

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/04 (XXVII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall.
- 10/11 (Christian Family - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids right after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass Intention: For + JOZEF PALUSZYNSKI.*

- Yesterday's **Annual Parish Picnic** was a wonderful day of friendship and family, filled with great BBQ and fun attractions for the kids. A big THANK YOU to all who volunteered and donated to the Picnic - your generosity and hard work are really appreciated!
- Thanks to a generous **donation from the family of Millie and Ed Koski** to the Cemetery Fund, we were able to purchase a new snowblower for the cemetery. We are also going to install a flag pole at the cemetery, with a dedication plaque honoring Millie and Ed. The blessing of the new flag pole, along with the cemetery, will take place after Mass on **Sunday, November 1st**. All are welcome to attend.
- **Mass Intentions Announcement:** If you have a particular date in mind for a Mass Intention, please be sure to book it in advance, as we are able to schedule only one intention per Sunday. At this time, the first available Sunday with no intention is October 18, 2026. Please contact the parish office to reserve your date.

CHURCH MEMBERS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: EASTON COMTOIS (10/04). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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October 4, 2026

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

For + JOHN GIROUARD (req. by Jacqueline)

INTROIT

C: May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.

R: May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever [and ever]. Amen.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild

IS 5:1-7

grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 80

„The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Phillipians.

Brothers and sisters:
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

PHIL 4:6-9

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 21:33-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The landowner in today's parable thinks of everything: a hedge for protection, a wine press for the harvest, a tower to keep watch. The tenants only have to tend what they've been given and share the fruit. Their downfall starts when they forget whose vineyard it is. They start treating a gift as a possession, and messengers become intruders. Most surprising is the owner's patience. He sends servant after servant and finally his own son, hoping beyond reason that he will be received. That is the patience of God, who keeps sending His word to us long after we've given Him reason to stop. The son is thrown out of the vineyard and killed, just as Jesus would be led outside the city walls to die. Yet God makes that rejected stone the cornerstone of something new. Everything we have is leased to us: our time, our talents, our families, our faith, even this parish. The question the parable leaves us with is a simple one: when the Owner comes looking for fruit, what will He find in the part of the vineyard entrusted to us?