

This Week's Scripture Readings

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28	Ps 25:4-9	Philippians 2:1-11	Matthew 21:28-32
Week 26 Mon Job 1:6-22	Ps 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7		Luke 9:46-50
Week 26 Tues Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Ps 138:1-2a-5		John 1:47-51
Week 26 Wed Job 9:1-12,14-16	Ps 88:10bc-15		Luke 9:57-62
Week 26 Thurs Job 19:21-27	Ps 27:7-9 abc,13-14		Luke 10:1-12
Week 26 Fri Job 38:1, 12-21;40:3-5	Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14ab		Matthew 18:1-5,10
Week 26 Sat Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17	Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130		Luke 10:17-24

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Isaiah 5:1-7	Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20	Philippians 4:6-9	Matthew 21:33-43
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Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intentions for SEPTEMBER 2026: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

October For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Continued....✚ **7. WHAT CHANGED?** Over centuries: discipline shifted, customs changed in some regions, standing became common in certain cultures. But the Church never abandoned kneeling: The Roman Missal permits it. The Church encourages it where the faithful desire it. Every Pope in modern history receives Communion kneeling. The tradition never died. It only faded in some places. ✚ **8. WHY THIS MATTERS TODAY** Recovering kneeling is not about old vs. new. It is about truth vs. forgetfulness. The world has lost the sense of the sacred. The early Christians had it. Kneeling reminds us: 📖 God is truly here. 📖 We did not make Him. 📖 We approach Him with humility, love, and awe. The early Church knelt not because they were forced, but because their hearts understood the mystery. ✚ **CONCLUSION** Why did the early Christians kneel before receiving Communion? Because they recognized: The Real Presence, The holiness of Christ, The glory of the Eucharist, And the biblical call to worship in body and soul. They knelt because they saw what many today have forgotten: Communion is not just holy. It is the Holy of Holies. God bless you.

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Come celebrate
Roger Winter
as he turns
80
October 3rd
2-5pm
Callaway
Community
Center

Assumption Catholic Church
Callaway, MN
Fall Dinner

Sunday October 25, 2026
11:25am-1:00pm
Baked Chicken & Wildrice, Salads, Fall Dessert & fresh buns
Adults \$15.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WHY THE EARLY CHURCH KNELT
BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION,
THE FORGOTTEN TRADITION.

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Many Catholics think kneeling for Communion is a modern practice. Some think it started in the Middle Ages. Others believe it is optional “piety.” But here is the truth: 📖 The early Christians knelt because they understood something we have forgotten: When you receive Communion, you stand on holy ground. Let’s walk through this slowly and clearly. ✚

1. THE ROOT OF THE TRADITION: HOLY GROUND In the Bible, when Moses met God at the burning bush, God said: “Take off your sandals, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” (Ex 3:5) In the Early Church, Christians believed: If Moses removed his shoes before a bush... ..how much more should we bow before the Body of Christ? Kneeling was not a gesture. It was a response to the Real Presence. ✚ **2. THE EARLY CHRISTIANS KNEW WHO THEY WERE RECEIVING** St. Paul writes clearly: “Whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the Body brings judgment on himself.” (1 Cor 11:29) They took this very seriously. They believed: 📖 This is not bread. 📖 This is not a symbol. 📖 This is Jesus Christ Himself. And when God is before you, you kneel. ✚ **3. THE CHURCH FATHERS CONFIRM IT** The Fathers of the Church spoke strongly about reverence at Communion. St. Augustine (4th–5th century): “No one eats this Flesh unless he has first adored.” He literally says: adore first. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th century): Continues. page 3

LITURGICAL DAY	WEEKDAY	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFESSIONS
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sunday	September 27 2026	10:30am	Mass: Damian Zurn 84th Birthday	10:10 am
Weekday	Tuesday	September 29, 2026	5:00pm	NO Adoration & Benediction	
Weekday	Tuesday	September 29,	7:00 pm	NO Mass	
27th Sunday of Ordi-	Sunday	October 4, 2026	10:30am	Mass: Pro Poulo	10:10am

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // chulst@crookston.org

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(September 27, 2026)**

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to those of others.” *Philippians 2:4-5*

Stewardship is often confused with volunteering. Stewardship is not primarily an activity, but an attitude – a way of life. Giving of our time, talent, and treasure involves a change of attitude. It is important to think of giving as a sign of how blessed we are and how using our gifts and talents for the good of others demonstrates our gratitude to God.

Question of the week

To what have I said no recently that I regret now? How can I turn around and make up for that?

