



NOVEMBER 2023

November 1-30

**SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WELCOME TO OUR *Parish Community*

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Our Two Places of Worship

PARISH CHURCH
SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE
4220 N. Sheridan Road,
Chicago, IL 60613



CHAPEL
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
4640 N. Ashland Ave,
Chicago, IL 60640

MASS TIMES

SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM - English

Sunday
8:30 AM - English
10:30 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - English

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM
Saturdays - 9:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays - 7:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER

St. Gabriel Chapel (located in the office)
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 7:30 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday
9:00 AM - English
11:00 AM - Spanish

ADORATION & PRIVATE PRAYER

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

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Saturdays & Sundays | 9:00am - 2:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM *Father Vince*

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I think it may be a matter either of genius or of divine providence that the Catholic Church begins November with two important celebrations – All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day. I say this because during November, especially in the northern hemisphere, the change in seasons becomes rather obvious. The daylight hours grow noticeably shorter, the nights colder, and the brilliantly colored leaves abandon their branches. These changes in the natural world make many of us consider the fact that all good things, including life itself – at least as far as this life is concerned – come to an end. So, we Catholics gather in church on the first two days of November to recall our connections with those who have passed from this life to the next. We also decorate the side altars of our church with ofrendas to remind ourselves of our family members and friends who graced our lives while they were with us, and we hold them in prayer in a special way during the weeks of November.

Since November seems to be a month when we consider both the inevitability of death and the promise of eternal life we enjoy because of our relationship with Jesus, it seemed like a good idea to say a few words about how our faith tradition assists us when someone we love passes away. I especially want to highlight the beauty and the hope our Church’s rites afford us during a time of loss.

One of the things I believe I have learned in over forty-seven years of priesthood and after presiding at over a thousand funerals is the importance of trusting in our rituals. I believe that they can assist us and carry us through the difficult times which are part of living through the loss of a family member or friend. I know this from my own experience when my sister and my parents died. In those sad moments our Catholic rituals helped guide my family and me through the stormy seas of grief.

I say it is important to trust our rituals because the death of a loved one frequently provokes a sense of emotional disequilibrium in those who are left behind. Even if the passing of someone has been expected, that person’s death impacts those closest to the deceased in ways they may not be conscious of at the time. When planning a funeral they may wish to recreate the proverbial wheel because they are not certain of what to do, because of something they witnessed at another funeral, or more frequently because they are not Catholics or are not active Catholics and do not have a connection with our sacramental life. All of this is understandable, but I believe that trusting in what our Catholic tradition offers makes things easier, and it also allows all involved to be carried someplace special as they live through loss and grief -- which is precisely what our rituals are designed to do.

Although the Church offers us several opportunities for prayer after the death of a believer, it especially envisions three separate services or “stations” – the wake, the funeral Mass, and the interment. I wish to focus on the funeral Mass because it is the



FR. VINCE COSTELLO
RESIDENT PRIEST

most important of the three. I also want to say a few words about what a funeral Mass is and what it is not.

The emphasis of the funeral Mass is placed on Jesus’s victory over death in which believers find hope far more than it is on the person who died. It is not so much a celebration of the life of the deceased or a memorial service for the person who has passed away as it is a memorial of the death and resurrection of Jesus by whom we are saved. The Order of Christian Funerals #129 phrases it this way. “At the funeral liturgy the community gathers with the family and the friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the pascal mystery.”

All that having been said, I am fully aware that there is no such thing as a generic funeral. People gather in God’s house for a funeral liturgy because one of his children has died. Each deceased person has a specific history, and that person’s life was intertwined with the lives of others. Whether the person for whom we celebrate the funeral Mass is a centenarian or a child, whether the person was a faithful Catholic or someone who rarely entered a church, whether the person had the reputation of being a living saint or had a reputation that was less than stellar we gather in church to pray for this specific individual, asking for God to have mercy on the soul of the departed and to give comfort to those left behind. If these are some of the purposes of the funeral Mass, I think we should trust it to do what it is designed to do.

As we journey through November, beginning with All Saints’ and All Souls’ days, I hope we all take time to focus on all that our faith offers us as we consider the terminal nature of life and the promise of heaven which comes to us because of that faith. I likewise hope during a time of loss and grief we will trust in our Church’s rituals to assist us as they are meant to do.

