

ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
October 18, 2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BAPTISM: Contact Monsignor Cox regarding preparation sessions and scheduling
PENANCE: Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment
MARRIAGE: Contact Monsignor at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling

MASS INTENTIONS: October 19 through October 25

Monday:	**8:00 a.m.**	†	Living & Deceased Members of the Boessen & Oberschulte Families
Tuesday:	**5:30 p.m.**	†	Bernie & Evelyn Schneider
Wednesday:	**8:00 a.m.**	†	Deceased members of the Werdehausen & Talken Families
Thursday:	**8:00 a.m.**	†	Lawrence & Margaret Brenneke
Friday:	**8:00 a.m.**	†	Michael B Mertens Jr. Amy Wolters
Saturday:	**5:30 p.m.**	†	Lloyd & Jeff McNew
	Remember in Prayer Arlene Heckman		
Sunday:	**7:30 a.m.**	†	People of the Parish
	Remember in Prayer Paul & Margie VanLoo		
	10:30 a.m.	†	Lawrence & Emma Boeckmann Dale Rowles

Perpetual Adoration Open Holy Hours

Sunday morning 2:00 - 3:00am (1st Sunday only)
Thursday mornings 2:00 - 3:00am
Friday night 10:00-11:00pm
Please call Donna at (573) 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our Perpetual Adoration Chapel program.

Would you like to take an hour, but don't want to commit to an hour every week? You can sign up for once a month, every other week, or whatever fits in your schedule. Call Donna Bernskoetter at 573-680-1470 if you are interested in taking an hour.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Larry & Jean Armstrong, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend.

40th Anniversary of Adoration
St. Stanislaus Feast Day Celebration
NEXT WEEKEND

- **Reminder**—Deadline to sign up is October 18. Sign up sheets for the celebration can be found in the back of church and in the Chapel area. There is no cost to attend the celebration but everyone is asked to bring a dish. Please make sure to sign up for this event with the amount of family members attending along with what dish you would like to bring. Please sign up to attend this beautiful celebration of prayer.
- **Help is needed!** If you would like to help out in the kitchen during the Adoration Celebration, please contact Mel Graessle at 573-690-1400 or melodiandluke@gmail.com
- **40th ANNIVERSARY ADORATION SINGERS:** Students grades 3rd-8th grade who would like to help sing during the 40th Adoration Celebration, please be at the reception in the gym by 5:30pm on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Faith Chips

Join us Sunday, October 25th after 7:30 mass in school, room 307 for this 55 minute video, Defeating the Devil. Never has the devil, demonic possession and exorcism been so widely discussed as today. This powerful film describes the origin of the evil spirit, the devils descent and his interruption in the world from the temptation of Adam and Eve to the present day. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and snacks provided. For more information call 573-635-8393.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

Vocations Committee

The vocations Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

Pro-Life Committee

The Pro-Life Committee will meet on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

First Saturday Devotion

Saturday, November 7 with Confessions at 7:00am, the Rosary will begin at 7:40am and Mass will begin at 8:00am. Meditation will follow Mass. All are welcome to join us.

October Mass Attendance Count

Reminder, this weekend we will take attendance by counting everyone who is present in church at all weekend Masses. If you are scheduled to be an usher during the month of October, please be sure to count the attendance at each weekend mass and log it on the form which will be placed in the ushers closet.

Ladies Sodality

The Ladies Sodality of St. Stanislaus is an organization of women that provide support to our Parish in many different ways. The Sodality pays for all our candles, altar bread and wine and other needs for our church. All ladies of the Parish are considered members. In November you will find an envelope in your packet asking you to pay your $10.00 membership dues. Please remember how important this organization is to our Parish. You are also invited to attend their next meeting which is scheduled for December 6th in the Parish Center following the 7:30 am mass.

Amendment 3 Statement

The Bishop's statement on Amendment 3 can be found on the Diocese Website. Please go to diojeffcity.org/news-events/monday-morning-memo/oct-12/ Scroll down to the Amendment 3 Bishops statement to watch a 3:12 minute video with more information regarding Amendment 3.

St. Stanislaus School

How can the end of the first quarter already be here? Hopefully, we have seen the last of the 90 degree weather, and it can start to feel like fall.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Thank you to all the grandparents and special someones who celebrated with us last week. Grandparents certainly hold a special place in our hearts. We do have extra grandparent magnets if you did not get one. Contact the office if you would like us to send it home.

