St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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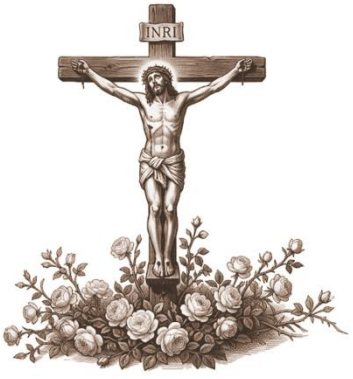
October Mass Readings

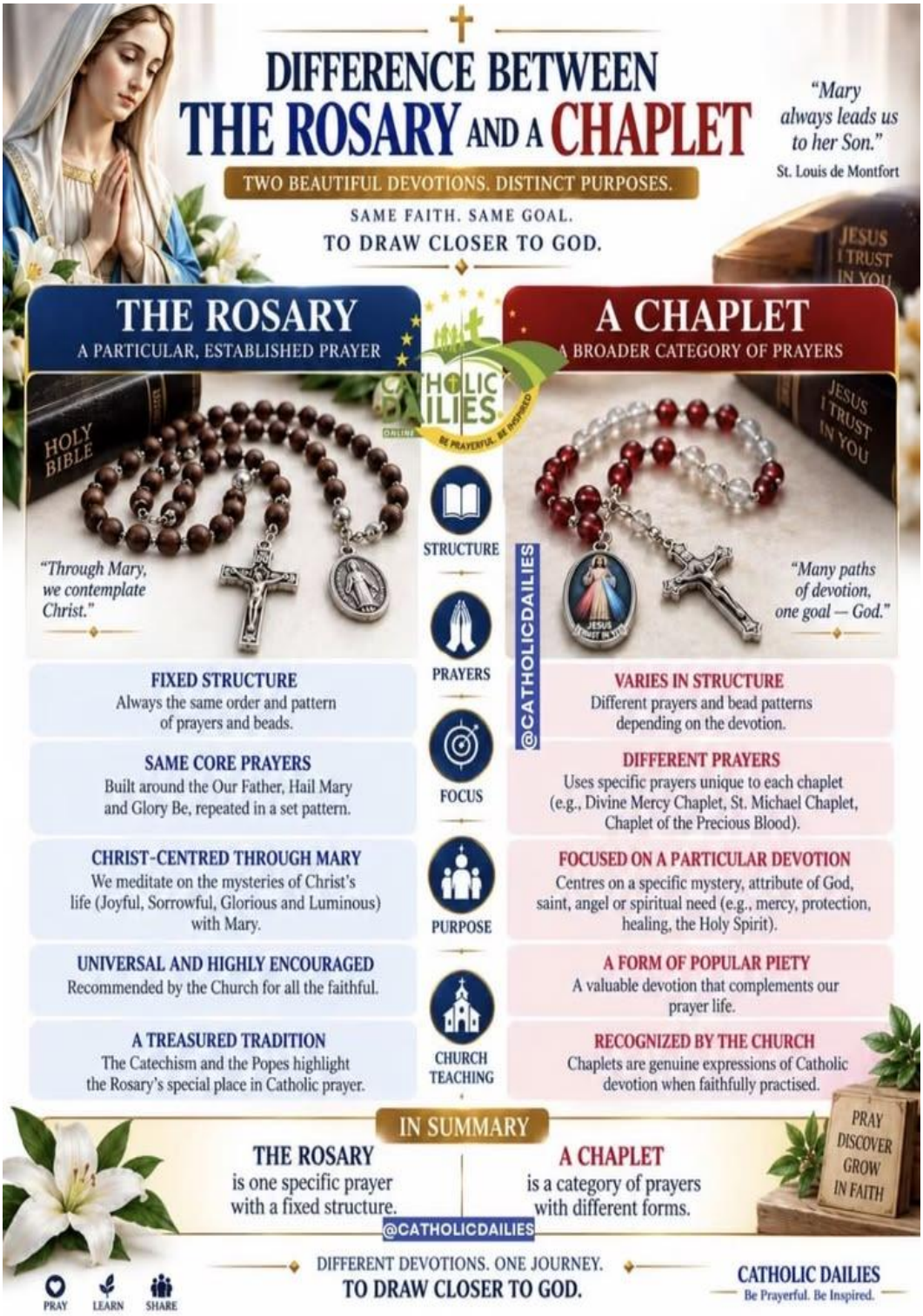
October 04
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Matt 21:33-43

October 11
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Matt 22:1-14

October 18
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5
Matt 22:15-21

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26





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We extend a warm welcome to our newest parishioners, **Theresa Sherman** and her mother, **Barbara Sherman**!

