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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021—TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Congratulations!*



**Erica and Brandon Baird**

Married at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Coral

**September 18, 2021**

### **Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2)**

While we frequently think of the three Archangels named in the Scriptures—Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—it is easy to overlook the fact that *each and every one of us* has an angel to whom we are entrusted at our creation. Jesus tells us:

*“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that **their angels in heaven** always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”* (Matthew 18:10)



These angels are not mere passive observers—they intercede for us before God, and they also act for our benefit in the world as He permits. Seek their intercession—not only from your guardian angel, but also from the guardian angels of others. Several Saints speak about doing this—St. Josemaria Escriva and St. John XXIII both spoke of this. St. John XXIII would do this especially in advance of meetings he anticipated would be important or difficult.

*Let us pray:*

***Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
 To whom his love commits me here,  
 Ever this day be at my side,  
 To light and guard, to rule and guide.  
 Amen.***

*(Partial Indulgence)*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
 Sunday: 9:30 AM  
 Weekdays: See schedule inside

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 PM, Monday 5:00–6:00 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment.



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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

**Saturday, September 25**

4:30 PM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**Sunday, September 26**

9:30 AM | Enoch & Mary Smith by Nephew Jake & Family  
(K of C Exemplification following Mass)

**Monday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

*Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102; Lk 9:46-50*

9:00 AM | Florence Andrews by Bonnie & Wes Skibo

5:00 PM | Holy Hour/Reconciliation

**Tuesday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

*Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87; Lk 9:51-56*

9:00 AM | Alice Chronoski by Son, Richard

**Wednesday, September 29, Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

*Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-15*

9:00 AM | Bertha Bodnar by Cathy & Nick Bonarrigo

**Thursday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

*Neh 8:1-4a, 506, 7b-12; Ps 19; Lk 10:1-12*

9:00 AM | Benjamin Morgan, Jr. by Paul Romanchick

**Friday, September October 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

*Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79; Lk 10:13-16*

9:00 AM | Mary Ann Somonick by Brother, John

**Saturday, September October 2, Guardian Angels**

*Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 59; Mt 18:1-5, 10*

12:30 PM | Blessing of Animals (Church Portico)

3:30 PM | Confession

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16*

4:30 PM | Jim Guntang by Lourdes and Children

**Sunday, October 3**

9:30 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

**This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd**

**This weekend:** Seminarian /Clergy Formation 2nd Collection

**Monday:** CGS I, II, 5-6:30 pm, Atriums

**Thursday:** CGS III, 6 pm, Parish Hall

**Saturday:** Animal Blessing, 12:30 pm, Portico

**From Fr. Matthew's Desk**

**St. Francis Feast Day Events**—It is always a great joy to celebrate the **Blessing of Animals** for St. Francis' feast day. Our celebration here will be on **Saturday, October 2 at 12:30 PM.**



There will also be events hosted by the Capuchins at St. Bernard and St. Thomas More—Animal Blessing at STMUP on Sunday, October 3 at 2 PM, and a Mass for the Feast Day of St. Francis at St. Bernard Church on Monday, October 4 at 6:30 PM followed by a reception.

**Respecting Life**—There are two timely notes concerning respecting life at all stages:

**PA March for Life:** On Monday, Sept. 27, people from all across Pennsylvania will gather in Harrisburg to advocate for an end to legalized abortion in Pennsylvania. As Catholics, we are called to oppose every violation of human life and human dignity, even when civil law and popular opinion may permit it.

**Petitioning Pharmaceutical Companies on COVID Vaccines**—One of the largest points of frustration among Catholics concerning the COVID-19 vaccines has been the use of aborted fetal stem cells in the production and/or testing of the vaccines. It has even led some to conclude, based on conscience, to refrain from receiving any of the presently-available vaccines. Although the Church has stated that it is *licit* to use the COVID vaccines, it asserts that this “does not and should not in any way imply that there is a moral endorsement of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses” (CDF Note, Dec. 2020).

Pharmaceutical companies have a moral obligation to produce ethically acceptable vaccines—and **we in turn have an obligation to petition those companies to produce them.** This is *particularly true* for those of us who have chosen to receive one of the available vaccines. The USCCB has provided templates of letters to make these petitions easier (including providing mailing addresses—these can be found at [www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies](http://www.usccb.org/resources/letters-pharmaceutical-companies), and some hard copy letters will be available in the Church narthex for the companies that provide the major 3 vaccines available in our area (Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson). **Please take the time to make your voices heard by any or all of these companies.** It is a small action, but one that reaffirms our commitment to protecting all human life.



