Novena to End Threats to Human Dignity in Missouri

Friday is the 25th. Bishop Johnston has asked for a **9-month novena** on the **25th of each month** which started in February. The novena is intended to encourage prayer to end the threats to human dignity in the state of Missouri. Bishop Johnston specifically requests prayer related to continuing concerns in our community impacting immigrant families amid the ongoing surge in deportation efforts.

Additionally, later this year, voters in Missouri will once again be asked to address **abortion laws** in our state, particularly the loosening of restrictions that have long protected women in Missouri. We will be sharing more on this issue in the coming months, asking the faithful to vote "yes" on Amendment 3 in 2026.

You may download a digital file of the prayer card **HERE**. Go to www.stjoseph-trenton.org website to access the bulletin digitally and open this link. This article was sent to us from the Bishop's Office.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
September 13, 2026

Saint Joseph	$	1,434.48
Blessed Sacrament	$	1,818.00
Immaculate Heart of Mary	$	NA
Mary Immaculate	$	899.00

BLESSED SACRAMENT LADIES GROUP

Meets every Thursday at 10:00am
at McDonald's in Bethany.
All ladies of the parish are welcome.

BLESSED SACRAMENT FOOD PANTRY for SEPTEMBER

Items to donate to the Food Pantry for September are:
Soup and crackers, bread and roll mixes.
May God Bless You for your generosity
helping to feed the poor and the hungry!

September Prayer Intentions

Bishop Johnston: For a renewed defense of the **right to life** and protection of all babies in the womb.
Holy Father: Let us pray for a just and sustainable **management of water**, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

The Beatification Mass of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen** is being held September 24th in St Louis. The Diocese would like to invite you to attend and go even deeper—transform your trip into a sacred journey. The Sheen Pilgrimage is a spiritual experience centered around prayer, reflection, and celebration. Activities include the historic Beatification Mass, sacrament of confession, adoration, and a Catholic expo that will include hundreds of Catholic resources, ministries, programs, religious men and women, gifts, and much more. For more information contact https://www.celebratesheen.com/

Mark Hughes Jared Leeper	†Richard Rothermich † Janet Bichsel	Leanne Rouse Bill Tintera Trent Lepper	Anastasia Crowley Stephen Crowley John Cox	Penny Nelson Marie Untiedt	Gabby Wiles Michael Utter

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1728 Saint Joseph Street, Trenton MO 64683
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 606 Broadway Street, Princeton, MO 64673
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1208 S 25th Street, Bethany, MO 64424
MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 409 South Main Street, Gallatin, MO 64640

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Scan here to give to St. Joseph's Parish online.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission, Princeton
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Blessed Sacrament Parish, Bethany
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Mary Immaculate Parish, Gallatin
Phone number: (660) 663-2416
Website: **www.mi-gallatin.org**
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Scan here to give to Mary Immaculate Parish online.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Trenton:	8:30 am	Sunday
	6:30 pm	Tuesday
	9:00 am	Friday
	9:00 am	1st Saturday of the month
Blessed Sacrament, Bethany:	4:30 pm	Saturday
	5:30 pm	Wednesday
Mary Immaculate, Gallatin:	6:30 pm	Saturday *Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend*
	10:30 am	Sunday
	9:00 am	Thursday
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton:	1:30 pm	1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm	Saturday at Bethany
6:00 pm	Saturday at Gallatin *(Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend)*
8:00 am	Sunday at Trenton
10:00 am	Sunday at Gallatin
1:00 pm	1st & 3rd Sundays at Princeton
5:20 pm	Tuesday at Trenton
8:30 am	1st Saturday at Trenton

ROSARY

4:00 pm	Saturday at Bethany
8:00 am	Sunday at Trenton
1:00 pm	1st & 3rd Sundays at Princeton
8:30 am	1st Saturday at Trenton

ADORATION
5:15 pm with Benediction at 6:15 pm
Confession at 5:20 pm; Mass at 6:30 pm
every Tuesday at Trenton

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sun Sept 20			***25th Sunday in OT***
Sat 9/19	4:30 pm	BS	Ladaga Family
Sun 9/20	8:30 am	SJ	Gail Michael
	10:30 am	MI	† Mrs Dorothy Thornton
	1:30 pm	IHM	Pro Populo*
Tue Sept 22			*Tuesday of the 25th Wk in OT*
	6:30 pm	SJ	† Lawrence & Delores Freeman
Wed Sept 23			*St Pius of Pietrelcina*
	5:30 pm	BS	Renata Kim Rexing
Thu Sept 24			*Thursday of the 25th Wk in OT*
	9:00 am	MI	† Janet Bichsel
Fri Sept 25			*Friday of the 25th Wk in OT*
	9:00 am	SJ	Austin Bradley
Sun Sept 27			***26th Sunday in OT***
Sat 9/26	4:30 pm	BS	Nic Coates
Sat 9/27	8:30 am	SJ	Deceased Members of the Tran Family
	10:30 am	MI	Pro Populo*

**Pro Populo = Mass said for the people of all 4 parishes.*

Take. Bless. Break. Share.

