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### Children's & Youth Ministry:

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### Blessed Sacrament School:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.  
870-316-0229

### Motherhood Ministry:

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Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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# BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2020

I have called you by your name,  
giving you a title,  
though you knew me not.

I am *the Lord*  
and there is no other,  
there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:4-5

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FOR SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANCE CALL:

870-520-8331

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, October 19- Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Joe & Carolyn Nolan †  
by The Simpson Family

Tuesday, October 20 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Martin Ed & Louise Jansen †  
by Tamara Jansen

Wednesday, October 21 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Esmie Fernando †  
by The Nonis Family

Thursday, October 22 - Public Mass  
5:30 p.m. Hillard Clark †  
by Shelia Tipton

Friday, October 23 - Public Mass  
7:00 a.m. Scott Rennels †  
by Lillian & Warren Randle

Saturday, October 24 - Public Mass  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
5:30 p.m. Maurice Ward †  
by Carol Ward

Sunday, October 25 - Public Mass  
8:00 a.m. Int. of Tara Banks  
by Inez Ray  
10:00 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
Public & Livestreamed Mass  
12:00 p.m. José Natividad Tenorio †  
by Antonia Tenorio

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church  
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**  
Office Hours 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Monday October 19  
*Ss. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday October 20  
*St. Paul of the Cross, Priest*  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday October 21  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass  
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Thursday October 22  
*St. John Paul II, Pope*  
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday October 23  
*St. John of Capistrano, Priest*  
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday October 24  
*St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday October 25  
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass  
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass  
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
OCTOBER 18, 2020

Sunday Is 45:1, 4-6  
Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10  
1 Thes 1:1-5b  
Mt 22:15-21

Monday Eph 2:1-10  
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Eph 2:12-22  
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday Eph 3:2-12  
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Eph 3:14-21  
Lk 12:49-53

Friday Eph 4:1-6  
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Eph 4:7-16  
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Ex 22:20-26  
Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51  
1 Thes 1:5c-10  
Mt 22:34-40

The confirmation program will be hosting a Trick or Trunk Treat on Oct. 31 after the 5:30 pm mass in the church parking lot for the youth of our parish only. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped bags of candy. Please drop your donation in the box in the narthex by Oct. 24. Thank you for your Support.

Have you prayed the Rosary today?



**Matching Donations**

During the month of September and October, any donation made to the Building Fund will be matched by an anonymous donor (up to \$100,000).

*What a blessing!!*

If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to:  
**Blessed Sacrament Building Fund**  
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Mail it in or drop it in the collection basket or you can also donate online at:

<https://catholicjonesboro.weshareonline.org/>

Mondays, Wednesdays	7:00am 7:30am-7:30pm	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30pm	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 am	Public Mass
Saturdays	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Confessions in the Church (In Confessionals) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sundays	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

**Guidelines:**

**The suspension of Sunday Mass Obligation has been lifted.**

Those who visit the Church **must** follow the directives and restrictions imposed by the Governor and Bishop and respect Blessed Sacrament Church guidelines:

- Must always wear masks (age 10 and over) or other protective covering of mouth and nose except when receiving Holy Communion during Mass. **(Please bring your own mask when possible)**
- All must use a hand sanitizer upon arrival at the Church.
- Maintain social distance of 6'
- Holy Communion reception on the hand during the Mass (without gloves)
- Both the main and side entrances will be open. We ask that the side entrance only be used by those who are handicapped or have difficulty walking.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
MINISTRY UPDATE**

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:  
Utility assistance for 7 families  
Rental assistance for 7 families  
were provided.

*Priority is given to members of our parish family.*

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.



