

Crackers for a Cause!

Providence Pantry needs us! Did you know that 8 cases of crackers are needed each week (32 per month) to serve the needs of our community? Every box helps. Please continue to bring your crackers in and leave them by the table at the front entrance of church.



Mission Appeal

Next weekend we will be having a mission appeal by The Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga. They are members of a [Catholic religious institute of Religious Brothers](#) which was founded in Uganda in 1927. They are dedicated to the care of youth, traditionally through education, but they currently also serve caring for children suffering from or orphaned due to [HIV/AIDS](#).

Information About Reporting Abuse

If you are a victim or know of anyone who is a victim of any type of sexual misconduct, please contact our victim assistance coordinator at (317) 236-1548 or (800) 382-9836, ext. 1548, or e-mail to victimassistance@archindy.org to make a report. You can also make a confidential report through our EthicsPoint reporting system by visiting <http://www.archindy.org/abuse/reporting.html> or by calling (888) 393-6810.

Question: What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer: Emperor Constantine’s mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus’ life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.



The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

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Sisters of Providence

The feast day of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, will be celebrated at 11 am, Saturday, Oct. 3, in the Church. For more information, call (812) 535-2952 or visit Events.SistersofProvidence.org.

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September 13, 2026

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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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	September 13	September 20
Lector	Carol Cummins	Patty Curley
Server	Dallas Thralls	Waylon Robertson
Ushers	Tom McKinney Nick Savant	Bob Curley Jody Stafford
EMs	Lana Thralls MaryLu Thralls	Krista Toney Bonnie Warn
Counters	Sarah Hartzler Tom McKinney	Patty Curley Colleen Meyers
Cleaners	Eric & Tammy Cegielski	



David Auterson
Tony Dubois
Flo Callahan
Ray Edwards
Jane Frazier
Karen Harris

Barbara Hofman
Sarah Mahady
Steve Norris
Lane Norton
Dave Sullivan
Brylee Switzer

Mass Intentions

9/13

In Loving Memory of Jonathon Auterson

9/20

In Loving Memory of Dick Stultz

Finance Report

Description	September 6	Budgeted
Regular Collection	\$ 2,871	\$ 2,308
Galvin	\$ 168	\$ 115
Religious Ed	\$ 75	

Special Collection

This weekend, the Archdiocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed an an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University’s various research and traing initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that bring together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. by contributing education, formation, research, events, and media; a mater’s program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please give generously.



Dear God,

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.
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Join Elizabeth at the movies on **September 20th at 6:30 p.m.** at the AMC theater for the 7 pm showing of *Heaven in Stone and Glass*. Bishop Barron explores the history, art, and spiritual meaning of France's Gothic cathedrals: Charles, Notre-Dame, Reims, Amiens, and Saint-Denis.

Readings & Observances for the Week

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents’ Day

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

St. Januarius

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a