We are truly blessed to have you as part of our parish family!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Financial Report
AUGUST 2026

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	22,739.62
Second Collections	800.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	135.00
Other Income	662.48
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$24,337.10
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	23,782.33
Rectory, Church & Offices	7,656.58
Budgeted Committees	80.00
Contributions/Aid	1,500.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	- 0 -
Cemeteries Expenses	623.42
Other Expenses	294.62
Diocesan Assessment	2,224.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.10
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$36,538.88
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	($12,201.78)

Our parishioners have been busy preparing for our annual Spaghetti Supper! We are so grateful for the many helping hands, generous hearts, and countless hours that go into making this beloved parish tradition possible each year. Please join us in thanking everyone who has worked so hard to keep this special tradition going. We appreciate you and all you do for our parish family!

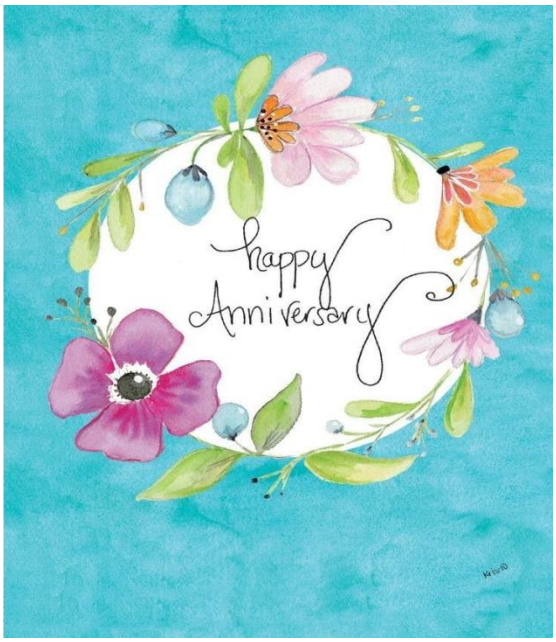
Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02	Karen Cash
03	Kenny Scott
04	Richard Burleigh
04	Debbie Yount
09	Nanay Gieringer
10	Sarah Camarillo
10	Barbara Sanders
11	Cheryl Norby
12	Michael G, Cash
12	Laura Kauffman
13	Bruce Bellefeuille
13	Cynthia Forestiere
14	Tatiana Abuela
14	Kimberly Henning
15	Cassie Braden
16	John Elkins
17	Lauren Bland
19	Jack Culpepper
19	Walter Theriot
19	Mary Winkley
21	Elizabeth Love
22	Ximena Alvarez
23	Renee Mayer
23	Wendy Ruggeri
23	Jeff Winkler
24	Kathleen Phillips
26	Susanne Chambliss
31	Linda Simpson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

02	Cameron & Shannon Morgan
03	Matt & Kim Soto
08	Ross & Ann Allen
09	Jack & Janie Culpepper
12	Pat & Cindy Sutliff
28	John & Norma Wood



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 1153

Our September meeting was held on September 8th at the KC Hall. Ten members and District Deputy Greg Mattics were present.

Grand Knight Richard Burleigh began the meeting by thanking the members for their support and participation in the monthly rosary and the Fifth Sunday Potluck on August 30th. Both were well attended and we also thank the parishioners who participated as well. He also noted that we have seen an increase in canned goods brought to church for Neighbor to Neighbor and we have received good feedback from parishioners on our renewed efforts for the canned food collection.

Richard also discussed the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner and the need for workers before and during the actual dinners. Help will especially be needed on the dates for meatball making and frying (September 22nd), sauce making (October 5th) and on the actual dinner days when we will also be making sauce (October 6th and 8th). We encourage all members of the parish to join us and help out as your schedule permits, even for a few hours. This is a great way to meet and get to know your fellow parishioners and to support our parish.

