October 18, 2026
The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Mass Schedule

Sunday	8:30am
Tuesday	8:30am
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am

(except 1st Fri. of month-12noon at PC)
Saturday 4pm at PC

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This week at Saint Elizabeth

Special Events & Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday, October 20
No Daily Mass

Thursday, October 22
No Daily Mass

Friday, October 23
Daily Mass *8:30am*
Mass Intentions for the Repose of the Souls of Martha and Dolly

Saturday, October 24
Confessions *2:30pm at the PC*
Holy Rosary *3:30pm at the PC*
Vigil Mass *4:00pm at the PC*
Mass Intention for Sabunian and Family

Sunday, October 25
Holy Rosary *8:00am*
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time *8:30am*
Mass Intention for Sabuninan and Family

For those who wear lipstick and take the Most Precious Blood: the Parish Laundress wants a word about stain removal

God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Pete Thompson-10/18, Joe Ricciardi-10/20
Martha Bartell-10/22, Colleen Boardman-1023
Bob Nelson-10/23, Susan Reed-10/23

May you have many more!

Liturgical Ministries

Mass Ministers

Saturday, October 24
4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center
Lector: *Robert Bartos*
EMs: *see sign-up sheet*
Ushers: *Mark and Jo Elworth*
Altar Server: *TBD*

Sunday, October 25
8:30am Mass at the Church
Lector: *Lisa Ward*
EMs: *Rod McGuire, Mindy Godfrey, Phyl McGuire*
Ushers: *Bev Wright, Ted Meyer*
Altar Server: *Dan Kees*

Until Further Notice:

Daily Mass will be held at the Parish Center

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Pray for us…

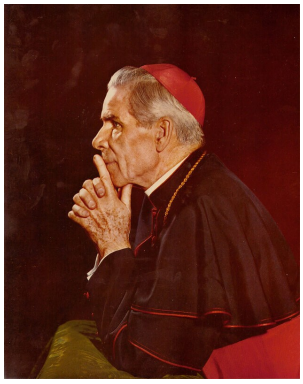
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Our Friends and Family Members -
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Candice George, Paula Tyndale-Faddrell, Brad Hill, Debbie Hill, Ron Davis, Nicole Devlin, Ron Horton & Crystal Norman

Our Military - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

Those who have died - Harry Hackenmueller and Loretta Metzger

World Mission Sunday
October 18



100 years ago, the Church began a global mission of solidarity.

Today, that mission continues through you.

For a century, Catholics around the world have united on World Mission Sunday to pray for the Church's missionary work in the poorest and most remote corners of the world.

This year, as we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and honor the missionary legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, we will pray the World Mission Rosary together each day of October.

We invite you to join our livestreamed rosary at 3pm every day throughout October! Together, we can help equip the Church to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Our Seminarians for the month of October, 2026



Jesús Tovar

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Benjamin Keating

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The Sunday Collection for
Project Revive Campaign as of 10/6/26: $3784

	Pledges	Payments	Pledge Bal.
Parishioners	$829,323	$681,603	$147,720
Non-Parishioner	$119,740	$102,497	$ 17,243
Donations	0	$120,982	0
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	1:00-4:00	Donna Buttecali
Wed 10/21	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 10/22	10:00-1:00	Terri Kees
	1:00- 4:00	Nanette Barnett
Fri 10/23	10:00-1:00	T & S Meyer
	1:00-4:00	T & S Meyer
Sat 10/24	10:00-1:00	Sandy McClung
	1:00-4:00	T & S Meyer
Sun 10/25	9:30-1:00	G & K Finkeldei
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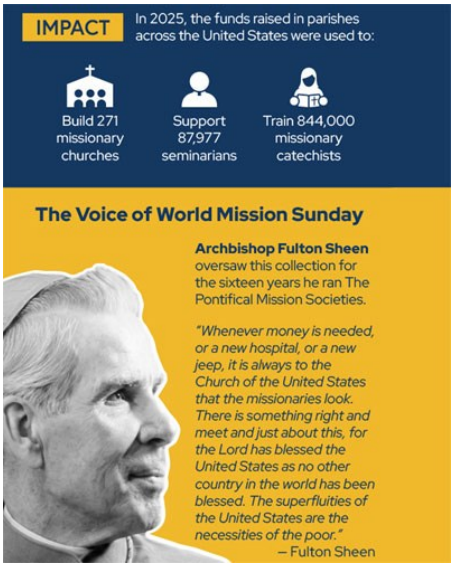
Church of the Assumption, Atkins - Heritage Festival: Please come join Church of the Assumption in Atkins, AR, for their annual Heritage Festival taking place on Saturday, October 24th. Entry is free, and they will celebrate our country's 250th birthday as well as the City of Atkins' 150th birthday with a full day of activities, food, and fun. You can check out their website for more details and an itinerary of the day's events including live music, a pig race, and a rodeo with fireworks scheduled immediately after the festival. https://atkinsheritagefest.com/ Hope to see you there!