4th & 5th GRADE RETREAT: The 4th and 5th graders learned all about St. Carlo Acutis this week on their retreat. Thank you to all that played a part in making this day happen.

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CONFERENCES: Parent/Teacher conferences are set for Thursday, October 22nd. Meeting with your child's teacher is essential in creating a strong partnership between school and home. If you cannot make it in person, reach out to your child's teacher to set up a phone conference. Sign up using the link in The Star.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Tina Forbis, Principal



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

The Missouri State Knights of Columbus will be hosting another essay contest this year. The contest is open to Catholic students in grades 6-8. Those students in Catholic or public schools, or who are home schooled are encouraged to participate.

This Years Topic: "Why should the rights of unborn children be protected?"

Guidelines:

- Essays must be 350 to 500 words, original work, and directly address the assigned topic.
- All entries become the property of the Missouri Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.
- Plaques will be awarded to the top three winners in each grade level at the state level.

Please submit all essays no later than Dec 31st to: Richard Fisher 5826 Sterling Ridge Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65101

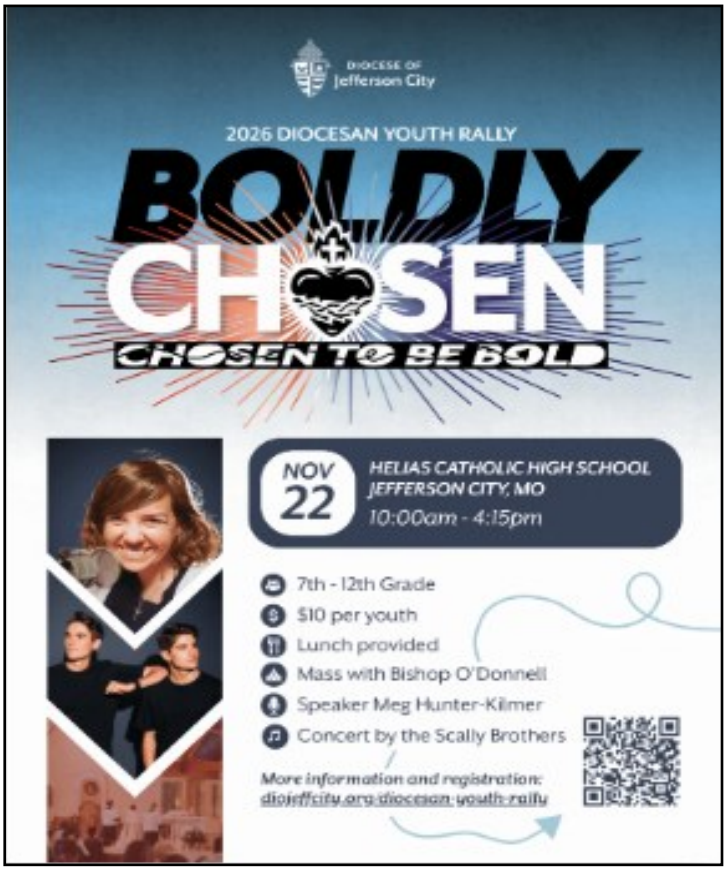
Prayer Hotline: Contact Kay Stockman at 573-536-8777 or Karen Schenewerk at 573-635-3943 for prayer line requests or to be added to the prayer line.

St. Stanislaus Youth Group

Open to all area youth grades 8-12. Register today through the parish website at https://church.ststanislaus.net/psr/
Join us as we grow in faith, build friendships, and discover the strength God gives us for life's battles.

Children's Choir Masses

The Children's Choir is going to start up again in September! Mass is typically scheduled for the 10:30am mass on the second weekend of the month. We are excited to offer the opportunity for the children of the parish to serve in the Liturgical Roles during these masses. If your child is interested in being a reader, Rosary Leader, Usher, Greeter or bring up offertory, please contact the Parish Center to have them added to the list.



COR MEN'S GATHERING
CREATING A LEGACY OF FAITH

Men, what legacy of faith will you leave behind?
Join us for our final session of **The Mission of the Family** series as we explore how our faith, actions, and example can impact future generations.
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | 7:00pm
St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret Community Center (KofC Hall)
All men are welcome, whether you've attended before or this is your first time!
Bring a friend! Come strengthen your faith, build brotherhood, and make a difference.
"Iron sharpens iron." — Proverbs 27:17

O.C.I.A.