David Henning, Faith Program Director, reported that the next KC rosary and Mass will be Saturday, September 26th at 4:25 pm. Members should arrive by 4:20 pm. It is requested that all Knights and their families sit together for the rosary and mass. Thank you to the Knights for volunteering to participate in these devotions and thank you to the parishioners who join us each month. Richard also reported that we are sponsoring a new seminarian under the Knight's RSVP program: Randall Chastain from Sherwood. Randall is in his second year of seminary, and our support helps him with personal expenses while studying to become a priest.

Larry Miller, our Community Program Director, reported that we hosted our ice cream social on August 7th at Trinity Village. Larry thanked the members who have shown up each month to support this event and visit with the residents of Trinity Village. Larry also reported that he has posters and flyers for the Spaghetti Dinner and encouraged everyone to get the word out about the dinners.

Adam Smith, our Program Director, reported that we are still considering starting the First Sunday Pancake Breakfasts again in November. Adam will gauge the interest in the breakfast with the PRE families, but we also need to know if other parishioners will support these events. Please reach out to a KC member if you wish to see these breakfasts again this school year.

Greg Turchi, our Membership Director, reported that he is working on a membership drive to be held both at St. Peters and St. Josephs. He has ordered the materials from our national office and will be discussing the ideas further at future meetings.

Don Stringer, Faithful Navigator of our 4th Degree Assembly, stated that we will hold a Veteran's Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery on November 11th. Hopefully the weather will be better this year! Watch the bulletin for more details.

The meeting was ended with prayers for the sick and confined members of the parish and the reciting of the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- **KC Rosary and Mass for September,** Saturday, September 26th at 4:25 pm.
- **Regular Council Meeting,** Monday, September 28th at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall
- **Men's Holy Hour,** Saturday, October 10th at 8 am in the Annunciation Chapel
- **November Council Meeting,** Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall, followed by 4th Degree Assembly meeting.

All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Together we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in the community.

Sincerely,
David Henning, Recorder

St. Joseph Catholic Church
September 16, 2026

Chairman Don Stringer called the meeting to order and began the meeting with the Hail Mary prayer. Secretary Connie Boutwell made a silent roll call, and a quorum was present with Lauren Bland, Alyson Gamble and Tom Kauffman absent. Gail Bryant was our guest. Lynn Castleberry made the motion to approve the August minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Community Life:

- Chairman Greg Turchi: **Altar Society** had their first meeting on September 3. **Catholic Daughters** will have their first meeting September 27th as a Salad meeting. **Knights of Columbus** sponsored the 5th Sunday potluck on August 30th and lead the Rosary before 11 AM Mass that day. Next Rosary will be September 26th before 5 PM Mass. On August 7th they visited Trinity Village to hand out ice cream sandwiches. (see attached)

Religious Education:

- Chairman Juliet Bogy: Commissioning of Catechists will be Sunday, September 20th at 11:00 AM Mass. There are two people in OCIA. Religious Education (PRE) began September 13 at 9:30 AM. There is still a need for 3 Catechists. Any adults wishing to train as Altar Servers can receive training by contacting Deacon Garry Boccarossa. If anyone would like to serve at Mass, please contact Deacon Garry in advance to allow proper set up. (see attached)

Building & Grounds:

- Chairman Lynn Castleberry: East Harding Construction began work on the front steps September 2nd. Concrete work is in the curing stage. Installation of new handrails and final finishing will be completed soon. All work on the steps will be complete in mid-October.
- Installation of Smart Thermostats will be completed in the front offices, Chapel and Kitchen.
- The Standup freezer in Gallagher Hall is not freezing. Ladd Appliance will check it out.
- Flagpole is not working correctly. Greg Turchi got the Fire Dept to come to the church to unfurl the flag and put a new flag on the pole. The pulleys are old. Pulleys are ordered. (see attached)

Gail Bryant gave the Financial Report.

