

26th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



September 25, 2022  
OUR LADY OF  
LOURDES  
PARISH & MISSION AT LAKE PLEASANT PKWY

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Sunday: 8:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Monday - Thursday: 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Friday: 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

**For information about the Sacraments, including access to our 24-hour Anointing of the Sick and Funeral lines, please call the main office phone.**

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#### Mass Times:

Daily (Monday - Saturday)	8:30a.m.
Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	9:00a.m.
Sunday	11:00a.m.

Vistancia Elementary School  
30009 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ 85383  
Sunday 1:00p.m.

#### Confessions:

Saturday	9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.
Tuesday	10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

#### Adoration:

Thursday	9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.
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## Fr. John's Pasta Sauce

Fr. John's Tomato Basil pasta sauce is available for purchase during regular office hours and before Saturday 4:00p.m. Mass. Jars are \$8.50.

Proceeds benefit *FullCircle*.

Please make checks out to *FullCircle Program*



Open Sundays after 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Mass. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship!

## Reefer Madness: For Real

Dear Friends,  
Since around the 1980's we have been fighting a "War on Drugs". And as a friend of mine reminds me, "Drugs are winning the War on Drugs". Despite our best efforts and intentions, drug use, drug related crime, enrichment of the drug cartel's wealth and power and drug related deaths are off the charts. And all this got a big assist from Arizona voters.

In the last national election, Arizonans overwhelmingly voted via Proposition to legalize the for-profit Cannabis industry (previous effort to legalize Cannabis for "medical" purposes was also successful). So, was the experiment a success?

Aside from making a few people filthy rich, legalized weed has harmed individuals and impoverished our communities. Whatever tax revenue that cannabis has produced has been far offset by the cost to individuals and communities. Specifically, in terms of medical care costs, mental health care, family breakdown, and social cohesion.

Voters were sold that marijuana is a natural substance. 'God's weed, you know man'. Well, so are poppies which produce opium and heroin. The weed produced today is not what is found in nature. Through genetic engineering, the weed grown and processed today has astronomically high levels of THC, the psychoactive substance in Cannabis. The cannabis products sold today contain up to 90-100% THC. To rephrase the Buick motto: "this is not your dad's weed"; not even close to the stuff you smoked in the 60's which had about 2% THC.

As a result, what we are seeing is that people who smoke, ingest, consume large amounts of THC on a regular basis have high levels of mental illness, including: psychosis, delusions, schizophrenia, and outbreaks of violence all cannabis induced. The potency of the drug today puts marijuana that is sold in Dispensaries on the same level as methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. The old film, "Reefer Madness" which was soundly mocked, had little evidence to support its claims. We have the evidence today. And it is madness.

If you are around 30yrs or older, the weed you smoked back in the day, probably had about 20% THC levels. So, there is no comparison to what young people (and others) are consuming today. The high level of THC makes the substance highly addictive and greatly increases the chance it will drive you insane. Because weed is so easily obtainable, despite the 'Only for those over 21', nonsense that voters were sold, young people today

are becoming addicted to Cannabis in large numbers. What's more, unlike someone who "toked" now and then, this Cannabis, delivered in wax vaping pens, is being smoked from sunrise to sunset much like cigarettes, since just like tobacco, withdrawal sets in, and you get uncomfortable, and the next hit pushes the withdrawal symptoms away.

Many young people tell me that they no longer use the restrooms while at High School, because all they encounter are other students vaping Cannabis. I also know young people who went into full-blown Psychosis and Schizophrenia after consuming today's cannabis. And it is an awful site to behold. To watch a 17yr old, with a bright future and every reason to look forward to tomorrow, descend into the horror of Schizophrenia, is heart-breaking beyond words. As one young person described to me: "I know the moment my brain changed. It was when I smoked a joint. It was like Cannabis was the key that unlocked the cage that held Schizophrenia and let it loose in my brain. I have never been the same since."

With the advent of legalized and high potency cannabis, ER physicians are seeing something new: increasing numbers of young people with the worst Psychosis ever seen along with delusions that are accompanied by severe violence. And Meth and Cocaine are not underneath it all. Cannabis is.

But there is good news. Many voters, voted to approve the Initiative to legalize for-profit Cannabis in Arizona because they didn't think Pot users should be taking up bed space in jails and prisons. Well, that did happen. They do not, any longer take up bed space in our Correctional facilities. No, instead they take up lots more bed space in Hospital Emergency Rooms, Psychiatric Facilities and cemeteries.

The Cannabis Industry profits off addiction, in a way that is much worse than the Tobacco Industry. It also profits off human suffering. And just like Tobacco, the Industry will only tell you how great their product is. In fact, about 65% of Americans still believe that Cannabis is benign and harmless. The Corporate advertising is working.

Still, just because drugs are winning the War on Drugs doesn't mean we should surrender.

Love, Fr. John B.

PS: Thanks to all of you who support my FullCircle Program, which helps young people deal with substance misuse and other issues. Your support and donations will help us win this war!