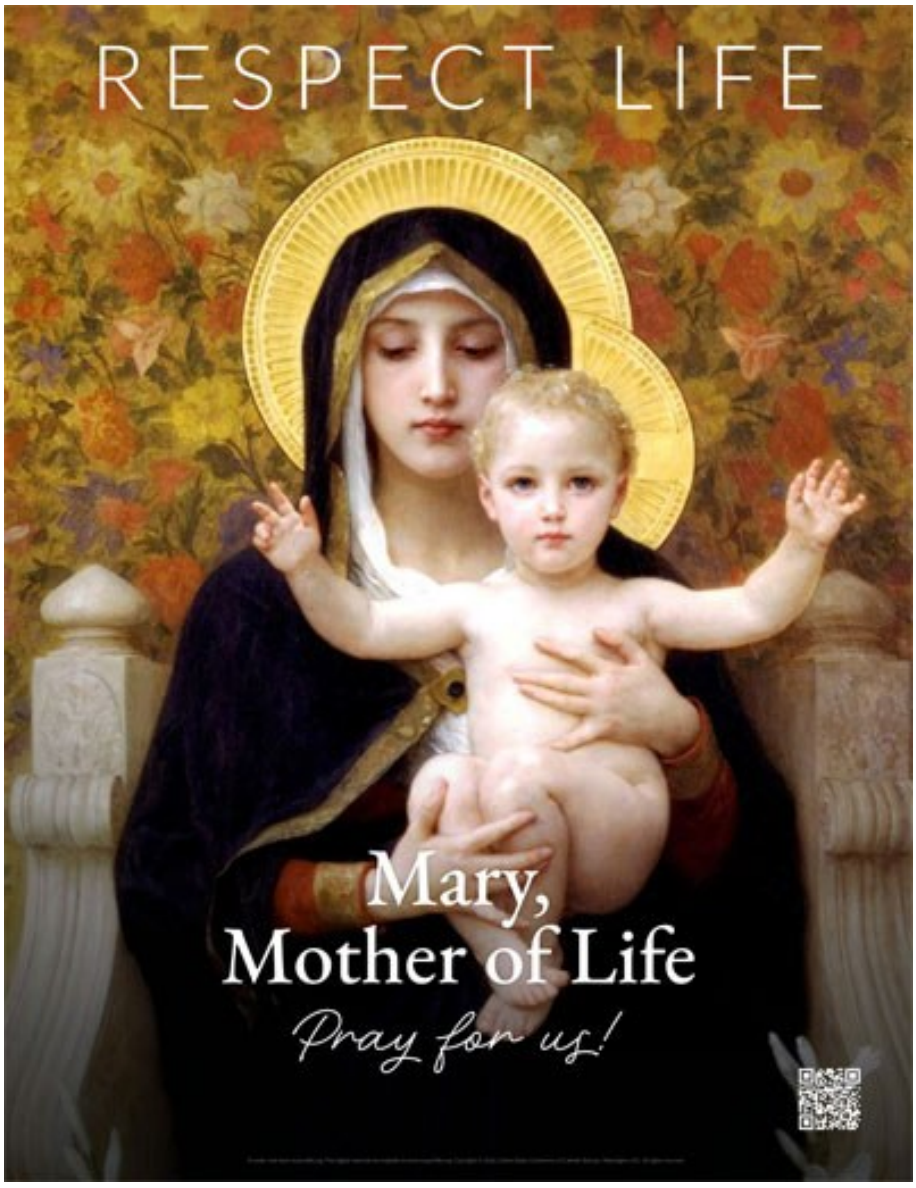
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World Mission Sunday (WMS) is the only worldwide collection mandated by canon law and taken up in every parish, on the same date, throughout the entire world. These funds support the pope's missionary efforts throughout the world. This weekend also cultivates a missionary spirit amongst all the baptized in our diocese. For more information, contact the Stewardship and Development Office at (501) 664-0340.