Father Vince Costello, Retired Resident

LET US PRAY *Together*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The following are prayer requests we have received from the Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes community. Please keep them in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Marcela Rodriguez, Hector De León, Griffin Marks, Rod Reyes, Maria Estela Alvarez, Austreberta Escobar, Adolfo Ruiz Baca, Melissa Velazquez, Molly Morris, Alfredo Pinon, Rose Mueller, Michael Snyder, Angela Bates, Angelica Luviano, Lauren Troy, Jack Denihan, Maria Pardo, Rachel Hohner, Angela Turley, Mary Pilarczyk, William Himmelmann, Marilyn Trant, Vivian Morales, John Okeeffe, Benjamin Blanco, Elvira Blanco, Kenneth Towers, Rosabella Payomo, Antonio Alcantara, Joe Klochan, Sue Leach, and for all our sick parishioners and those who are in nursing homes.



Deceased

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| † Jose Danilo Diaz | † Teresa Lopez De Gregorio |
| † Jaime Humberto Melgar Limon | † Celia Perez |
| † Juan Cabigon | † Thomas Zavala |
| † Julia Cabigon | † Adeluisa Veranga Cerrudo |
| † Robert Kaeppel | † Lorenzo U. Villanueva |
| † Thomas Towers | † Souls of Purgatory |
| † Elmer Villamater | |
| † Manuel Cabigon | |
| † Vicente Antonia Samson | |
| † Mario Cabigon | |
| † William Cabigon | |
| † Estela Zepeda | |
| † Mauricio Garrido | |
| † Emilija Frankus | |
| † John Cabigon | |
| † Carl & Maddelin Conti | |
| † Dinia Cabigon | |
| † Robert D. Kern | |
| † Emily Conti | |
| † Angelica Bautista | |
| † Mary Ellen Costello | |
| † Luis Romero Ramirez | |
| † Sabastian Rocha | |
| † Kay Day | |
| † Jack McLeod | |
| † Freddy Subia | |
| † Olga Guevara | |
| † Gustavo Tomala | |
| † Kathleen C. Day | |
| † Nala Gray | |
| † Armando Suyosa | |

Health

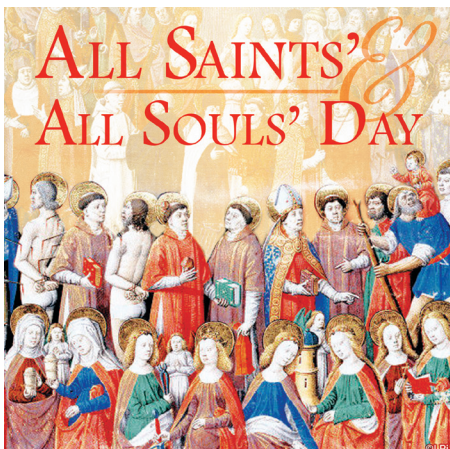
Joe Klochan

Birthday

Gloria Castillo

Special Prayers

Christian Gael Mozqueda



In Loving Memory

For the members of our parish community who have recently passed away.

- † Jaime Humberto Melgar Limon
- † Elva Rosa Maradiaga
- † Juan Castaneda

PARISH NEWS & Updates



Our Lady Of Lourdes Site Review

Dear Parishioners,

I was recently contacted by the Archdiocesan team responsible for doing site reviews in accordance with the Parish Unification Decree. They are ready to begin the process of review for the Our Lady of Lourdes Church site. As part of the process, a Parish Site Review Commission has been established formed by parish leaders and all active parishioners are invited to attend a Site Review Information Session on **Sunday, December 3rd** after the 9am Mass (in English) or after the 11am Mass (in Spanish).

Both sessions will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Please join us.

Fr. Manny Dorantes
Pastor

FAREWELL TO FR. ERICK DIAZ

This month we say farewell to Father Erick Díaz who has served our Parish's Latino community for the last year.

We are very grateful to God for his service and wish him the best in his new assignment serving the community of San Oscar Arnulfo Romero in the south side of Chicago.

Thank you Father Erick and may God bless you always!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY

We are thankful for those who helped with our Fall Sunday Hospitality during September and October!