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**Parish Financial  
Report**

**GENERAL COLLECTIONS**

	Goal	Actual
July	\$61,600.00	\$57,544.02
August	\$77,000.00	\$63,068.85
September	\$61,600.00	\$60,817.34
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
<b>YTD (Jul-Present)</b>	<b>\$200,200.00</b>	<b>\$181,430.21</b>

**YTD Budget Surplus / Shortage (\$18,769.79)**

**Thank you for your  
parish support!!**

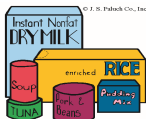
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Michelle Veteto, Shelby Ward, Lloyd McCuiston, Koen Smith, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Jody Amick, Millie & Bill Kueter, Nikki Amick, Mary Ann Eaton, Metta Nesmith, Nancy McFarland, Freda & Jim Cole, Jeannette Haddad, Pat Dacus, Rita Puryear, Charles Kline Family, Eddie Reinhart, David Wolters, Odette Dawood, Mary Lane, Betty Cornell, Misael Reyes, Kat Wright, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Cecilia Tacon, Larry McKinney, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Andy Sanders, Bill Ritter, Earl Wallace, Candelaria Flores, Mashudi Gunawan, Malcolm McGregor, Debbie Marthey, Jeff Hagan, Sydney Brown, Rita Vaught, Agnes Tipton, Mike Massanelli, Carrie Hunter, Rosemary Marotti, John & Sharon Aleman, COVID-19 sufferers

**WORK OF MERCY**

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 18 lbs of food donations from our parish this last week. Thank you!

**F.Y.I.**

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*weather permitting*) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



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*Alumni Update*

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- Hendrix College**
- University of Central Arkansas**
- University of Arkansas**
- Community College Morrilton**
- Central Baptist College**

Head over to [conwaycatholic.com](http://conwaycatholic.com) to update your contact information and check out what happening at CCM.



## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's word speaks to our hearts today, acknowledging the sad fact that we lose hope at times, and encouraging us to trust in the Lord. Isaiah speaks of God's astonishing plan to use Cyrus, a Persian king, to deliver God's people from exile. After generations in captivity, the Israelites take new hope in this unexpected plan and praise God's might. Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians encourages Christ's followers there to remain faithful to their call. Never tiring, they continue their "labor of love and endurance in hope." The Gospel relates a heartbreaking reality in Christ's ministry: plots to humiliate and capture Jesus. Knowing their treacherous plans, Jesus does not despair. He remains faithful to God and persists in his own labor of love.

### STATUS QUO

Perhaps the most shocking sentence in today's Gospel comes from the mouth of a Pharisee: "And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status." In context, that false compliment sounds savagely passive-aggressive. These scripture scholars do not actually admire Jesus' freedom, the unconventional way he interacts with men, women, and children from every background. It's possible some of Jesus' peers are jealous of his confident ease, but mainly they find Jesus threatening. Over and over again, Matthew's Gospel highlights the ways Jesus offends the Pharisees and scribes: failing to wash his hands in the traditional manner, for example, or, on the Sabbath, curing diseases and allowing his disciples to pick grain. Jesus does not focus on earthly status and the status quo; his mission is to proclaim the kingdom of God.

### THE RISK OF DISCIPLESHIP

When we deepen our relationship with Jesus, we follow in his footsteps. Sometimes this discipleship brings about obvious blessings, like belonging to a thriving parish community or feeling good about helping people in need. At other times, imitating Jesus means sharing in his sufferings. Like Jesus, we know the sting of rejection. We fear to lower our social status by spending time and money as Jesus may call us to do. At a social gathering, choosing to spend time with someone who is awkward or unpopular means we are not hanging with the in-crowd. Offering a full tithe to charity means we have less money to spend on trendy items. Letting go of our earthly desire to be admired can be difficult, but the Lord accompanies us in the struggle. Truly, Jesus Christ does not "regard a person's status." Inspired by this divine impartiality, we pray: Lord God, help us to love the extravagant freedom that comes from you. Help us to follow you out of the status quo and into your compassionate heart.

Today's Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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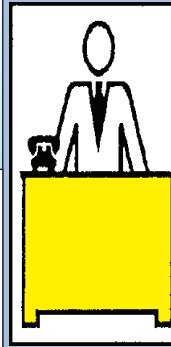
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