[www.fullcircleprogram.com](http://www.fullcircleprogram.com)

## Mass Intentions

**September 25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00a.m.:** Jean Askwith†

**11:00a.m.:** Happy 51st Anniversary—Bill & Charlene  
Lauderback

**1:00p.m.:** for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

**September 26**

Ed Dittell+

**September 27**

St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day

**September 28**

Living & Deceased Members of George Wagner &  
Families

**September 29**

Living & Deceased Members of Parr & Gillmeister  
Families

**September 30**

Charles & Dorothy Chapman+

**October 1**

**8:30a.m.:** COVID-19 Long Haul Patients

**4:00p.m.:** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

**October 2: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00a.m.:** Carol & Louise Voit+

**11:00a.m.:** Armando Sr. & Anne Barone+

**1:00p.m.:** Michelle Caruso+

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**Monday: Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday: Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday: Memorial of Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Friday: Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday: Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

# ROSARY

# RALLY

**October 15**  
**9:15a.m.**

**In front of  
the Church,  
facing  
128th Ave.**

Light refreshments to follow. Questions? Email Terese at [boasfmlly@comcast.net](mailto:boasfmlly@comcast.net) or Sandy at [fskcon@gmail.com](mailto:fskcon@gmail.com)

## MIGHT THIS BE YOU?

- YOU HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE
- YOU CARE FOR OTHERS AND ARE WILLING TO SHARE THAT CARE
- YOU ARE MATURING SPIRITUALLY
- YOU ARE COMFORTABLE BEING OPEN WITH YOUR OWN STRUGGLES
- YOU ARE A GOOD LISTENER
- YOU ARE ABLE TO DRAW OTHERS INTO CONVERSATION
- YOU ARE COMFORTABLE WITH A COMMUNITY SPIRIT
- YOU ARE ACTIVE IN YOUR OWN PRAYER LIFE AND AVAILING YOURSELF TO THE SACRAMENTS

### We Have 3 Volunteer FORMATION Opportunities

- 1) Small Group Table Facilitator for Ongoing Formation Program using FORMED "Into His Likeness" -Thursday's, 2pm-4pm, November 10<sup>th</sup>-December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) Presenters and Volunteers RCIA Formation for Adult Confirmation only, using FORMED "Sent by the Spirit" -Saturday's, 11:30am-1pm, October 1<sup>st</sup>-October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Presenters and Volunteers for RCIA Formation for Becoming Catholic using FORMED "Symbolon" -Saturday's, 11:30am-1pm, November 5<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you feel these are qualities you have been gifted with, please consider being part of our FORMATION team. All of these series offer us a chance to grow in faith and be transformed as we work together to experience a more personal relationship with Our Lord. If you would be interested in being part of this team, please contact

Whitney Lynch at (623) 344-7285 or [wlynch@ololscw.org](mailto:wlynch@ololscw.org)

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Find our parish by  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH  
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**DENIM & DIAMONDS**

**FASHION SHOW**

HOSTED BY OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT 2278

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

NEW IMAGE FASHIONS

MADONNA HALL,

19002 128TH AVENUE, SUN CITY WEST

Doors open at 10am for shopping

Buffett Lunch at 11:30 followed by the fashion

show and more shopping.

\$25.00



**Knights of Columbus®**

Fifty years ago, three members of the Knights of Columbus council in the Chicago area identified two needs: first, organizations that served people with developmental disabilities needed money; second, the Knights of Columbus needed an identifying charitable mission, like the Lions, Shriners, Elks, VFW, and other fraternal organizations.

The fund-raising process they planned to use was simple; they would stand in public places and solicit donations in exchange for Tootsie Rolls.

They selected Tootsie Rolls because it was a unique candy from a Chicago-based company and a well-recognized item with a good shelf life. They picked a weekend, and men from the council stood at busy stores and intersections with a canister and Tootsie Rolls. Their first collection was highly successful, raising over \$30,000 for the two day-effort.

With that encouragement, the council submitted a resolution to have the candy drive become a statewide program. The resolution was adopted unanimously. From that first drive in 1970, with receipts of \$30,000, the Illinois councils have increased their collections to nearly two million annually. Today, the Campaign for People With Intellectual Disabilities (CPID) has expanded to 44 states, including Arizona.

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Lourdes Council 11809 is blessed to have a member of the Tinley Park, IL council, join our local council.

So, in September and October, when you see one of the Knights with Tootsie Rolls and a can, take a candy and leave a generous donation to help our brothers and sisters with intellectual disabilities. Your generous donation will support (x, y, and z) in our local community with the proceeds from this drive.

The Knights of Columbus is one of the world's leading fraternal and service organizations, with 2 million members in more than 16,000 parish-based councils. To learn more, please visit us at [www.kofc11809.org](http://www.kofc11809.org).

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DRAWING

Western  
Wear  
encouraged

BASKET  
RAFFLE

Catering by Joy Catering  
Menu: Salad - Rolls & Butter  
Stuffed Chicken Breast or  
Pork Tenderloin with Apricot Sauce  
Rice pilaf with Cranberries—Baby Carrots  
Apple Turnover

For tickets and information contact:  
Lynn Conner—623-546-9337— meellocon@yahoo.com  
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Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Daughters  
Court 2278

**PASTA DINNER**

**October 29, 2022**  
**Madonna Hall**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**3pm—5pm**

**\$15.00**  
**Tickets sold after**  
**every Mass**

Call Rosemary Dougherty for information  
623-760-8479

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Your Sacrificial Giving - September 11

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$9,433.12
Mission Giving:	\$916.01
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$5,675
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$16,024.13</b>
Maintenance Fund	\$76.50
Respect Life Ministry	\$37.50
LP - Building Fund	\$325
St. Vincent de Paul	\$412



This weekend is Charity Weekend! Members of Respect Life Ministry will be available before and after all Masses to collect baby goods for Life Choices Women's Clinic. Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting monetary donations before and after all Masses.

Julie Carrick • Sr. Fiat Marie, SV • Rosa Maria Estrada • Fr. Estevan Wetzel  
 Retreat includes a light breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks.  
 \$30 early-bird registration, until Sept 18 (then it goes up to \$40)  
 Register at [staycatholic.org/womens-retreat](http://staycatholic.org/womens-retreat)  
 13720 W Thomas Rd, Avondale, AZ 85392

