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OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Here's to a Wonderful Year of Faith Formation for ALL!

It has been quite an undertaking, but we began using our new Faith Formation Center last Sunday! This space will now serve both our 6th–8th grade young people and our Adult Faith Formation programs. The renovation was part of a larger project. We borrowed \$240,000 for the project. In addition to the Faith Formation Center, we renovated many first-floor classrooms, updated the first-floor bathrooms, and improved the hall/gym.

Nearly 40 people were involved in this summer-long project, along with the school and parish's dedicated maintenance staff: Andrew Heather, Stoney, and Robert. I simply can't thank everyone enough!

So many people deserve recognition. Julie Sheehan was key in the planning, designing, coordinating work crews, applying for grants, and overseeing the entire process. Norman Ed, David Ziemba, and Steve McAneny played a tremendous role in the painting. Rick Bowser led the flooring work. Others helped with cleaning, ceilings, and countless other details. Steve Gagan led the technology work. So many people gave their time, talent, and energy to make this project possible.

Other members of our painting crew include Michelle Rivetti, Anne McGrath, Cathy Vigna, Jill Clark, George Walters, Linda Geiser, Gary Weibel, Suzy Brett, Chris & Sean O'Dowd, Ryan Weibel. Sue Konvolinka, Jeff Wood, Mary Ed, Carol Wilson, Judy Burns, Julie Sheehan, Fr. Mark, Cindy Ziemba, Don Falcone, Cindy McAneny, Chris Foster, John Esch, Joyce Dailey, and members of Denise Esch's small group.

Our flooring, ceiling tiles, lighting, and cleanup crew included: Ray Lombardi, Ken St. Clair, Tim Diguisepe, Keith Pesto, John Esch, Neil Brett, Jackson Hill, Ella (Nibert) Hill, Henry King, John Shima, Judy Burns, Michele Varner, Kim Hill, Michelle St. Clair, Janet Bowser, Joyce Dailey, and Julie Sheehan.

And, of course, we aren't quite finished yet!

We hope to keep improving our school and parish facilities. We hope to receive grants that would allow us to install new windows, renovate the lower-level bathroom, and improve access to that lower level.

Today, though, is a day to celebrate and give thanks. This new Faith Formation Center is a wonderful example of what can happen when so many people come together with generosity, hard work, and a shared commitment to our young people and our faith community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

Welcoming Those Who Feel Unwelcomed

One topic at our last Parish Council meeting was: How can we make those who feel unwelcome feel welcomed?

It's a difficult and important question. Along with John Livingston, we hope to do more than simply ask it—we hope to explore how we might live out a more welcoming Church and, most importantly, how the Church is calling us to do so.

Certainly, we need to get to the point where we truly realize that all are welcome. Jesus himself made that abundantly clear through his public ministry. We can do no less.

Our next FYF—Follow Your Faith gathering is October 18. We'll share more details next week, but please join us as we discuss this challenging and very important topic.

How do we make those who feel unwelcome feel welcomed? Join the conversation at our October 18th Follow Your Faith.

Your Cards Have Touched My Heart

I want to thank everyone for your kind words about my brother's passing, and for those who took the time to send a card. I am in the process of writing thank-you notes, and it's taking a bit longer than I hoped. Still, your words and your card have touched my heart. Dan was my oldest brother. By the time we found the cancer, it was very far advanced. So, things happened quickly, quicker than we thought and hoped. So, again, thanks, and I am grateful.

Thank You and Welcome!

As we begin our Faith Formation for ALL, I want to share an important update with you.

Cathy Vigna will be stepping back from her role as our 3rd–5th Grade Faith Formation leader as she prepares for knee surgery. While Cathy will take time to heal and recover, we are grateful she plans to rejoin our team once she is feeling well and back to normal.

Cathy has been absolutely wonderful. No one cares for our children quite like Cathy does. She teaches from the heart, and we will certainly miss her while she recovers. I have had the privilege of watching Cathy teach many times, and I continue to marvel at the way she connects with the children. Cathy is truly a born teacher, and her love for our kids shines through in everything she does.