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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before Him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God,
You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2026

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

Monday
Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

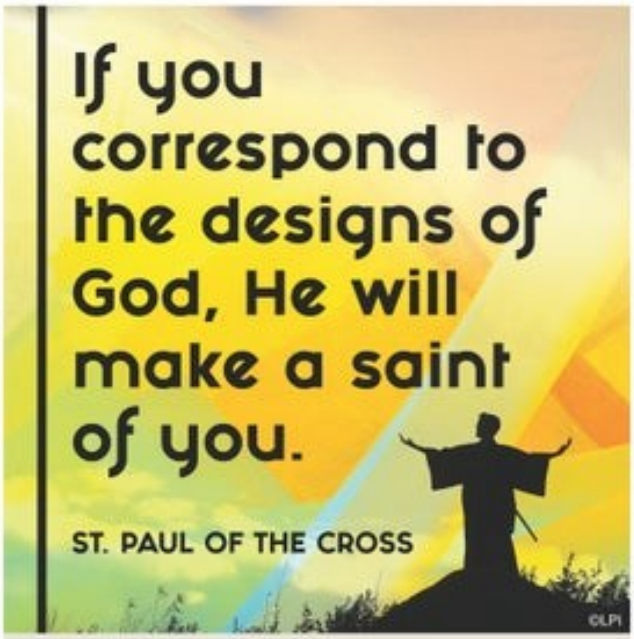
Wednesday
Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday
Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

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



Observances for the Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara

Tuesday
St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Thursday
St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday
St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Saturday
St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Meditation



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John R. Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus answers a trick question posed by the Pharisees about the temple tax, affirming that we owe our ultimate allegiance to God.

Whose Image We Bear

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than $200.

It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image *we* bear.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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Liturgical Life



Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Life Explained

Question

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has comes to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

Catholic Trivia

TRUE OR FALSE:
priests must say preparatory prayers called "access prayers" before beginning to celebrate Mass?

Answer: False. These prayers are discretionary

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ...Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:17b-18, 21c

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Liturgical Life

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:19-21

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect & Respond to Scripture

First Reading Question

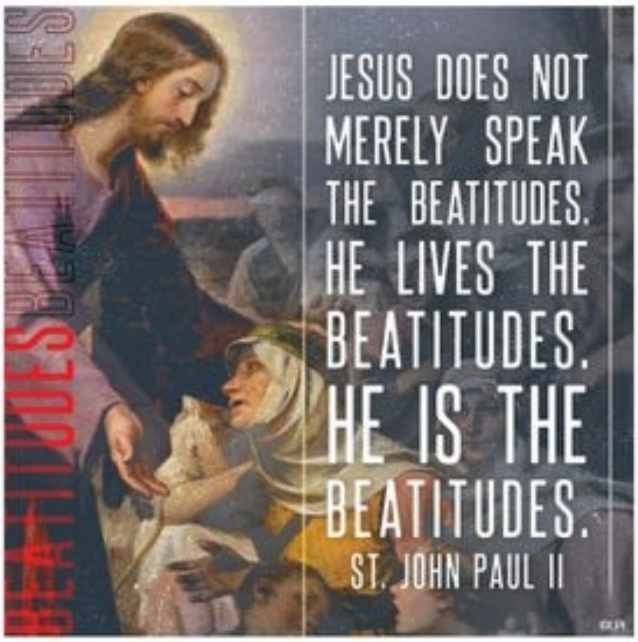
Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire, learns that God plans to use him to rescue his people, Israel. Have you ever felt God has used you to help someone else?