Unfinished Business:

- Timothy Lim updated the Council on the Jimmy Akin Presentation. Security has been arranged for the night of the event. The sound system is arranged. We will have two microphones (one for the speaker and one for anyone wanting to speak from the audience). We will go to neighboring churches to sell tickets. We are sure Delta Plex and Heat Magazine will advertise the event.
- Gail Bryant found a grant for an AED for $1253 and other information. Connie will scan everything and forward it to Alyson Gamble.

Dates to Remember:

- October 6 and 8 Spaghetti Supper
- November 7 Jimmy Akin Presentation
- November 11 Veteran's Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery 11 AM sponsored by KC. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms.

The next meeting will be on October 14, 2026, at 6:15 PM. Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Father Joe Marconi ending with Hail Mary.

Connie Boutwell, Secretary

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Altar Society - September 3, 2026

Call to Order

President Kathryn Brickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Vice President Lauren Bland led the opening prayer. Deacon Garry blessed and formally installed the new Altar Society officers, who will serve for the 2026–2028 term.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Shannon Morgan read the minutes from the June meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Card Report

Pam Thornton presented the Card Report.

- In June, one sympathy card and two get-well cards were sent. Anniversary cards were also sent to Deacon Garry and Father Joe.
- In July, a birthday card was sent to Deacon Garry, a thank-you note was sent for the altar server crucifixes, and three get-well cards were sent.

Unfinished Business

The new altar server crucifixes have arrived and are now being worn by the adult and youth altar servers during Mass.

New Business

- President Kathryn Brickey stated that she would work on having the new officers' names added to the Altar Society bank accounts at Relyance Bank and Connect Bank.
- On behalf of Wendy Ruggeri, Gretchen Zell announced that the church will be cleaned following the First Saturday Mass on December 5 at 9:45 a.m.
- On behalf of Cathy Lewis, Gretchen Zell announced that Gallagher Hall will not be available for the November 5 Altar Society meeting. The meeting will instead be held in the Teachers' Lounge in the PRE Building.
- Shannon Morgan asked the group to consider volunteering for an evening in December to collect donations at the Christmas light display at Regional Park. A motion was made and seconded to participate. Motion passed.

Announcements

- Mary Ann Kizer distributed the schedule for the upcoming SEARK District Fair and Rodeo and encouraged all members to participate.
- President Kathryn Brickey reviewed the upcoming calendar of events and provided updates regarding the social committees.

Door Prize & 50/50 Drawing

- Door Prize: Eileen Badovack
- 50/50 Drawing: Pam Thornton

Adjournment

President Kathryn Brickey led the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned. The next Altar Society meeting will be held on November 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge in the PRE Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Morgan - Secretary

St. Francis of Assisi

One of the most revered saints of all time, Francis "the little beggar" captured the imagination of his contemporaries as well as that of modern men by his unique simplicity and a pure grace of spirit. In action he was original, in speech picturesque and poetic, yet he was a man utterly inspired by faith and devotion to the risen Christ.

Francis took literally the words of Christ when he sent his disciples out to preach (Matthew 10:7-10)

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Date of birth: 1181 or 82
Birthplace: Assisi, Italy
Died: October 3,1226
Age: 44

Feast day October 4

Patronage: Animals & Ecology

1181/2

Born in Assisi, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant.

1202

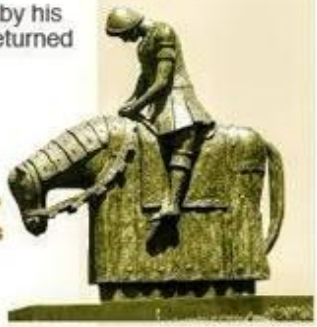
Francis led a life of pleasure and luxury in his youth and aspired to a glamorous military career.

He joined in the war between Assisi and Perugia at the age of 20.

He was wounded and taken prisoner. His health declined.

1203

Ransomed by his father, he returned home.



Statue in the Upper Courtyard of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi Italy

1204

Sets out to participate in a crusade; en route, a vision directs him to return home to seek God's will.

1205

Francis's gradual conversion begins; he gives generously to the poor and embraces a leper; he is mocked by fellow Assisians.

He seeks solitude with God in caves and abandoned churches.

