capital campaign. In fact, our last capital campaign, *Changing Lives Together*, took place more than a decade ago. That is something for which we should all be grateful.

However, the needs before us are significant. We currently anticipate nearly **$2 million in capital improvements**, including:

- **Roof repairs:** Approximately $250,000 has been spent replacing a large section of our flat roof.
- **Church entrance doors:** After more than 30 years of exposure to Michigan weather, our front doors have recently been refinished at a cost of $3,000.
- **Gathering Space carpeting:** Replacement is planned in the near future and is estimated to cost around $40,000.
- **Parking lot:** Significant repairs and eventual replacement are anticipated, with an estimated cost of $750,000.
- **Heating and cooling systems:** Our 12 HVAC units are approximately 30 years old. Eventually, they will need to be replaced at an estimated cost of $60,000 each.

These expenses are above and beyond the normal costs of operating our parish.

Thanks to prudent financial stewardship and the generosity of those who came before us, we have funds set aside to address these needs. But once those funds are used, we must begin replenishing our savings so that future generations are not left with the financial burden of maintaining our parish.

But buildings are only part of the story.

Just as important is our commitment to growing and strengthening our ministries, particularly those serving our children, teenagers, and young

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families. These are the future of our Church, and we must continue creating opportunities for them to encounter Christ, grow in their faith, build friendships, and find a spiritual home here at St. Therese.

Through children's faith formation, youth ministry, family-centered activities, and opportunities for young people to become more involved in parish life, we are making an intentional investment in the next generation of Catholics. Your increased generosity will help us expand these efforts, strengthen existing programs, and reach more families in our community.

We want St. Therese to be a parish where young families feel welcomed, children are excited about their faith, and teenagers discover that the Church has an important place in their lives.

I hope we all remember an important principle: **The future Church is the responsibility of the Church today.**

The beautiful parish we enjoy did not happen by accident. Generations of faithful parishioners gave generously, volunteered their time, and made sacrifices so that we could have a place to worship, learn, serve, and grow in faith.

Now, it is our turn.

And let me take this opportunity to make something very clear: **St. Therese is <u>not</u> closing, and we are <u>not</u> selling our church!** We are a healthy, vibrant parish with a bright future. Our goal is not to prepare for closing, but quite the opposite. We are investing in our buildings, strengthening our ministries, and preparing to serve God's people for many more years.

Being a strong parish today does not mean we can ignore tomorrow's needs. We must be wise and faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Our responsibility is not simply to maintain our church for the next few years. It is to ensure that the children and young families who worship with us today, and those who will follow them, have a thriving parish to call home for generations to come.

We are not simply caring for a building. We are caring for the mission that happens within it.

That is what *Little Ways, Lasting Gratitude* is all about. Small acts of generosity, when offered together in faith and gratitude, can have a lasting impact.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Therese such a special parish family. May God continue to bless the good work He has begun in each of you.

Msgr. John Kasza
Pastor, St. Therese of Lisieux



Because of <u>you</u>! A large section of our church roof (area in red) has been replaced, helping to protect our parish for years to come.



Because of <u>you</u>! Our church entrance doors have been beautifully refinished, preserving the welcoming entrance to our spiritual home.

Mass Intentions

SAT. OCT. 17 4:30 PM
† Jenn Kolar (Bday)
† Razkowski Family
† Maria Guzik
† Joe Basirico & Maria Basirico-Fiorello
† Deceased Members of the Trudeau & Lenzini Families
† Charles Bigham
† Phyllis Tresh (Bday)
† Margaret Sowers
† Rev. Thomas J. Sutherland

SUN. OCT. 18 8:00 AM
† Louis Biafora (39th Anniv.)
† Paul Schirle
† Frank Zacharias
† Deanna Graham
† Jon Kylmala (5th Anniv.)

SUN. OCT. 18 9:45 AM
For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
† Curt Yeager
† Susan Trupiano
† Sgt. Paul Rivera
† Denise Carpenter
† David Foster (30th Anniv.)
† Paul Lesnau
† Mark Otto
† Gil Mondoux
† Walter Manion

SUN. OCT. 18 11:45 AM
† John & Theresa Berd, Dennis Berd & Vicky Berd
John & Jacqueline Ahern
† Rocco Simone
† Larry & Barbara Kelly
† Rosario Esposito
† Carmela & Francesca Esposito
The Hajgato Family
† Patrina Czarniak
Living Members of the Nguyen & Doan Families
Sam Cucchiara (Healing)

TUE. OCT. 20 8:30 AM
For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Ellen Garrett
Werner Loell
† Jon Kujtim Qafa

WED. OCT. 21 8:30 AM
† Rose Marie Carr (Anniv.)
Doris M. Stocker (In Thanksgiving)
† Dennis Stroh

THU. OCT. 22 8:30 AM
Michael Desronvil
Daniel Shibin (Healing)

FRI. OCT. 23 8:30 AM
† Dr. Raymond Skowronski, Jr.
† Mary Starkey

SAT. OCT. 24 4:30 PM
† Joe Basirico & Maria Basirico-Fiorello
† Alfred Saam
† Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kane (86th Anniv.)
† Mario, Delita, & David Baldinelli
† Rev. Thomas J. Sutherland
† Antonietta Calabrese (Bday)
† David Allen Kensicki
Wiacek & Orlanski Families
† Leo & Filomena Belli
† Gil Mondoux

SUN. OCT. 25 8:00 AM
† Robert Fanone
† Frank Zacharias
† Deanna Graham
Evelyn Subach

SUN. OCT. 25 9:45 AM
† Carmen & Rosa Russo
Dennis & Cathy Dysarz (60th Wedding Anniv.)
† Mike Martin (12th Anniv.)
† Giuseppe Bartolotta
† Procopio Canatella
† Mandohin Garbit
† Hameed Maourad
† Gil Mondoux
Ken Brusate (Healing)

SUN. OCT. 25 11:45 AM
For the People of St. Therese of Lisieux Parish
† Mary Jo Marchione
† Nancy Kucyk
† James Blaisdell, Jr.
† Mary Rose Maltese
† Hilda & Eligio Evangelisti
† Antonino Cucchiara
† James Tinervia
† Giuseppe Tinervia
† Alan Lesko

Readings

SUNDAY
Is 45:1, 4-6;
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b;
Mt 22:15-21

MONDAY
Eph 2:1-10;
Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY
Eph 2:12-22;
Ps 85:9ab-14;
Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY
Eph 3:2-12;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;
Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY
Eph 3:14-21;
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY
Eph 4:1-6;
Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY
Eph 4:7-16;
Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY
Ex 22:20-26;
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10;
Mt 22:34-40

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BUDGET THIS WEEK
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$26,096 ACTUAL
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