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Mary Ann Somonick by Brother, John.

The Good Shepherd Candle is lit in memory of Thelma Fabin by Ed Fabin.



**Prayer Chain Updates**

Please keep all the sick and deceased friends of our parish in prayer:

**For the Repose of the Souls of:**

Frank Mouser + 14 September 2021

To add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer Chain, please call or email the Parish Office.

**CGS/Youth Ministry/Sacramental Prep News**

Next Youth Ministry meeting (Grades 7-12) is on Monday, October 4, & Monday October 18th from 6pm -8pm in the Hall.

Next session for CGS levels I, II will be **Monday, September 27, 2021 at 5-6pm for 1 hr. Monday October 4, 2021 5-6:30pm session will last 1 1/2 hrs.** All following Atrium sessions will be 2 hrs 5pm-7pm on the scheduled dates.

If you would still like to sign up for Youth Ministry or CGS, please contact Carolyn Davis. If you would like to register for RCIA or Adult Confirmation please contact the Parish Office.

**Job Opportunity—St. Bernard Friary Seeks Cook**

**Friary Cook Duties/Responsibilities:** Shop for supplies for dinners as well as other grocery item. Prepare dinner Monday through Friday to be served at 5:00 PM. Observe boundaries and privacy within the setting of the friary.

**Skills:** In addition to cooking skills, working independently, manage grocery inventory, purchase groceries, meal planning. If interested, please contact Fr. Richard at [rowens@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rowens@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-465-2210.

**Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast Oct. 2 in Greensburg**

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Interfaith Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-noon at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Bishop Larry J Kulick will be the keynote speaker. Cost is \$20 (\$10 for students). Register by Sept. 27 by contacting Millie Krinock at 724-537-2064.

**Movie nights at St. James Parish, New Alexandria**

St. James Parish, New Alexandria, will host outdoor movie nights featuring episodes of "The Chosen" on Saturdays, Sept. 18 and 25 and Oct. 2 and 9 from 6-9 p.m. Take lawn chairs. Food and popcorn will be available. Movies will be shown inside if necessary. A follow-up formation program for adults will be offered each following Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the social hall. For information, call the parish office at 724-668-2829.

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street. Store Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10AM-2PM.

**Our SVdP Thrift Store is fully stocked with beautiful FALL and WINTER clothing. Hope to see you in the store!**

Donations Accepted Monday thru Friday 10AM-1PM. NO SATURDAY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**Volunteers are Needed!** Our Saint Vincent de Paul thrift store is seeking individuals to help at the store. We especially need store managers. Please consider giving a few hours a week to this ministry that serves our friends in need in Indiana County. Contact Pete Alexander at 724-463-0614 for more information.

**Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).**

**To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210**

**Parish Stewardship**

<i>For the Weekend of:</i>		<i>September 18-19</i>
Weekly:		\$ 1,729.00
Monthly:		\$ 760.00
Loose:		\$ 72.00
Children:		\$ 3.00
Votive Candles:		\$ 30.00
For Improvements to Parish:		\$ 70.00
Catholic Accent		\$ 54.00
Online Giving		
<b>Total Income:</b>		\$ 2,718.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:		\$ 4,571.00
Variance Over or (Under):		( - \$ 1,853.00)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>		
Collected:		\$ 34,203.00
Needed to Meet Budget:		\$ 54,852.00
Variance Over or (Under):		( \$ 20,649.00)
<b>Diocesan/Other Collections</b>		
Seminarian/Clergy Appeal		\$ .00
Haiti Disaster Relief		\$ 20.00

**DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL — As of September 8, 2021**

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 40,200.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$22,433.00):	178.9%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,000.00):	102.0%
Participating Households - 116 (298):	38.9%
Average 2021 Parish Gift:	\$ 346.55
Average 2020 Parish Gift:	\$ 405.98

**2021 Diocesan Lenten Appeal — Parish Goal Met!**

Thank you to all who have donated toward the 2021 DLA Collection so far. We have now met our parish goal for the year. It will continue to be possible to donate toward DLA until the end of the year—Remember that 100% of the money donated at this phase of the appeal remains in our parish.

**Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection to be taken September 25-26**

The Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection will be taken throughout the Diocese of Greensburg Sept. 25-26. This collection supports our seminarians, men preparing for the permanent diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and the International Priests serving in our diocese. Please be generous in supporting these needs. In addition, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life. Let us all continue to pray for all vocations, so that those who are called may prayerfully respond to God's invitation. You can make a gift online at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org).

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Note: Use of this form does not automatically register you with the church. You will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Thank you.

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