The San Damiano Cross: It was while praying before this cross in the church of San Damiano, just outside Assisi, that Francis received a call to rebuild the Church.

He sells cloth from his father's shop and gives money to repair the church building.

1206

His enraged father takes Francis before the bishop of Assisi, demanding repayment for his cloth, Francis strips, returning his clothes and renouncing his inheritance.

Francis rebuild the little church of San Damiano. He would go into the town to beg for food and stones. He worked cheerfully.

1208

Francis hears the Gospel for the Feast of St. Matthias.

He began to understand that the Church is made up of "living stones" and that he was being called to restore it by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone.

1209

He began to attract followers, and with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans).

1212

With Clare of Assisi he founded the Order of "Poor Ladies," (Poor Clares).

1221

He founded the "Third Order of Penance" (the Third Order) which included lay people.

1224

He receives the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ).

1225

Nearly blind and suffering possibly from tuberculoid leprosy, Francis returns to San Damiano, where Clare and her sisters care for him; he writes *The Canticle of Brother Sun.*

1226

Francis died on Oct 3, at the age of 44.

1228

He is canonized on July 16.

1980

Proclaimed the patron of ecologists—a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature.

Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

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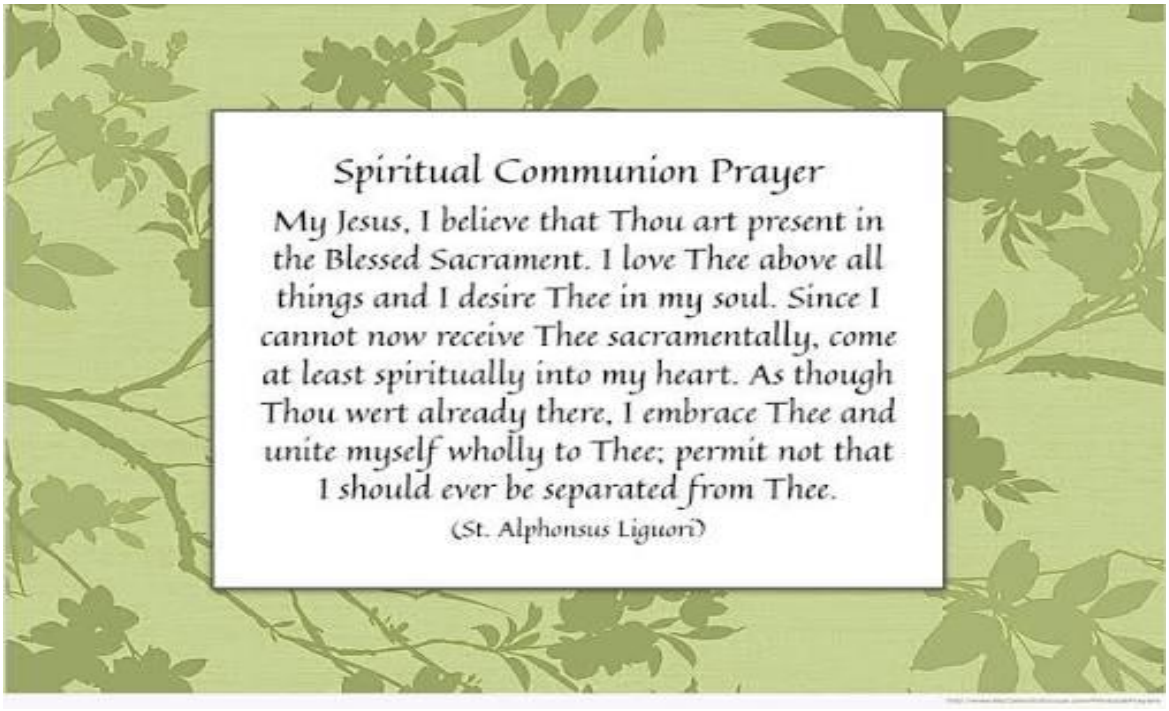