Our parish comes together to support the Annual Catholic Appeal and put our faith into action. We **take** what God has entrusted to us, **bless** it with gratitude, **break** from ourselves in generosity, and **share** with those who need our care. Prayerfully consider making your gift this weekend. Envelopes are in the pews and can be turned in with the weekly offering. The church office will forward them on to the Diocese or you can mail them direct. Be sure to fill out the envelope so your church name and city are recognized.

May God Bless You for Your Generosity.

ACA 2026 – 2027

Parish	Sunday, September 20, 2026 # Gifts/ Pledges	Total	Goal Status 2026-2027 ACA Participants Goal	2026-2027 ACA Dollar Goal	% $$ Goal
Bethany, Blessed Sacrament (2090)			15	$2,005	
Gallatin, Mary Immaculate (2290)			25	$3,614	
Princeton, Immaculate Heart of Mary (2580)			12	$1,093	
Trenton, St. Joseph (2660)			25	$2,635	

We extend a Heartfelt Welcome to Tony and Dianah Davidson to St. Joseph Parish

The Davidson's are the parents and grandparents of Haley, Kennedy, and Reagan Cross. Many parishioners will recognize the Cross family, who generously share their musical talents to enrich our liturgies. We are grateful to welcome more of their family into our parish community.

Sunday School Sign-Ups & Teacher Volunteers Needed at **Blessed Sacrament**

Families are invited to register their children for Sunday School using the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Our Sunday School program helps children grow in their faith, learn the stories of Scripture, and build a strong foundation in Jesus—planting seeds that help our whole parish grow and flourish.

To begin classes, we are seeking a couple of willing parishioners to teach or co-teach. Think of it as a "tag-team" effort: sharing the joy of guiding our children while strengthening the future of our church. If you feel called to help, your "yes" will make a lasting difference. Contact Cecilia at stjosephtrenton@gmail.com

St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Feast Day September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, known to the world as **Padre Pio**, was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. Raised in a deeply religious family, he felt called to give his life to God from a very young age and entered the Capuchin friars at fifteen.

Padre Pio became known for his **profound prayer, humility, and charity**, but most especially for the stigmata—**the wounds of Christ**—which appeared on his hands and feet while he was hearing confessions in 1918. These wounds were painful, emitted the scent of roses, and remained uninfected, drawing many pilgrims seeking spiritual guidance.

Despite periods of misunderstanding and restrictions placed on his ministry, Padre Pio remained obedient and devoted to serving souls. He became internationally famous. He was known for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. His simple spiritual counsel, ***"Pray, hope, and don't worry,"*** became a source of comfort for countless people around the world. Padre Pio used his popularity not for himself but to build the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, a hospital dedicated to relieving suffering, which opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died in 1968, and more than 100,000 people attended his funeral. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002 and is now honored as the patron of adolescents, civil defense volunteers, and his hometown of Pietrelcina. His feast day is September 23. *Taken from Catholic Online*

Thoughts on the Liturgy - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are you envious because I am generous?" asks the landowner in today's gospel. Most will say that envy is found in the desire for a good that belongs to another. "I want to drive a car like that." "I wish I had a job that paid that kind of salary." But envy is not limited to worldly goods—one can be envious of talents, of relationships, of wealth, of virtue...of any human quality of excellence. Envy is different than jealousy, which is the raw desire for the goods belonging to another. Envy takes it one step further. Envy takes sadness in the lack of that good and the holding of that good by another. This is truly destructive to the spiritual life, as when one is envious, one chooses not to 'count their blessings' but to 'count someone else's blessings' and make a judgment against God's generosity and mercy. *Taken from Pray Together (Sunday Missal Service)*

2nd Collection for the Churches in Latin America

As we reflect on our role in supporting the missions, it is fitting to remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was itself once mission territory. Just a little more than a century ago, the faith here was still taking root, sustained by the generosity of Catholics from Europe and beyond. Their support — financial assistance, missionary priests and religious, and the building of parishes and schools — formed the foundation of the Church we know today.

Many of our dioceses would have struggled even more to grow without that missionary help. Today, we have the opportunity to extend that same generosity to the Church in Latin America, where communities continue to rely on missionary aid to strengthen their parishes, form leaders, and share the Gospel.

Thank you for your prayerful support.