

# THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia



5 October 2025



*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY • FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 7

# HOLY MASS

## SUNDAY

7:30 AM  
10:30 AM

## SATURDAY

9:00 AM  
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

## WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

## OUR PARISH

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*Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.*

# SACRAMENTS

## **Confession**

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am  
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

## **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

## **Marriage**

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

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Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



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# Masses & Schedule

October 5 - 12, 2025

## SUN 5 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *Respect Life Sunday*

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Francie Kay Martin  
7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
9:00 am Faith Sharing Book Club (*Rectorcy*)  
10:30 am Mass for + Joanne Driscoll

## MON 6 Optional Memorials of St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

12:05 pm Mass for the Chapman/Owens Family  
7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

## TUE 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

12:05 pm Mass for + Shirley Sheets  
7:00 pm St. Gianna Pro-Life Meeting (*St. Alphonsus*)

## WED 8 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Jack & Evelyn Jochum  
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*West Liberty*)  
7:00 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (*St. Alphonsus*)

## THU 9 Optional Memorials of St. Denis; St. John Leonardi

12:05 pm Mass for + Martin Blanchette  
7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus*)

## FRI 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for + Evelyn Ghaphery

## SAT 11 Memorial of St. John XXIII

9:00 am Mass for + Michael Driscoll  
11:00 am Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for + Raphael & Cecilia George

## SUN 12 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am OCIA (*Rectorcy*)  
10:30 am Mass for + Frank & Mary Savo  
12:00 pm Fall Festival

**The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.  
Please join us as we pray especially for  
an increase in vocations in our diocese.**

# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples that even a small amount of faith, a faith the size of a mustard seed, can accomplish great things (Luke 17:5-10). When we trust in God and work together with faith-filled hearts, the Lord is able to bring forth something truly beautiful and lasting.

This weekend, I am very pleased to announce an important and exciting initiative in the life of our parish. As we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Cathedral next year, we are officially launching our Centennial Campaign: Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord! This is a historic effort to preserve and restore our Cathedral so that it may continue to stand as a house of prayer and a sign of faith for generations to come.

Through this campaign, we will address several major needs, including replacing the roof, repairing exterior stonework, updating the air conditioning, and restoring the interior of the Cathedral. These improvements are essential to protect and beautify our Mother Church, not only for us, but for all Catholics throughout West Virginia who look to this Cathedral as their spiritual home.

You will soon receive a letter from me in the mail with more details about the campaign and how you can take part. I ask you to please read it carefully, pray about it, and consider how you might join us in this important work. As parishioners of the Cathedral, your leadership, generosity, and prayers will be key to the success of this effort.

Let us walk together in faith and gratitude, trusting that the Lord who began this good work in us will bring it to completion. With hearts full of thanksgiving, let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!

And one final note - next Sunday is our Cathedral Fall Festival, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. This is one of the highlights of our year, bringing together parishioners, families, and neighbors for food, fun, and fellowship. I hope that you will be part of this joyful day for our community!

In Christ,  
*Father Pen*



# ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

*Hope Does Not Disappoint*



Week 5 - October 6  
"Hope in God's Providence"

Father Dennis Schuelkens  
*St. Joseph the Worker &  
Sacred Heart of Mary, Weirton*

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

## Missionary Cooperation Plan

### This Weekend

Father Cassian Edwards, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA, will be with us this weekend asking for our prayers and alms for their missions in Brazil and Taiwan, as well as for the many foreign seminarians who study at St. Vincent and then return to ministry in their home countries. Please be generous and help them reach out to those they serve. In this way, you can become part of this mission of mercy and salvation.

