



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

October 26, 2025



Weekend Masses

Vigil at Our Lady of Grace Church 4:30pm

Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

Sunday at St. Thomas Church – 9:15am

Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 11:00am

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday at

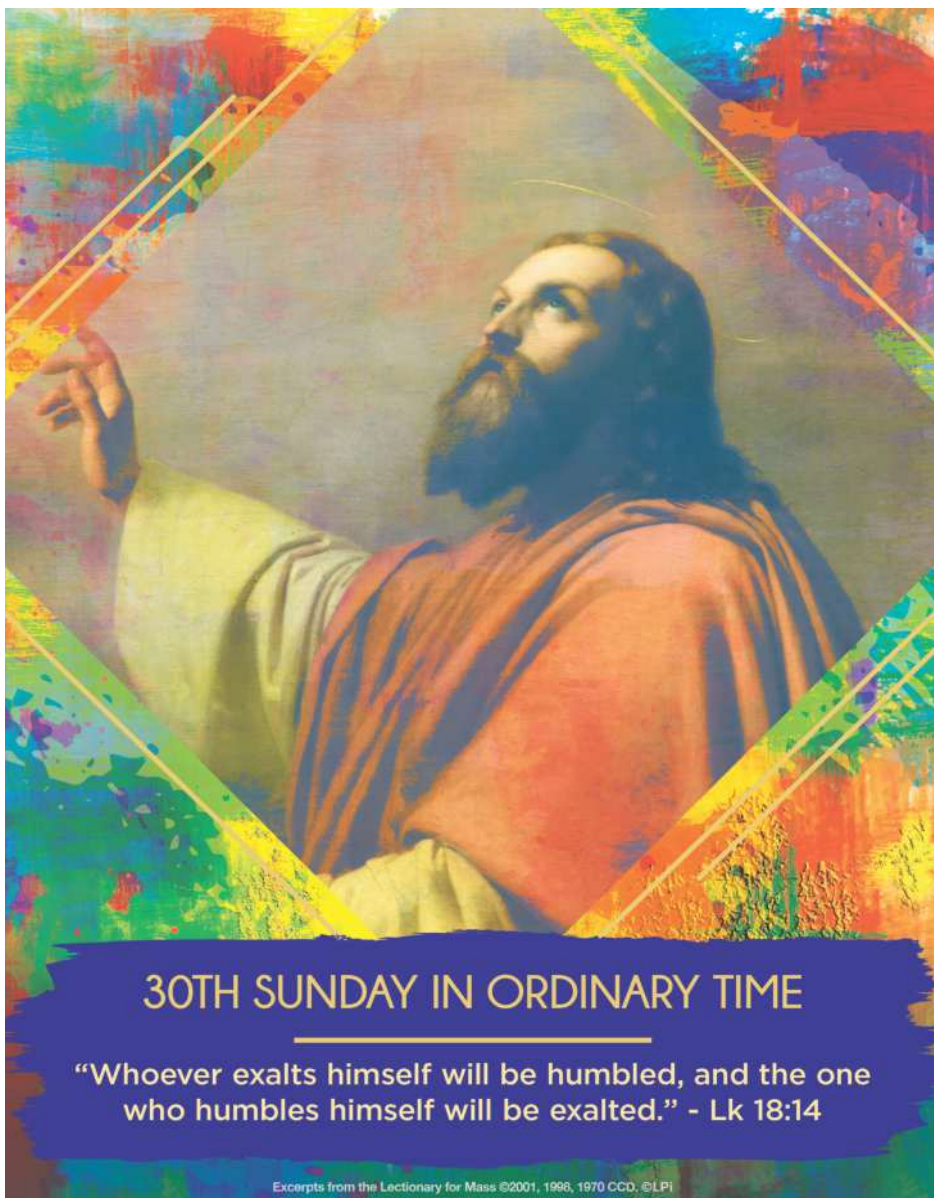
St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

Confession

Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church –
3:15 - 4:00pm

Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church –
7:00 - 8:00pm – with the
Sacrament of Confession



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14

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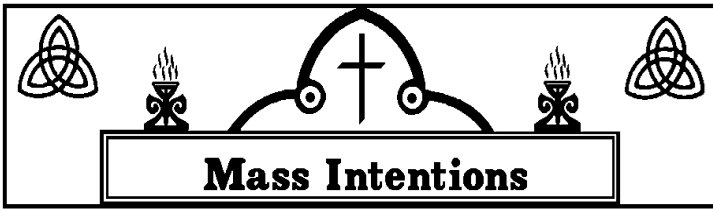
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Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time - October 26, 2025



Mass Intentions

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For 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.*