Anyone thinking about joining the Catholic Church at either St. Stanislaus or St. Margaret, or just interested in inquiring about the faith, please contact Deacon Larry Hildebrand at 573-659-5974.

CHURCH CLEANING: Dianne Bisges, Angie Bisges, Suzanne Boes, and Cheryl Boessen
(Please clean church before the weekend of October 24 & 25)

Cemetery Grass Cutters for October - Leon Eichholz—Chairman, Fred VanLoo, Mike Knaebel, Eric Jaegers, Charlie Jaegers, Paul Luebbert, Jack Fisher, Blake Wilbers, Randy Woehr, and Tim Simmon

Liturgical Role Schedule for October 24 & 25 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Altar Server	Cashton Smith Kemper-Cole Wilbers	Hayden Kohlmeier Hudson Kohlmeier	Macy Berendzen Madison Berendzen
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Don VanLoo	Wayne Bernskoetter	Doug Kliethermes
Reader	Pete Dudenhoeffer	Sue Rackers	Carol Frank
Rosary Leader	Marian Forck	Norma Wieberg	Ashley Dudenhoeffer
Usher	Adam Buschjost Adam Boessen Gage Boessen Gene Boessen	Clint Kohlmeier Jeff Rackers Jeff Richter Al Savage	Luke Graessle Sam Kliethermes Justin Korsmeyer Nick Lepper
Greeter	Paul & Sharon Rodeman	Tony & Betty Siebeneck	Pat & Jill Mingucci Family
Offertory	Michael & Katherine McCoy Family	Brian & Ellen Golden	Pat & Jill Mingucci Family
Music Ministry	James & Barbara Howard	Patty Rackers, Dan & Teresa Wortmann Chris & Sandy Hentges	Ashley Dudenhoeffer Pam Stonner Audrey Kaiser

Upcoming Local Events

St. Anthony Parish Fall Festival—St. Anthony— TODAY, serving from 11:30am—4pm

St. Joseph Parish Fall Supper—Westphalia—TODAY —serving from 11am—6pm; $16 Dinners, Drive Thru Only

Save the Date

Ladies Welcome Spiritual Renewal Weekend
February 6-7, 2027
Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center

Lost Flower Arrangements

We have 3 flower arrangements in the parish center that have been found in the cemetery. Since the arrangements are not marked, we have no way to know whose tombstones the flowers came from. If you notice that your loved ones grave is missing their flower arrangement, please stop by the parish center to claim.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found drawer in the back of church is about to overflow with eye glasses, dolls, kids books, rosaries, hats and other items. Please take a minute to look through the drawer to see if any of these items belong to you.

St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret's Community Center

If you are interested in renting the K of C hall for any event, please call 573-230-4055.

St. Stanislaus Facebook Page

Check out our St. Stanislaus Church Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/StStanislausWardsville/

Low Impact Exercise

If you are interested, the classes are every Thursday from 11:30am—12 noon (unless notified). Classes are held in the Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Building. $5.00 per session Make sure to bring your water. Instructor is Kay Rackers.

Pickleball on the Courts!

Please join us Thursday evenings at 5:30pm on the courts behind St. Stanislaus Church when weather permits. All levels welcome! For further information call 573-230-3581 or 573-508-2034.

Offertory Budget Year–to-Date	$	317,307.69
Offertory Collection Year-to-Date	$	315,096.58
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$	(2,211.11)
Collection in Church		
Offertory Budget for October 2026	$	84,615.38
October 4, 2026	$	15,912.00
October 11, 2026	$	7,979.00
October 18, 2026	$	
October 25, 2026	$	
Electronic Contributions	$	22,500.50
Monthly Collection Total	$	46,391.50
Monthly Difference	$	(38,223.88)
Stewardship to Diocese—September 2026	$	11,551.00

Please remember to write a separate check for anything outside of Sunday giving i.e. Samaritan Center, Memorial Masses, candles, etc. Thank you as this makes the processing of your financial gifts easier.

Forty Years of Faithful Adoration,
Countless Blessings

Come celebrate four decades of honoring
The Real Presence of Jesus Christ
In the Blessed Sacrament.

Together, let us give thanks for the
Many graces received through
Eucharistic Adoration and renew our
Commitment to spend time with Our Lord.

As part of our celebration, we will also honor
Our parish patron saint—St. Stanislaus Kostka—
Whose feast day is celebrated on November 13th.