*Liturgy of the Hours: Week II of the Psalter
Reflection of the Gospel*

It’s always easy to see the discrepancies between saying and doing in someone else’s behavior. I can smugly point a finger at the pharisees in the gospel, or at today’s leaders. It is harder to see the lack of a match between my own words and deeds. If I say I value prayer, for example, do I actually carve out a consistent time and place to do it? If I say I am concerned for those who are poor, how is that visible in my lifestyle?

-Living Liturgytm,

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026

Office Hours Week of September 28th– October 4th

I will be working on Wednesday, September 30th. I will be on Silent Retreat October 1-4th. Virginia

Website: formed.org

Prayer Requests:

The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy.

Carol Bertram Aarness, Rick Bakken, Marilyn Bellefeuille, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Arlene Buitendyk, Shane Donley, Alice DuChene, Jodi Eidenschink, Rick Flottesmesch, John Gerulli, Sharon Greminger, Cindi Hilber, Pat Hilber, Marlys Jacobson, Nancy Johnson, Susan Kirschbaum, Jeanine Kivi, Jamie Langevin, Jadyndy McDougall, Barb Muff, Kelly Olson, Earl Paulson, Ken Pearson, Marie Raun, **Jonell Richards**, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Bev Snyder, Shirley Spry, Hope Tietz, AT, Jeff VanHecke **Bold are new this week, or need extra prayers!**

Please Pray for our Students!

Madeline Abbott, Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald, Lilly Dillon, & Madison Arnoldy

Birthdays on file this Week

9/28 Cloe Starkey

10/1 Ed Scheler

10/3 Gina Steffl

10/3 Jeanine Kivi

10/3 Betty Matter



Sunday, September 20, 2026

Adult Envelopes \$ 865. 00

Loose Plate \$ 193.00

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, October 4, 2026

Altar Server: Nathan Loreth

Lector: Christina Loreth

Presentation of Gifts: Pete & Becca Arnoldy Family

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Stalberger & Max Klarer

Ushers: Don Tietz & Jerry Spry

Music:

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He instructs Christians to receive with reverence, fear, and worship, not casually. St. Basil the Great (4th century): Describes kneeling as a sign of humility before God. These were not medieval monks. These were the earliest teachers of the Church. **4. KNEELING IS THE BIBLE'S LANGUAGE OF WORSHIP** Scripture is very clear: “At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.” (Phil 2:10) “Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord.” (Ps 95:6) The leper falls on his knees before Jesus. (Mk 1:40) The disciples fall before the risen Lord. (Mt 28:9) The early Christians knew: If Jesus is truly here, kneeling is the correct language of the body. **5. THE EARLY CHURCH HAD A STRONG SENSE OF AWE** The first Christians entered the Eucharist with: fasting, prayer, confession of sins, fear of God, and deep reverence. Some even removed their shoes when approaching Communion. Why? Because for them, receiving Communion was entering the Holy of Holies. Not everyone approached. Not everyone dared. Only those properly disposed. This attitude created kneeling naturally, no rules needed. **6. KNEELING WAS NOT ABOUT LOW SELF-ESTEEM. IT WAS ABOUT TRUTH.** They did not kneel because they felt unworthy. They knelt because He is worthy. They knelt because: God is God. Christ is present. The Eucharist is sacred. Body posture shapes the heart. Kneeling is not medieval. Kneeling is not outdated. Kneeling is the instinct of a soul that knows it is meeting God. Continued...

Upcoming at Assumption Parish

- **Tuesday, October 6th Combined Parish and Finance Council Meeting after 7pm Mass**
- Sunday, October 18th Second Collection World Mission Sunday
- Sunday, October 18th Christian Mothers Meeting after Mass
- Tuesday, October 20th KC Meeting at Holy Rosary
- Wednesday, October 21st 11am, Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch
- **Sunday, October 25th PARISH DINNER**

Upcoming Fellowship

September 27th Lori & Pat Stalberger

October 4th St Theresa’s Circle, Bake Sale

October 11th St Monica’s Circle

October 18th Mary & Becca German Pancakes



October 25th Parish Dinner

November 1st St Rachel’s Circle Fellowship

November 8th Barb & Mike Brown

November 15th OPEN

November 22nd OPEN

November 29th OPEN

Prayer for the Dead

In Your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life You embraced them with Your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Rita Pearson 1/27/26 Jim Matter 2/9/26

Dick Bellefeuille 3/7/26 Deborah Clark 4/12/26

Ernest Clark Sr. 6/21/26 Norma Kunz 6/24/26

Paul Walz 8/5/26

The Rosary will be said at 10:05 Sundays in October

October 4th Gary Helm Leader

October 11th

October 18th Bill & June Steffl

October 25th Karen & Max Klarer