Second Reading Question

Paul speaks in gratitude for the faith of the Thessalonians and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst. What are you thankful for this week?

Gospel Question

The Pharisees and the Herodians are unable to trap Jesus in his words. Do you feel equipped to defend the Faith from others who may challenge you?



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St. John Paul II
Pray for us!

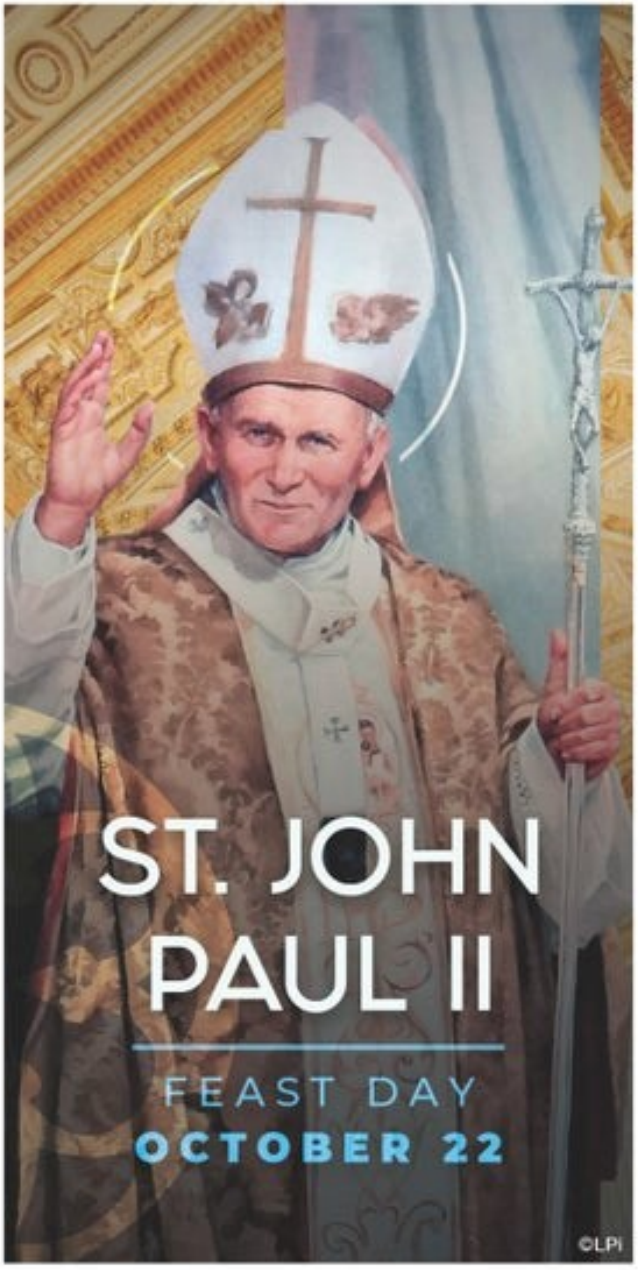
St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland. During World War II, he secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. Ordained in 1946, he later became Archbishop of Krakow, then cardinal, and in 1978 was elected the 264th pope, taking the name John Paul II.

Evangelization was central to his papacy, and he made pastoral visits around the world. After surviving a 1981 assassination attempt, he later visited his attacker in prison and forgave him.

An avid hiker and skier into his 60s, St. John Paul II later suffered declining health and was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Though speaking and public appearances became difficult, he continued his pastoral work until his death on April 2, 2005. He was beatified on May 1, 2011, and canonized on April 27, 2014.





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Sharing the Gospel

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Now color the picture!

Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Mission for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.



Kids Corner

Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



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