

Religious Education Project—Operation Christmas Child

This year the Religious Ed students will be participating in a service project called **Operation Christmas Child**. With this project, students will pack shoeboxes to mail overseas to underprivileged areas of the world. The shoeboxes will be built for children ages 2—14. Here’s how you can help:

- You may donate money toward supplies or shipping expenses (shipping for each box is \$10). Please write checks to St. Mary’s Village with a memo for “Operation Christmas”. Or, you may put cash in an envelope marked with your name and “Operation Christmas”. This will allow the office to ensure that you receive credit for your donation on your tax statement.
- Donate supplies

We need these items by October 26. We will pack boxes on October 26. Jena would prefer to have the item(s) prior to this date, but she won’t turn anything away on the day of!



Shoebox Gift Suggestions

“WOW” ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical Instrument



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

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October 5, 2025

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Confessions—Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm
at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

Thank You!



A huge thank you to Terry & Tom! The doors look great!

Giving Opportunities

A gift that keeps on giving! Consider contributing to our endowment fund as a powerful way to impact the mission of St. Mary’s Village Church in perpetuity. Our endowment is invested with the Archdiocese’s Catholic Community Foundation and provide long-term financial stability through annual distributions. Ask us to learn more about our endowments by contacting Kim Pohovey, Archdiocesan Director of Major & Planned Gifts, (317) 236-1568, kpohovey@archindy.org to contribute today.

Active Shooter Training

After Mass, October 19 we will host an active shooter training course to the parish. It will take approximately 30 minutes, and cover what to do in the event of an active shooter. While we can continue to pray that this threat is unlikely, it is important for the community to be on the same page about how to handle this situation should it ever occur. The course will be instructed by Easton Robertson (High Gear Safety) and will be free of cost.

Come & See Retreat

October 17 at 4 pm – October 19 at 2 pm

Is God calling you to be a sister?

Come and See how the Sisters of Providence are living out lives of authentic meaning — centered on God and serving others. Explore if you might be called to life as a Sister of Providence. Single, Catholic women ages 18 to 42 are invited for a weekend retreat Friday, October 17 starting at 4 pm and concluding at 2 pm on Sunday, October 19, 2025. During this retreat you will have the opportunity to hear several sisters’ stories about their call and their lives today. You will experience how the Sisters live the call through prayer, vows, ministries and community life. Call or text Sister Joni Luna t 361.500.9505 to learn more.

Planning and logistics

Check-in will be Friday, October 17, 2025 inside the East doors of Providence Hall. Dress for the weekend is casual. You may want to bring one nicer outfit for Mass on Sunday. What else to bring? Please bring a journal/notepad and a reusable water bottle.

Finance Report

Description	September 28	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 2,619	\$ 2,308
Galvin	\$ 10	\$ 115



Date	October 5	October 12
Lector	Patty Curley	Steve Norris
Server	Vivian Sereno	Owen Ramsey
Ushers	Tom McKinney Scott Thralls	Bob Curley Matt Meyers
EMs	Carol Cummins Pam Norris	Lana Thralls Krista Toney
Counters		Patty Curley Colleen Meyers
Cleaners	Eric & Tammy Cegielski	

Mass Intentions

- 10/5In Memory of Mary Winters
By the St. Mary’s Village Family
- 10/12In Memory of Doug & Randy Marrs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

James & Florence Callahan	10/12/1968
Todd & Kimberly LaComba	10/25/2003
Greg & Marylu Thralls	10/23/1982
John & Jeannette Wrin	10/7/1972

BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Kane10

Pray For Our Loved Ones

David Auterson	Rosie Meehan
Flo Callahan	Doreen Rude
Ray Edwards	Dick Stultz
Jane Frazier	Jeanette Stultz
Dan Kane	Dave Sullivan

Fall Clean-Up Day!

Bring your rake and work gloves on Saturday, October 25 at 8:30 am and help us clean up the parish grounds. Young & old are welcome to help!



Taizé Prayer is a simple, meditative form of worship for all spiritual seekers who would like to dwell deeply in God’s presence. Songs, prayerful silence and short readings guide the focus of our prayer in a candle-lit environment. This unique service is offered in-person and virtually. Join the Sisters on Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 7 pm.