*LDM = St Louis de Montfort Parish; SAP = St Anthony of Padua Church;
STV = St Thomas of Villanova Church; OLG = Our Lady of Grace Church*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM + *The Juodis Family* ~ By Teresa Stack

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Corky Bauer* ~ By The VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + *Dennis Clement* ~ By Family

SAP 11:00 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM Liam Stewart - 20th Birthday ~ By Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Henry Bianowicz*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM Lily Stewart - 16th Birthday ~ By Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM For Seminarians

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Deceased of the Parish*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

OLG 4:30 PM Living & Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Pam Wray* ~ By the VanOrmer Family

STV 9:15 AM + *Mary Dole and Deceased Members of the*

Dole & Corwin Families ~ By the Corwins

SAP 11:00 AM + *Donald Falcetti* ~ By Family

Please add the following people to your prayers

♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Gordon Hills

♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux

♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter ♥ Ed Perry

♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Chris Dole

♥ Stephen Foster ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Brior Stack-Sweeney

♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Patricia Hayes



*Collections: THIS Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly.
NEXT Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly and Monthly.*

Saint Louis de Montfort Parish October 18th & 19th

WEEKLY: \$ 4513.00

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY : \$ 1161.00

ONLINE GIVING : \$ 2049.75

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Saint Louis de Montfort Parish.*

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Sacraments At Our Parish

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the main parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Church (3:15--4:00pm); during Adoration on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call the main office at least six months in advance before making any other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office.

Religious Education: Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation: Please call Cate Corwin.

Adult Sacraments: Any adult wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communions, and/or Confirmation are welcome to join the OCIA and Adult Confirmation process. Please call the office for more information.

Plenty of slots are open for Mass intentions!

**Please call or visit the office for more
information or to schedule.**



"I put before you the one
great thing to love on earth:
the Blessed Sacrament."

~ J. R. R. Tolkien

Congratulations to
Robert Wilson Gitlin
Who was baptized recently at
St. Louis de Montfort Parish



Welcome to the Parish Community!
Our prayers are with you.

Heartwarming for you. Life changing for them.
Please contribute to our 11th annual community

COAT DRIVE

Through Tuesday - November 11, 2025



Knights of Columbus Council 56 is running clothing drive for FISH on the weekends of November 1st-2nd & 8th-9th. Lightly-used children's coats, hats, gloves, and boots can be dropped off at Our Lady of Grace and St. Anthony Churches.

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High School, Bristol

Admission Events this fall give an opportunity for prospective students/families to see that there's something greater at St. Paul for the 2026/2027 school year.

We look forward to seeing you!

Open House-11/27 tour starting at
10:00am spchs.com/openhouse

Placement Exams-11/22 starting at 8:00am
spchs.com/placementexam



Carolyn's Place
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Drop-Off for the baby bottles is this weekend, October 25th & 26th. We thank you for your continued support!



2025-26 How We Worship

**November 2nd - Starting at the 9am Mass
at St Thomas of Villanova Church, Goshen**

**Family Session #2 Sacraments . . .
the Visible Signs**



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2025 Saint Louis deMontfort Parish ...

Christmas Cookie Fair

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Our Parish Cookie Fair Team is beginning to prepare for our "sweetest" Parish Fundraiser. Choose your favorite Cookie recipe now and gather your ingredients ahead of time to bake a double batch or 120 of their favorite Christmas Cookies for our Cookie Fair on Saturday, December 6th, 2025. Doors open at 9am. This is a great opportunity for Faith Formation Students to fulfill required volunteer service hours. All Parishioners are invited to help in the many volunteer duties needed for the Cookie Fair event. Drop off for the cookies is on Friday, December 5th from 8am to 7pm. More information to follow. All Funds will go to St. Louis de Montfort Parish for community outreach.

For more information please call Cate at 860-491-2756 or email: cookiefair@stlouisdemontfortparish.org



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Litchfield Social Services is running a food drive for their Thanksgiving Baskets. Fresh produce such as butter, rolls, potatoes, sweet potatoes, beets, squash, carrots, green beans, brussels sprouts, onion, celery, fresh herbs and turnips, ect, can be dropped off at St. Anthony's on the weekend of November 15/16, or Monday the 17th before 9am.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION RETURNS TO HARTFORD

Catholic Academy of Hartford to open in fall of 2026.

Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne is fulfilling his promise on May 1, 2024 – his first day in office – to bring Catholic education back to the city of Hartford after a ten-year absence.

The city of Hartford has not had a Catholic school operating within its borders since St. Augustine School closed at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

To end that drought, Archbishop Coyne announced during a press conference on Oct. 9 that the Archdiocese of Hartford has purchased a building on Asylum Avenue in Hartford, which it plans to open next fall as the Catholic Academy of Hartford.