## Candlelight Rosary Procession & Mass

Join us for an outdoor Candlelight Rosary Procession as we pray for our Church, our world, and our families.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**

Procession begins at ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH (2111 Market Street, Wheeling) and ends with Holy Mass at the CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH (1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling)

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

October 12 - Fall Festival, 12 Noon - 5pm

October 30 - Rosary Procession & Mass, 7pm

November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints, 9am Mass

November 2 - All Souls Day

November 2 - Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed, 7pm



## Tootsie Roll Drive

Next Weekend: October 11 & 12

The Knights of Columbus will be giving away Tootsie Rolls after Mass the weekend of October 11 and 12. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. All donations will be given to the Russell Nesbitt Services and to the Ohio County Special Olympics. **The Knights thank you in advance for your kind support!**

## Supporting Our Parish

### Your Gift Makes a Difference

We are very grateful to those who are able to support the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish. Your support allows us to continue our mission and provide vital ministries. Here are some simple ways to give:



**Online:** OSV Online Giving is a fast, secure, simple way to make your contributions. Visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving)



**By Mail:** Mail to Cathedral of St. Joseph 1218 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003



**In Person:** At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the parish offices.

## Second Collection This Weekend

The second collection this weekend will be taken up for the **Cathedral Maintenance Fund**. Your generosity helps us preserve and care for our beautiful and historic Cathedral. Thank you for your continued support.

## COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

September 28, 2025

Envelopes: \$1093 • Loose: \$1217 • Online: \$832 • Total: \$3142

Maintenance Fund: \$170

Attendance: 253

**Thank you for your generous support!**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of October 5

#### THIS SUNDAY

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
 Luke 17:5-10

#### MONDAY

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11  
 (Ps) Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8  
 Luke 10:25-37

#### TUESDAY

Jonah 3:1-10  
 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 7-8  
 Luke 10:38-42

#### WEDNESDAY

Jonah 4:1-11  
 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10  
 Luke 11:1-4

#### THURSDAY

Malachi 3:15-20  
 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
 Luke 11:5-13

#### FRIDAY

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9  
 Luke 11:15-26

#### SATURDAY

Joel 4:12-21  
 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
 Luke 11:27-28

#### NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kings 5:14-17  
 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
 Luke 17:11-19

*The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.*

## Before I Formed You in the Womb

### A Reflection on God's Precious Gift of Life

Each year on Respect Life Sunday, we are invited to pause and give thanks for the most precious gift we have ever received — the gift of life itself. It is a gift we did not earn, but one freely given by the hand of God, who formed each of us in His image and likeness. “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you” (Jeremiah 1:5). These words remind us that every human life — from the first spark of conception to the final breath — is willed, known, and loved by God.

In a world often marked by division, confusion, and disregard for the vulnerable, the Church stands as a voice for life. To be “pro-life” is not only to defend the unborn but to uphold the dignity of every person: the elderly, the sick, the poor, the immigrant, the prisoner, and those who feel forgotten. Every human being is a reflection of the Creator’s glory, deserving of reverence and protection.

This sacred conviction calls each of us to be witnesses of life in our daily living. Whether by supporting mothers in need, comforting the dying, volunteering with pro-life ministries, or simply offering words of kindness and encouragement, we each have a role in building a culture where every person is welcomed, valued, and loved. Even the smallest acts of compassion can ripple outward, reminding others that their lives, too, are a gift.

This day is also a call to conversion — to examine our own

hearts and ask how we are building a culture that truly honors life. Do our words and actions reveal gratitude for God’s gift of life? Do they reflect mercy toward those who struggle, compassion toward those in need, and courage in the face of injustice?

Let us recommit ourselves to prayer, to advocacy, and to loving witness — beginning in our own families and communities. May we become people who see as God sees, love as Christ loves, and serve with the heart of the Holy Spirit.

As we celebrate this Respect Life Sunday, may the Lord renew in us a deep awe for the mystery of life and a firm resolve to cherish and protect it — from conception to natural death, and every moment in between.

# St. Gianna

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



A joint work of love of the  
 Cathedral of St. Joseph  
 & St. Alphonsus Parishes  
 in Wheeling

### WHAT WE ARE BEGINNING

In response to community needs, we are starting a **mobile baby pantry**, to bring needed baby, toddler, and maternity supplies to parents without the means to get these supplies.

In addition to meeting young parents' material needs, we will offer to pray with and for the parents, and invite them to join us in church.