But I also have some wonderful news! Kelly Zibura has graciously agreed to join our 3rd–5th Grade team and serve as our new leader. Kelly is already very familiar with our children, and I know she will do a wonderful job leading our excellent team forward.

So, welcome, Kelly! We are so happy you are here. Your enthusiasm and willingness to serve are such a blessing to our Faith Formation family.

We are incredibly blessed to have Cathy, and we look forward to welcoming her back as a team member once she has had time to heal. At the same time, we are equally blessed to have Kelly stepping into this leadership role.

Thank you, Cathy, for all you have done and continue to do for our children. And welcome, Kelly—we are excited for all that this new year of learning will bring!

Here's to a wonderful year of Faith Formation for ALL!

HEARING GOD'S VOICE WORKSHOP

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FALL 2026 PARISH FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS 9:45AM @OMOS
STARTS OCT 4TH

- BOOK CLUB: LIVE NO LIES BY JOHN MARK COMER-BRITTANY & BRODEN RANCK
- BECOMING A WISDOM ELDER - GINNY LUNKO
- GROWTH - TODD HILLEGASS & JOE HRBAL
- SNIPPETS OF FR. MIKE SCHMITZ - SEAN O'DOWD & JERRY CLARK
- DAD'S GROUP - BRIAN KOCH & MATT DIFRANCESCO
- MOM'S GROUP - CHELSEA TEDJESKE & MAGGIE KOLONICH
- CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (ST. MICHAEL'S)-ANNETTE NOLL & MARISA WILLIAMS

St. Patrick Church Basket Party

St. John Gualbert Activity Center, 110 Adams Street,
Saturday, October 17th, Walk-through 6 pm - 8 pm.
25 chances for \$5 (only at the door) **Sunday, October 18:** Basket Party with meal - 12 pm - 25 chances - \$10.
Tickets available at the St. John Gualbert Church office.
Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

Fatima Devotions

The Franciscan Friars, T.O. R., from Loretto, invite you to join them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. Fr. Brian Norris will be the homilist, and the Franciscan Sisters, T.O. R. from Toronto, Ohio, will lead the singing. **We encourage you to BRING A FRIEND!**

CALLING BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 7 TO 18 WHO LOVE TO SING...

Last year, we were blessed to have our first ever children's musical for Christmas Eve at OMOS! We are very proud of our first group of kiddos who came to honor Baby Jesus with the voices He gave them! This year, we are inviting that first group back, and many more, to give praise to our Lord again at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass. Practices will begin the week of Oct. 19th. We would like to build on and expand what we did last year, but what we are able to do depends largely on the age levels and number of people singing. Practices will be one weeknight evening at 6:00 or 7:00 for one hour. Day to be discussed with those who respond. If you love to sing, can be committed to coming to practices, and want to help bring glory to God in a special way this Christmas Eve, please call or email Kim Hill with your name, age, and contact information **no later than Oct. 11th!** We can't wait to hear from you!



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Stuff the Truck October 17/18

We will collect for the Backpack Project to ease food insecurity and promote community well-being by providing children in Cambria County with healthy, sustainable weekend food options. They are asking for:

- Ramen noodles
- Vegetable soup
- Microwave Mac and Cheese
- Snack-sized Slim Jims
- Fruit cups
- Veggie or whole grain Goldfish
- Nutrigrain or granola bars
- Pudding cups
- Single-serve cereal
- Self-stable nut free products

Thank you for your generous donations to help feed of Cambria County children.

VOCATIONS

***"Many are invited, but few are chosen."* (Matthew 22:14)**

Today, on Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate.

Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 2, 2026 @ 6 p.m.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Family will gather at 6 pm on Monday, November 2, 2026 to pray, remember, and find hope. Everyone is welcome! We will remember all of our deceased loved ones.

During the Mass of Remembrance, we will commemorate those who have died since last November, we will light a candle in their honor.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS VERY INSPIRATIONAL EVENING.

MM/DD - MM/DD

If you wish to have someone remembered who has died in the past year, please complete the following form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket no later than **October 25**.