You are cordially invited to join us for
Holy Hour
On Sunday, October 25, 2026
At 4:00pm
In St. Stanislaus Church
Reception & Dinner immediately following
In the Gym at 5:30pm.

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?
- Matthew 26:40



Catholic Stewardship Renewal 2026

As we prepare for our Catholic Stewardship Renewal commitment weekend October 24-25, we invite you to begin prayerfully discerning how God is calling you to share your time, talent, and treasure.

Stewardship is not about simply filling out a form. It is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and asking how He is calling us to respond in gratitude.

This week, take some time in prayer and ask:

- How is God calling me to grow in prayer?
- What gifts can I share in service to others?
- How is He asking me to give generously from what He has entrusted to me?

God has given each of us unique gifts. May we respond with grateful hearts and "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Men of Signum Crucis

Men of St. Stanislaus and St. Margaret of Antioch Parishes:

You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at **6:00pm on Wednesday, October 21,** at the Bolton House just outside of Wardsville.

A good portion of our gathering this month will be around the campfire, and we will have faith testimonies given by anyone who would like to share their reason for their faith. Bring a lawn chair, pull up your chair to the campfire, and learn from some of the finest men in the area.

For directions to the Bolton House, see the October newsletter on the Men of Signum Crucis website, which is at https://www.menofsignumcrucis.com/newsletters.

After this special event at the Bolton House, we will return to Helias for our future gatherings. We hope you will join us any third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm to deepen your knowledge of and devotion to our faith in fellowship with the best men in mid-Missouri.

For more information about the Men of Signum Crucis, contact Travis Bruemmer at 573-821-0896, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com



Vocations Consideration Corner

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

While we make choices in our daily lives, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, invites us to surrender our will to His, offering our lives in loving service. Consider where God is calling you to place His will above your own. Talk to Monsignor Cox or reach out to the Vocation Office at the Diocese at 573-635-9127.

FALL SUPPER NEWS

A Special Thank You to Our Fall Supper Leads

In addition to thanking all of our volunteers, we want to extend a very special thank you to the dedicated leaders of each area of our parish Fall Supper. Your willingness to organize, prepare, coordinate volunteers, solve problems, and keep everything running smoothly was instrumental to the success of our parish Fall Supper.

Leading an area requires many hours of planning before the event, long hours on the day of the supper, and often additional time for cleanup afterward. This year, many of you faced the added challenge of working with fewer volunteers. Yet, you continued to lead with patience, flexibility, and a positive attitude.

Your commitment, leadership, and countless behind-the-scenes efforts are deeply appreciated. Thank you for generously sharing your time and talents in service to our parish community. We are truly blessed to have such caring and dedicated leaders.
May God abundantly bless each of you for your generosity, leadership, and faithful service to St. Stanislaus Parish.

Calling Our Younger Parishioners!
We are also reaching out to parish families with children or grandchildren in grades 5–8 who attend St. Stanislaus School, as well as high school students who need service hours. **We are in great need of their help!**

As we prepare for our upcoming Summer Picnic, we would love to involve the younger generation in helping with some of the tasks needed to make this event a success. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to contribute to our parish community, work alongside others, and earn service hours while helping continue our parish traditions.

If your child or grandchild is willing to help, please reach out to Michele or Julie. Every helping hand makes a difference, and we would be grateful for their assistance!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Michele Braun — Event Chair
573-690-8379
Julie Mertens — Event Co-Chair
573-690-9014

Vintage Market Information

There have been a few questions regarding the Vintage Market. For that reason, here is a little more information explaining the vintage market and items that will be accepted.

We will accept anything except for clothes, tools, appliances etc. Antiques and furniture will be accepted and will be sold on Marketplace.

If, you have collections of what nots, cookbooks, parish directories, Christmas, Easter, Fall decorations, canning jars, vases, games, flower pots, bells, Home Interiors, silver items, small furniture, figurines, statues, yard ornaments, bakeware, records, dishes, etc. let Marian know. In addition, if you have a storage shed or a home that needs to be cleared out, let Marian know. All items must be clean. Call Marian if you have any questions at 573.690.4734. All money received from selling the items will go to the Parish.

Country Store News

Thank you! We had a very successful day at our Country Store! Special thanks to our parishioners who donated money to cover our baking expenses. Thank you to all who donated eggs and baked goods for our store. We appreciate all your support and will see you at the picnic next year! Cheryl Boessen and Karla Holzer—Chairpersons