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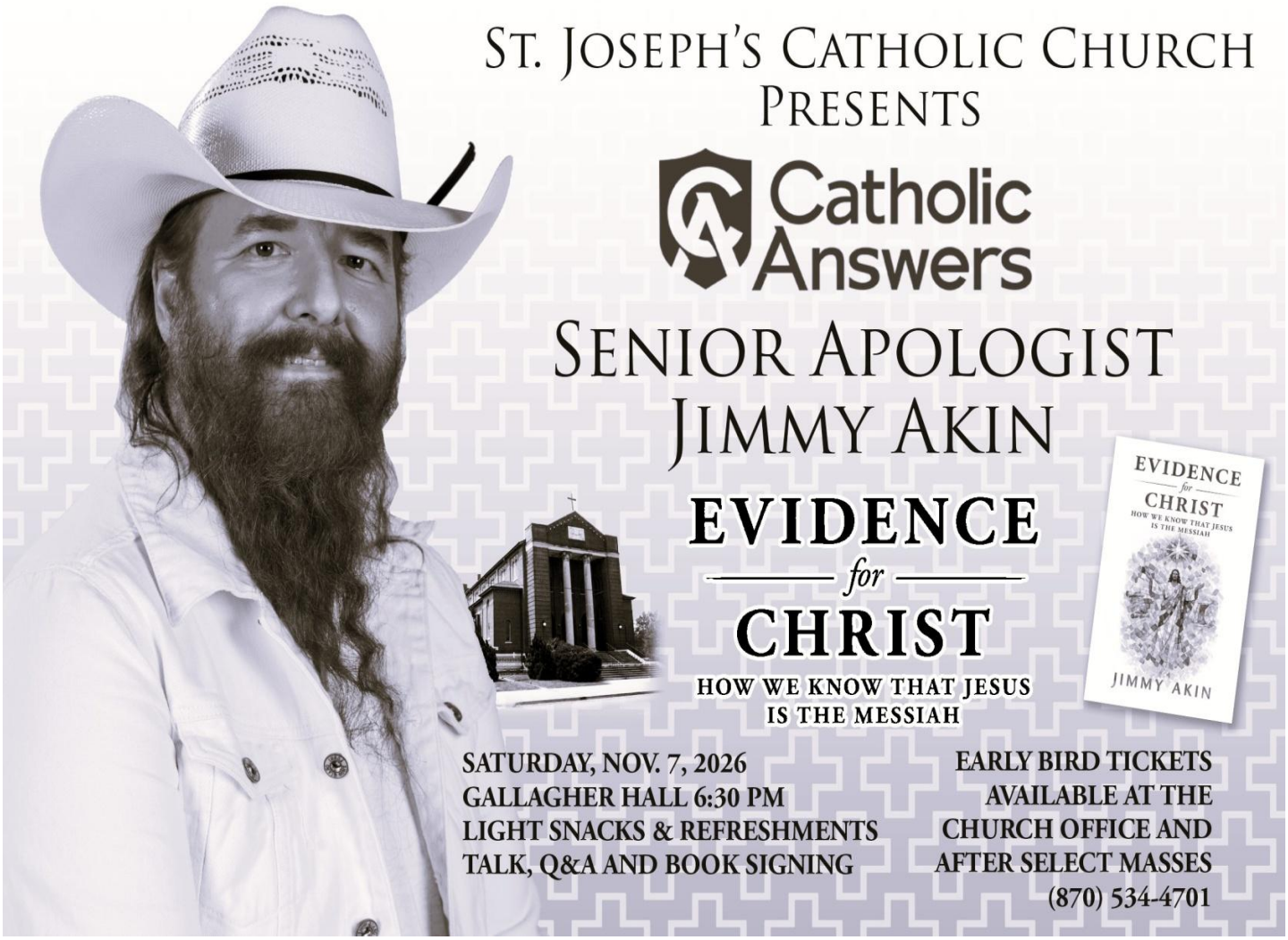
RESPECT LIFE

October is *"Respect Life"* month. In honor of *"Life,"* Catholic Daughters will place a red rose on the Altar each weekend during October to remind us that, as Catholics, we respect life from conception to natural death.

