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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

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Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11;  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10  
1:00 PM -2:00 PM – Al-anon

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

**Office Closed**

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

**St. Faustine Kowalska,**

**Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;  
Luke 10:1-12

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**St. Bruno, Bl. Maria Rose Durocher**

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

**9:00 AM Daily Mass – St. Philip Neri  
Rectory**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

**4:00 PM – Rosary Grotto**

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Reconciliation –  
St. Philip Neri**

**5:00 PM – Mass St. Philip Neri Church**

**†Virginia Vargo by Irene Taylor**

**Social & Coffee after Mass by**

**Parish Life Committee**

### **Rosary Coast to Coast**

This year in 2023, the October 7<sup>th</sup> Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on a Saturday which is also the First Saturday of the Month. With the opportunity to gather in prayer on the actual feast day as well as to help fulfill Our Lady of Fatima's request to offer our prayer in reparation on the first Saturdays, the National Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at our Nation's Capital. Rosary Coast to Coast rallies are encouraged to also take place on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a rally here at St. Philip Neri Church at the Grotto at 4:00 PM. Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>. ( Weather Permitting, will be in Rectory if raining)



### **Thanksgiving Basket Collection**

The Christian Service Committee is heading up the 2023 Thanksgiving Basket collection. The collection of items will begin this weekend. Items listed below can be brought in when you come to Mass each Saturday or can be dropped off throughout the week. A marked basket will be kept at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!!

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|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 30 | Foil roasting pans for turkeys; aluminum foil          |
| Oct. 7   | Toilet paper; paper towel                              |
| Oct. 14  | Toothpaste; dish soap                                  |
| Oct. 21  | Shampoo, conditioner                                   |
| Oct. 28  | Pie filling; evaporated milk; stuffing mix             |
| Nov. 4   | Soups; Jell-O/gelatin; gravies; canned cranberry sauce |

If you or anyone you know from St. Philip Neri/St. Anne is in need of a Thanksgiving Basket this year, please contact the Parish Office. This is so important. Otherwise, we do not know.

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## Faith Formation News

This Sunday the Church celebrates Respect Life Sunday and throughout the month of October. We are a People of Light and Life. We, as Catholic Christians believe that life begins at conception and is to be valued and respected in all its stages. On this Respect Life Sunday let us all resolve anew to protect the gift of every human life. Let us also resolve to reach out and walk with mothers who need assistance. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has an initiated a program call "Walking with Moms in Need."

With this initiative everyone is asked to reach out to moms who need help: those who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy, and moms who need assistance in caring for their new babies. Our Council of Knights of Columbus has been doing an outstanding job to reach out to help moms in need. They recently helped Life Resource Center in Big Rapids purchase a new ultrasound machine. This new machine gives much clearer images of the baby inside the mother's womb. Often when a woman can see the baby inside her she realizes it is a baby. She will often not get an abortion after seeing the baby.

Life Resource Center in Big Rapids is a wonderful place to put women in contact with who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. All of us ought to know where to direct a woman who is considering an abortion. Life Resource Center continue to help women after the baby is born. They need the following items, you can take the items to the center (14321 Northland Dr #2, Big Rapids) or bring them to the parish office, and I will deliver them to the center. **All sizes of sleep sacks, Baby Health—thermometers, infant Tylenol, infant nail clippers, Boys 3T and 4T pants, Brand new household safety items (gates, outlet plugs, safety locks), Unscented Wipes, Name brand diapers (Pampers/Huggies) sizes: N, 3, 4, 5, 6, Pacifiers.**

The Bishops of the United States have put together this prayer for Respect Life month.

### **Prayer for Radical Solidarity**

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unflinching determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord.

Amen.

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In praise of the Gospel of Life, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

## Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Again this year, the Knights of Columbus of our parish will be conducting their annual fund drive, commonly referred to as the Tootsie Roll Drive, to raise money to assist the mentally impaired programs of Hope Network in Paris and Special Olympics of the Mecosta-Osceola County area. This program has been conducted by this council since it founding. Last year \$2,000 was raised. K of C members will be collecting money and passing out Tootsie Rolls on Friday & Saturday, Oct 6 & 7 at Ebel's Market Reed City, Fosters Market Evart, Leroy Market in Leroy and after Mass on Oct 7.



### **Collection Report September 23, 2023**

#### St. Philip Neri/St. Anne

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>\$1,490.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>		<b>\$324.00</b>
		<b>\$1,814.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget:</b>		<b>\$3,100.00</b>
<b>O/ (U) Budget:</b>		<b>(\$1,286.00)</b>
<b>YTD Budget:</b>		<b>\$40,300.00</b>
<b>YTD Total:</b>		<b>\$34,815.09</b>
		<b>(\$5,484.91)</b>

### **Schedule of Ministers October 7, 2023 5:00 PM**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Dawn Montague
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Joe Strube
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Barb Spindler
<b>Word:</b>	Sandy Forgue
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Betty Yost
	Jim Kaverman
	Larry Wisniewski
	Volunteer Needed