

Notes from Barb!

- † We will have Coffee & Donuts today! Students should go to their classrooms and donuts and milk will be brought to them. Thanks to the Curley family for stepping up to do Coffee & Donuts again this month. We need volunteers to do Dec. 3.
- † There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart this week due to a scheduling conflict.

Fundraising

Coming soon: **Rocky's Flower Shop cards** at a cost of \$35. Cards entitle you to flowers each month in 2024. These were a big hit last year and we will have more available for this year. They make great gifts, too!

SCRIP

Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Amazon, Visa and a variety of other cards are available each week!



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

Life Is Not Fair

Even if you live a good life, if you do one thing wrong, people may never let you forget about it. They remind you of your past foolishness. Perhaps they call you a name. It does not seem fair because you have been so good otherwise.

Other people, hardened criminals, ask for mercy and get it. Sometimes they get rewarded. They get away with the wrong they have done. That just does not seem fair.

God speaks to Ezekiel that the unfairness lies with people, not in heaven. God is willing to let people change and grow.

Our opinions of our companions change less frequently than they do. People who are good make bad decisions. People who do evil repent. It is inconvenient for us to change our opinions of who they are.

But God sees to the heart. God knows a person's intent. God knows what a person is responsible for and how sincerely they are trying to do what is right.

That is a good thing for us. It means that if we who are basically good commit some wrongful act, we can still obtain mercy when we repent. Mercy comes from a God who expects us to change.

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October 1, 2023
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

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


We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	October 1	October 8
Lector	Youth	Edie Breneman
Server	Youth	Owen Ramsey
Gift Bearers	Youth	Steve Marrs family
Ushers	Youth	Scott Thralls & Bob Curley
Eucharistic Ministers	Kelly Stafford & Kris Toney	Pam Norris & MaryLu Thralls
Counters	Kay & Terry Jatczak	Tom McKinney & Sarah Wyrick
Cleaners	Sheila Stultz & Linda Dubois	Off week
Coffee & Donuts	Curley Family THANK YOU111	



Birthday Blessing to:
 Marlene Smithson 10-2
 John Kahl 10-3

Prayers Please for:
 Mavis Barbour Russell, David Auterson, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whal-lon, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, John Finley, Ray Veit, Anne Sporer. Patrick O'Sullivan (Saudi Arabia)



Mass Intentions:
 October 1 Virginia & Chuck Borders October 8 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00. Intentions are open through Dec.

Did You Know?
 The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.
 Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Finance Report		
	Sept 24	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	2733	\$2308
Galvin Fund Donations	\$10	\$ 115

Additional Donations	
Cemetery	\$40
Spiritan Missions	\$436



ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
 Eucharistic Revival 2022-2025

MAKING HISTORY
 The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years
 July 17-21, 2024
 Lucas Oil Stadium

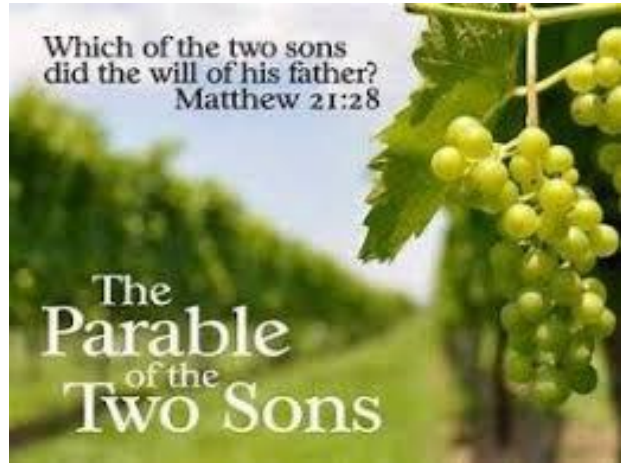
This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has a **discount code** that will allow you to purchase your tickets at a reduced rate. At checkout, please use the code **Indy24**. Indy24 marks the **individual** passes down from \$375 to \$274.

Register at:
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>



Fall Vendors' Fair
 Saturday, November 4th
 8am-3pm
 Reservation forms are at the church entrance



Faith Formation



Thanks to our youth for leading us in worship!

Our next youth liturgy will be November 12 with practice the week before after class time.