NAME OF DECEASED _____

Date of death _____

PARISH MEMBER REQUESTING MEMORIAL _____

I WILL _____ WILL NOT _____ BE PRESENT _____

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VETERANS FAITH FORMATION

Led by Marine Corps Combat Veteran
Deacon John Fontana

A veteran-focused evening of faith,
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18:30-20:00 HRS
Beginning October 7, 2026

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October 4 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY READINGS

Oct. 12-Oct. 18, 2026

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1

Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Sunday Regular Collection

October 4, 2026

Envelopes:	8,815
Loose Cash/Checks	2,374
Online Giving	9,542
Weekly Total	20,731
St. Michael's	2,351

Donate Online: Visit our website. omostoday.com and click on the "Ways to Give" button, and then "Online Giving"

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday - October 10

4:00 p.m. Norma L. Oliverio (Family)

Saturday, October 10

6:00 p.m. Jim Riek (Bob & Loraine Wagner & Family), Mary Ann Pentrack (Karen & Paul Hornick), Hilary & Lucille Shrum & Karen Pinkas (Spack & Hicks Family) *Sanctuary Candle Oct. 11-17-Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)*

Sunday - October 11

8:30 a.m. Christopher Gleason (Gleason Family)

11:00 a.m. Stanley Ciupak (Loretta Ciupak & Perry Omodio Lena Omodio)

Monday - October 12

8:00 a.m. Viola Najjar (Tom & Marisa Williams)

Tuesday - October 13

8:00 a.m. Theresa C. Oliverio (Norma Oliverio)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday - October 12

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: James Smedberg & Chloe Kolonich

Lector: Michelle Petrell

Tuesday - October 13

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 a.m. Confession

8:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Cassidy Stephenson & Oliver McAneny

Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Wednesday - October 14

4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Server: Tim Burgess

Lector: Rick Wess

Thursday - October 15

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 a.m. School Mass at OMOS

Servers/Lectors: School Students

Friday - October 16

6:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adorations

8:00 a.m.. Mass at OMOS

Servers: No School

Lector: Julie Sheehan

Saturday, October 17

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Eliza Koch & Brendan Murphy

Wednesday, October 14

Jimmy Fetcko (Mom)

Thursday - October 15

9:00 a.m. Bill Willett (Linda Ashcom)

Friday - October 16

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Betsy Pokrapski (Pattie Poole)

Saturday - October 17

4:00 p.m. Albert Hromulak (wife, Helen & son, Albert)

Saturday- October 17

6:00 p.m. Eugene Vamos (Theresa Christofes) & Andrew Puniak (wife, Stephany)

Sunday - October 18

8:30 a.m. Hazel Johnnie (Marianne & Tony Spada & Family)

11:00 a.m. Tricia Mandichak (Jim & Cindy Muir)

Saturday, October 17

Lector: Michelle Santee

Euch. Min: Keith Santee (2), Kathy & Jim Ridella, Tom & Nancy Simmons, Ali Koch, Vicki Wesner

Hosp: Val Deater, Helen Hromulak, Kim Shroyer, Rich & Deb Cowan, Ray & Bev Esch, Pat Smith

Saturday, October 17

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's

Servers: Tim Burgess & Taylor Beneke

Lector: Stanley Smith

Sunday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Luke Moot & Millie Kohut

Lector: Matt DiFrancesco

Euch. Min: Ron Golias (2), Ralph DeMarco, Chelsi McIlwain, Valarie Mayhew, Allison & John Messina, Colton Schafer

Hosp: Kevin Evans, Jackie Ayres, Jim & Maria Leiden, Ron & Carol Golias, Joan & Jim Frischauf

Sunday, October 18

11:00 a.m. Mass at OMOS

Servers: Wynn Curtis & Oliver McAneny

Lector: Tom Polacek

Euch. Min: Brad Duca (2), Liz Petruska, Mike Thomas, Patty Falcone, Michele Varner, Christa Curtis, Mike Garver

Hosp: Joyce Radovanic, Lisa Shetler, Jackie Smith, Michele Varner, Marianne Krizner, Mary Lynn Evans, Rick Phillips, John Onufro