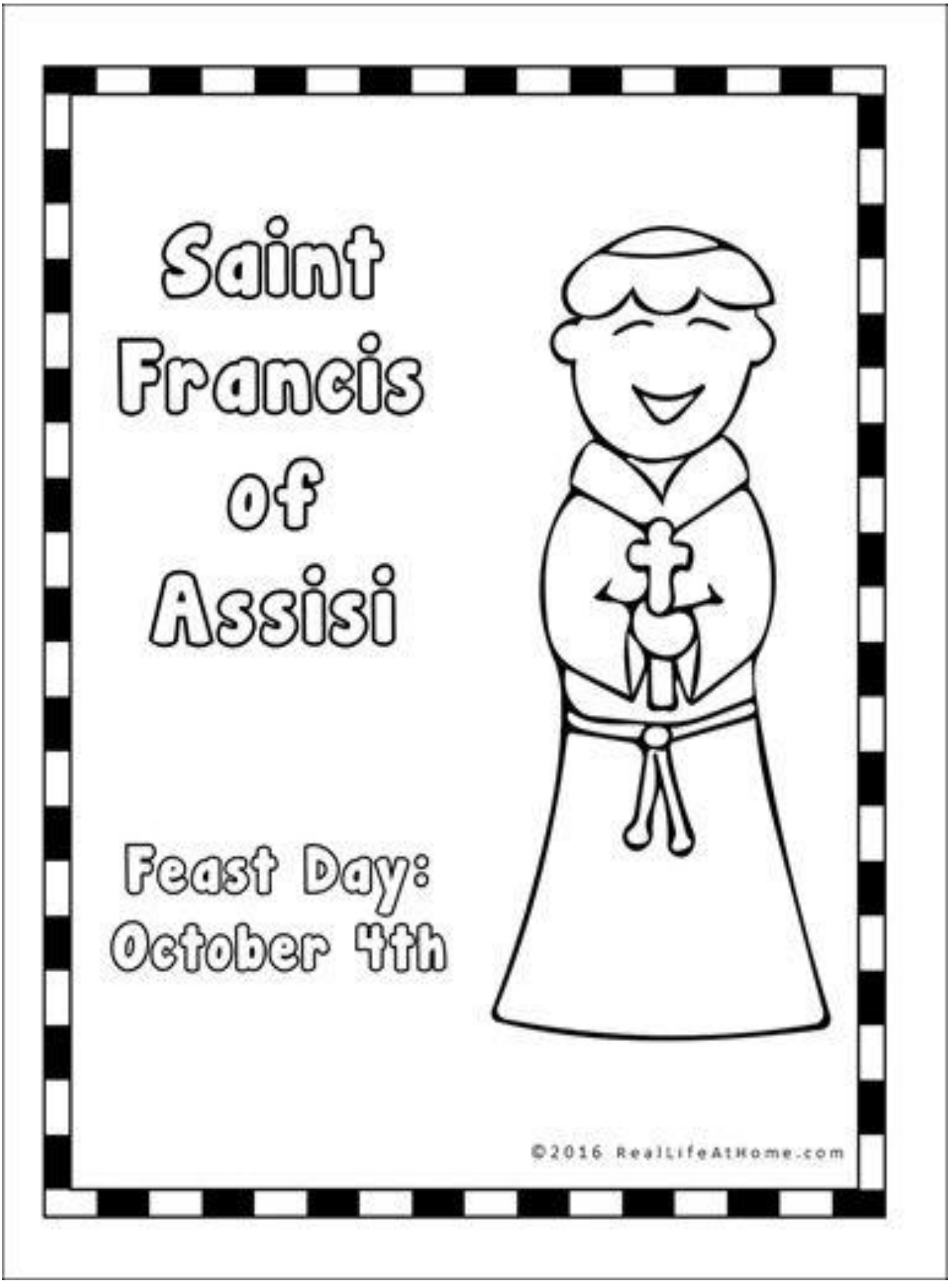
A GREAT BIG THANKS to each and every person who helped in any way with the Spaghetti Supper! Because of YOU our annual fundraiser was a GREAT success! We served 3,385 dinners.

Please return your Spaghetti Supper ticket sales as soon as possible.
You can mail them, put them in a collection basket, or bring then to the parish offices.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



Tickets are $45.00 each and can be purchased from the parish office.

No ticket sales at the door on day of event.

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