"I simply could not accept that our state capital, and the geographic and spiritual center of our archdiocese, did not have a school to form our young people," Archbishop Coyne said.

For its opening year, the Catholic Academy of Hartford will initially welcome Hartford students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade. The longer-term plan for the new school is to add one grade each year, expanding up to the eighth grade.

"Within the walls you see behind me, future leaders and contributors will be formed – mind, body and spirit. With a quality, affordable education, their potential will prove limitless," the archbishop said.

The sale of the property, a former three-story office building at 765 Asylum Ave., was completed in September. The building is located behind the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

With the goal of beginning classes in the fall of 2026, the Archdiocese of Hartford plans to renovate the property, creating classrooms on the upper floors and a multi-purpose room in the basement. New exterior signage and a cross have already been erected.

"The opening of this school is representative of renewal, revival and a great reversal of the downward trends we experienced before and during COVID," Archbishop Coyne noted.

"Mass attendance is up, the number of men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life is up, and most important to today's announcement, Catholic school enrollment is up," he reported. In fact, the archbishop said, most archdiocesan schools have waiting lists.

"With the wind in our sails," Archbishop Coyne said, "the timing was right for the Archdiocese of Hartford to make a generational contribution to the city of Hartford for the education of its children."

During the press conference, Valerie Mara, superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese, reiterated the archbishop's commitment to restoring Catholic education in Hartford through a "just tuition model" in which Hartford families would pay on a sliding scale, according to their ability to pay.

The hope is to extend the opportunity for a Catholic education to all families in the city at all income levels.

The school intends to serve Hartford residents first, Mara noted, regardless of their faith tradition or creed. "Our doors are open to any family that wants a Catholic education," she said.

Development initiatives and fundraising events for the Catholic Academy of Hartford are now underway. "I welcome with open arms civic leaders, benefactors and changemakers of any stripe who wish to be a part of this exciting endeavor," Archbishop Coyne said.

To learn more about enrolling students, applying for aid, donating or applying for jobs, visit catholicacademyofhartford.org.

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11/15
 10:00 AM

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OCTOBER 25 - 31, 2025

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

My friends, over the past few weeks we have been talking about prayer. We have described it as the mode or vehicle of our communication with God where we present to Him all of our desires, needs, and wants. For many of us, as stated before, we pray often when we need something or when tragedy strikes. However, we need to, as St. Paul said last week in his letter to Timothy, 'pray without becoming weary.' Prayer is not meant to be something that should be seen as a chore or a tool. Rather an opportunity for us to intimately unite ourselves to God in order for us to ask Him for all that He already knows we need, but even more importantly to listen to him. Prayer is more than just us talking to God. It is actually meant for us to listen to him.

One of the initiatives we have taken here at our Parish is continuing Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration and Confession, held on Monday's, gives people the opportunity to come before the Eucharistic Lord, who is actively present, and just to be with Him. That's all that He wants. Very simple. We think that Prayer needs to be formal, but it really isn't. Adoration helps us to put aside that 'formality' and allow for Jesus to be present to us as we try to be present to Him. Eucharistic Adoration is a tradition in the Church that gives the faithful the opportunity to kneel, sit, stand before our Lord in His actual presence and form in our own human minds. When the Eucharist is consecrated at Mass it no longer is bread and wine, although the elements that make it up still are the same, the very form and substance is transformed into His Body and Blood. So when we go before the Lord, we express our love for Him, and also our belief in His actual presence in the Eucharist- the source and summit of our Faith.

Over the course of time there have been miracles that have been attributed to the Eucharist. St. Carlo Acutis would often study them and he actually made a website for us to learn more about these miracles. Some of them portray the blood of Christ (scientifically proven) being poured out from the Eucharist. Others present us with different healing miracles. Others, natural miracles; and so much more. But the one thing we need to realize that in going to Eucharistic Adoration, we need to not put up barriers- meaning that we should not prevent ourselves from giving to God what is due to Him, in a sense- and that is us. When we read the Gospel for today, the rich Pharisee boasts of all that he gave the Lord and refuses to look at himself as a human person- a sinner. While the tax collector cannot even look up toward the divine presence in the temple and truly sees within himself his sins, wounds, and his entire humanity. He avails himself so much to God that he asks for mercy from Him. This is what we need to do my friends. In coming to Adoration, we should avail ourselves to God- mind, body, heart, and spirit. If God sees it all anyways, why do we try to hide it. He is the only one that can heal us, so why not let him.

May our prayer be like the tax collector when we go before the Lord in Adoration. An opportunity for us to present ourselves, with our own recognition, of our weakness as human persons; but an opportunity for Christ to heal us as He wounds. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

-Fr. Matt

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