### WHO WE ARE

We are dedicated to upholding the dignity and sanctity of every human life, from conception to natural death. Rooted in faith and compassion, we advocate for the unborn, support women and families in need, and foster a culture of life within our parishes and community.

### CONTACT US

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# GROUPS & MINISTRIES



We invite all men in the community to join us in building authentic friendships with Christ and each other so that we can walk together in becoming the men He has called us to be.

**Service Evening**  
**Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner with West Liberty Students**

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## Faith Sharing Book Club

**Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory**

Our book club provides a unique opportunity for parishioners to come together and explore the richness of Catholic literature and spiritual writings.



## St. Monica Prayer Group

**Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus**

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

## Adult Faith Formation

**THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO OCTOBER 30 AT 6PM**

**Our next course will be on Angels in the Bible**

Please RSVP now by emailing [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org) or calling 304-233-4121

## Stewardship Reflection

On this Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, the apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." In response, Jesus reminds them that even faith the size of a mustard seed can do great things. As Christian stewards, we are called to live by faith—trusting in God's providence and responding with generosity, even when our gifts seem small. Stewardship is not about having everything figured out, but about saying yes to God with what we have. May we offer our time, talents, and treasure in faith, believing that God will use them in ways far beyond what we can imagine.

**GRACE**  
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**Fall Kick-Off**  
**Soup Swap**

**October 18, 2025**  
**12 noon**  
 Stephanie Bugaj's home  
 60 E Cardinal Ave, Wheeling

Bring your Favorite **Soup to Share!**  
 Not a soup maker....  
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All-Around Favorite Soup will be awarded the **GOLDEN LADLE!**

RSVP to Stephanie @ 304-281-4581 or [thebugajs@gmail.com](mailto:thebugajs@gmail.com) with your name and the soup recipe you plan to bring!

## Catholics in Recovery

**Thursday at 7:30 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall**

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments - including alcohol, drugs, pornography, relationships, food, gambling, and anxiety. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling. For more information, please e-mail Fr. John Soplinski at [jsoplinski@dwc.org](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org) or call the parish office at 304-233-4121.

## Seniors Group

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you! **Our next event will be helping with the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12.**



## October 11/12 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
<b>Saturday</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	Ginny S. Yvonne K.	Martin I.	Roberta P. Br. John B.	Judy M. Patti D.
<b>Sunday</b> <b>7:30 am</b>	Debbie R. Paul R.	Sarah M. Julia S.	Adrienne M. Elizabeth M.	Debbie F. Pat F.
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Cheryl J. Sarah C.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Roberta S. Robert B.	John T. Nick T.
<b>Collection Counters for this Week</b>		Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W.		

# LIVING OUR FAITH



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938)

*Feast Day: October 5*

Saint Faustina Kowalska, known as the “Apostle of Divine Mercy,” was a Polish nun through whom Jesus entrusted the message of His merciful love to the world. Born into a poor farming family, she joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, where she lived a humble life of service as a cook and gardener.

In a series of mystical revelations, Jesus appeared to her, asking her to proclaim His mercy and to promote devotion to the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Feast of Divine Mercy celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Her experiences were recorded in her spiritual diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, which has inspired countless believers to trust in God’s mercy.

Canonized by Saint John Paul II in 2000, Faustina’s mission continues to spread throughout the world with the simple message: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

*St. Faustina Kowalska, pray for us!*

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 304-233-4121 or email [jmanning@dwc.org](mailto:jmanning@dwc.org). Our OCIA classes have just begun, but we are still welcoming new candidates.



On October 7, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Church dedicates the whole month of October to this devotion. In the Rosary, with its prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel with Mary. As St. John Paul II wrote in 2002, “The Rosary...is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it remains a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness....With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer” (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 1).

