

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Update: September 6th, 2026



“In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.”
(2 Corinthians 5.19)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 7TH TO SEPTEMBER 13TH

Monday, 7 th	Ferial	Office Closed	No Mass
Tuesday, 8 th		Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast	
9:00 a.m.		+Patricia Cullen	(L&C Vendittelli)
9:30 a.m.		Devotion – Our Mother of Perpetual Help Litany	
Wednesday, 9 th	Ferial	Office Closed	
9:00 a.m.		Holy Souls	(N Vendittelli)
		+Joseph Vendittelli	(N Vendittelli)
9:30-10:00 a.m.		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday, 10 th	Ferial	Office Closed	
9:00 a.m.		+Maeija Glavasch	(L Selimovic)
Friday, 11 th	Ferial	Office Closed	
9:00 a.m.		Sp. Int. of Marlene Sheehan (Dn M&F Prindiville)	
9:30-10:00 a.m.		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 12 th		3:30-4:30 p.m.	Confession
5:00 p.m.		Liv. & Dec. Members of the Vendittelli, DiFabio, Duemo and Dumont Families (L&C Vendittelli) ALL Members of Star of the Sea	
Sunday, 13 th	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am.	Holy Souls (N Vendittelli) +Joseph Vendittelli (N Vendittelli) +Arnaldo Pietro Izzo (R DeLuca)
11:00 a.m.		Liv. & Dec. Members of the Brancaccio Family (L&S Molinaro)	

Please Note: Our Parish Office will be closed Sept. 8th thru Sept. 11th, 2026.

From the Pastors Desk

Dear Friends: First, I wish to thank you for taking the time to read and occasionally comment on my column! A few people spoke to me about our water adventures this summer. I always try to write something which is relevant and interesting, and, of course, that takes some effort. So, thank you for reading!

As you have been hearing, we will soon be embarking in earnest on our parish small groups ministry. After a successful trial run this summer, it seems that this informal style of faith sharing holds some real appeal. We will be inviting interested parishioners, and friends, to sign on to one of the groups, which will meet over a limited number of weeks, in a relaxed, nonthreatening setting. Generally this takes place in a private home and usually involves 6-8 individuals. The previous Sunday’s Gospel and homily (either via the recorded livestream on YouTube or the homily from Bishop Barren, available through Word on Fire or our parish app., or, perhaps something from Fr. Mike Schmidt.) Next, there follows some sharing by participants who have been given a short list of scripted questions designed to stimulate discussion. The time frame is typically 60-90 minutes. Coffee or tea, or a cold drink may be served, as the host desires. This manner of faith sharing is not something many Catholics are familiar with. Faith sharing has indeed taken place within the family to one degree or another, such as on the drive home from church or during lunch following Mass. But, the practice of meeting with other believers to become better acquainted with the Word and with one another’s faith journey, may not be something many have experienced. Within our modern context, it is easy to see how the family support a Catholic may have received in the past, may be lacking or absent altogether. One need only look around the church at Sunday Mass to see solo worshipers, even those with families they will go home to. Given the fact that Christianity has always been a faith nurtured and lived in community, isolation can make Christian discipleship harder than it needs to be. So, if you have wished that more support were available to assist you in following Christ, this small groups ministry could be just for you! I want to thank the handful of parishioners who have chosen to host a group in their home, and I invite **more interested individuals to come forward to do so.** Having discussed this at our Pastoral Council meetings and, having heard the overwhelmingly positive experiences of clergy and laity who have shared in this small group sharing, I definitely see this as a way forward to developing more confident and resilient disciples.

In His Love, Fr. Richard

Pope’s Prayer Intention for the Month of
September

FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund–September 13, 2026 The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established to accept donations from 73 Catholic dioceses across the country, and to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives, fulfilling the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada’s bishops in September 2021. The fund seeks to support projects that are determined locally, in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners. The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund has established the following criteria for grant applications: healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; and dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture. The fund has been designed to meet the highest standards of transparency and good governance and is overseen by a board of directors made up of Indigenous leaders. (<https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>)

Adult Faith Formation Thursday Sept 17 – Oct 22



from 7 – 8:00 p.m. Hosted by the SOLI Sisters in the church hall. Learn more about **Catholic Devotions: Growing closer to Christ** – Discover the beauty and richness of Catholic devotional life. Explore traditional prayers, practices, saints, sacramentals, Marian devotion Eucharistic devotion, and ways to deepen your relationship with Christ. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Small Groups this Fall: Small Groups brings together 6-8 people weekly for 10 weeks to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and, more importantly, to talk about what that message means in our daily lives. A chance to slow down, connect with others, and have a safe space to talk about faith, and the ways God may be working in our lives. Our vision is simple: One church, one message, lived throughout the week – beyond Sunday Mass. All participants will receive a free copy of Matthew Kelly's book, 'Holy Moments'. If you're interested in participating in OR hosting a small group this Fall, please visit our website www.staroftheseachurch.ca/ministries/community-groups/small-groups/ for more information or come to our official Small Groups signup event after all Masses on September 20th.

“Could you not watch one hour with me?” Matthew 26:40

Life Chain Event Sunday, October 4th, 2026 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM Lake St. and Carlton St. On Sunday, October 4th, 2026 Canadians will gather at 375+ locations nationwide to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during Life Chain, now in its 35th year in Canada. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold with messages such as “Adoption: A Loving Option.” Please spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”



PRAYER ANGELS Our ministry is set up to pray for the parish’s intentions. Please send by email or phone your concerns or cares and they will be passed on to the members of this group who will daily offer up your intentions to the Lord. Prayer is powerful. Let us help ease your troubles or shower the Lord with praises. Please call or email Marg 289-214-6679 mgmartin113@gmail.com

‘He who prays most receives most.’
St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



CWL CORNER
(Catholic Women's League)
“Blessed are the Poor”



E-transfer payments for CWL may be made to cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com. Please remember to indicate which event in the subject line.

Welcome back after our summer break!

Our **next CWL General meeting** is this Tuesday, September the 8th at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all current members and those who are considering becoming a member of our vibrant CWL Council! This is an CWL election year and we encourage our members to share their talents and expertise! Learn more about it at Tuesday’s meeting!

Next Sunday, September 13, we invite our parishioners to join us for **Sundae Sunday**, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for ice cream and lemonade, served on the church lawn. Bring a lawn chair if you wish!!

A Prayer for our Students and Teachers

Lord, protect every student, teacher, and school staff member. Fill our children with courage, kindness, wisdom, and peace. Keep them safe, help them grow, and remind them each day that they are loved. Guide their steps and watch over them throughout this new school year.

In Jesus’ name, Amen



Sept. 12 / 13	5 P.M.	9 A.M.	11 A.M.
Ministers of Holy Communion	N Linkson	Dn. Maurice	R Eckstein
Lector	R Jesik	C Prendergast	A Piller
Hospitality Ministers	A&R Hancock C Tracey	C DeLuca R Dzugan W Riddle	Bott Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION CONTRIBUTIONS:

August 30 th , 2026		
Parishioner Envelopes		\$ 4,266.00
Loose Collection	CAD	\$ 204.00
	USD	\$ 5.00
Catholic Missions		\$ 25.00
Total Offertory Collection:		\$ 4,500.00
Our Special Needs		\$ 45.00

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