### Ways to Our Lady this Month

- Pray the Rosary each day
- Devote Saturdays to Our Lady
- Place flowers in front of a statue of the Blessed Mother

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

### October: For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

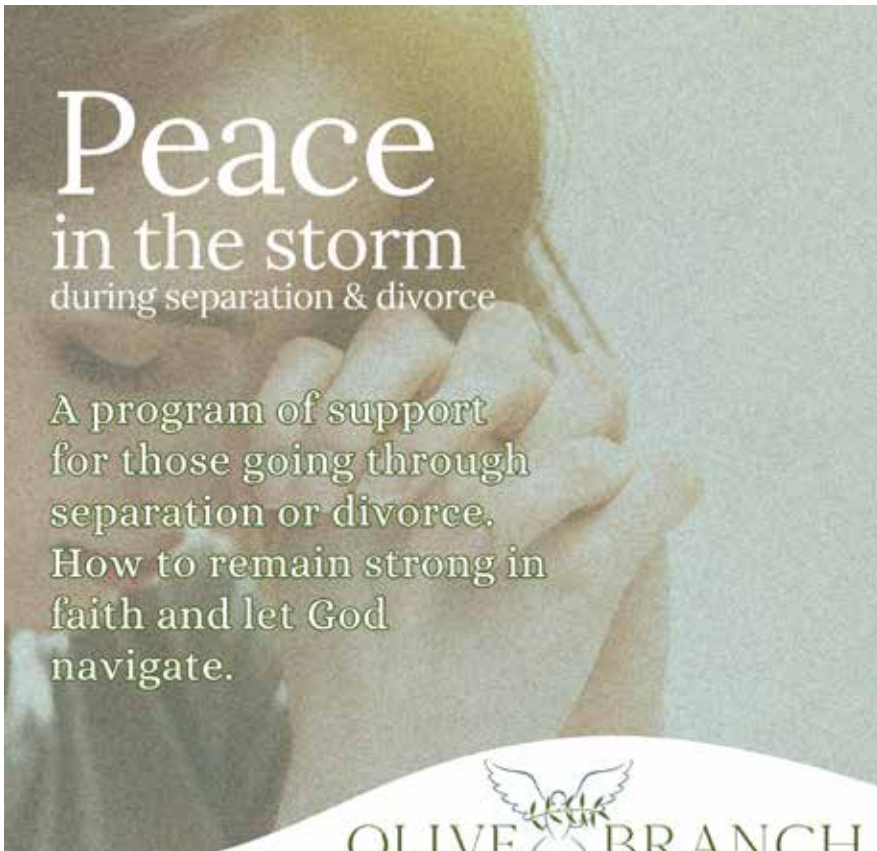
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

You are the Giver of every good gift, the Creator of life, and the source of our hope. As we honor You this Respect Life Sunday, open our hearts to see every person—born and unborn—as made in Your image and worthy of love. Strengthen us to protect the vulnerable, to comfort the suffering, and to build a culture of life rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Please remember in your prayers:*


Blanche Kirkland	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Our Homebound Parishioners
Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick	
Joyce Hehr	Pat Edmon	



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## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### Rosary

#### Question:

What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

#### Answer:

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means "garland of roses") was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 "Our Fathers" to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913.

In the apostolic letter *On the Most Holy Rosary*, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (no. 1).

*If you have a question you'd like answered, please email [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org).*



## CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

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\$42,107 in donations.  
Thank you for your support!**

## Leave a Legacy Gift

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- Name the Cathedral as a beneficiary on an account
- Leave a specific gift in your Will or Trust
- Designate a percentage of your estate

**Wording for bequests:** "Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting gift of faith!

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

## October 2025

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas  
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama."<sup>1</sup> The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious.

Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

Earlier this year, history was made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. I thank Catholics across the country who

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have embraced a **nationwide call to prayer** for the end of all taxpayer funding of abortion centers, and I ask that we continue those prayers throughout the month of October.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone. ***Walking with Moms in Need*** and ***Project Rachel Ministry*** are just two examples of how the Church continuously reaches out with love, compassion, and mercy to those most in need of a message of hope.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."<sup>2</sup> Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

For information on Respect Life Month, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

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OCTOBER  
**12**

**12 NOON - 5 PM**  
**SUNDAY**

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