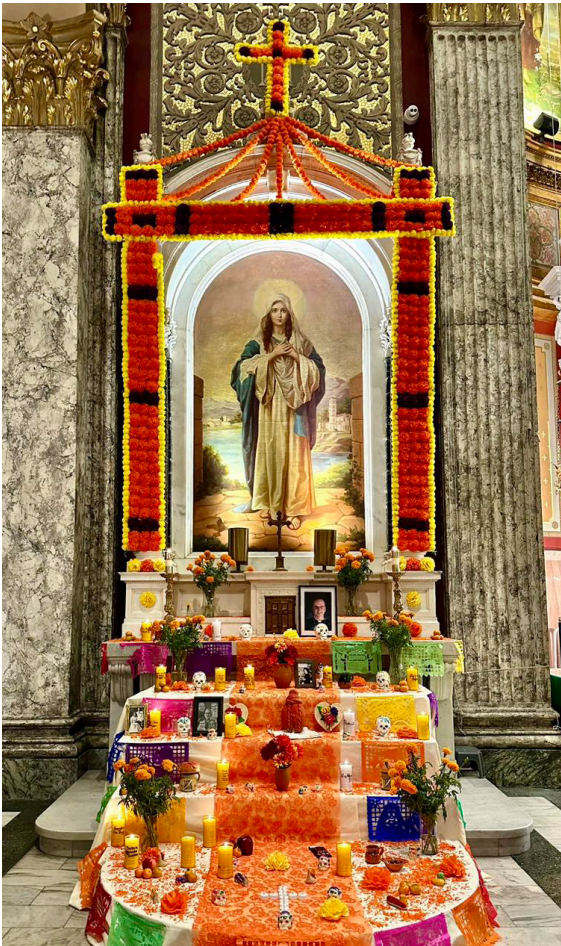


CULTURE & Tradition

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for all those who are enrolled in our All Souls Novena, whether you have remembered them on one of our *ofrenda* altars, written their names in the Book of the Names of the Dead or on an offertory envelope or have called our parish office and shared their names.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! We extend our gratitude to the members of our Hispanic Community who constructed and decorated the beautiful altars of the dead in both of our worship spaces.



REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

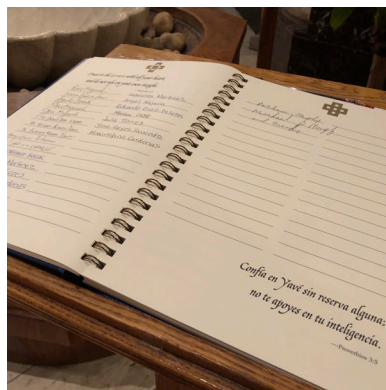
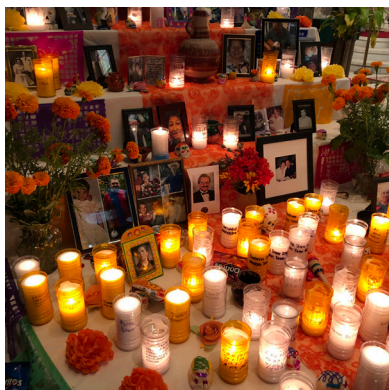
In a special way, we pray for those who have been buried from Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish this past year.

Adela Sison
Earl Francis Pulte Jr.
Maria Vaca-Perez
Saul Vargas
Rosalie Irpino
Thomas Spiewak
Blasa Alicia Sanchez
Osmar Rodriguez
Elia De Pilar Villegas
Carlos Enrique Alburez
Richard Charles Fox
Linda Zach Ivery
Deacon John Klemanovic
Soledad Emilia Matias
Carlos Emilio Rocha
Patricia Lee LeVitus

Luz Milagro Rodriguez
Marjorie McBride
Maria Garcia Hernandez
Richard Leas
Agustin Hurtado
Eduardo Rodas De Leon
Anthony Ostrowski
Celia Perez
Evaristo Hernandez
Pablito Devera
Manuel David Gualpa Cuzco
Mercedes Osorio
Juan Castaneda
Jaime Humberto Melgar Limon
Elva Rosa Maradiaga

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

*Remembrance Candles, Photos of Loved Ones and
The Book of Names of the Dead*

Throughout the month of November everyone is invited to continue bringing photos of your loved ones, write names in the Book of Names of the Dead or light a Remembrance Candle.

The candles will be available for a \$5.00 donation in the office until all are sold out.

OUTREACH AND *Social Justice*

SOUP KITCHEN & SACK MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to **MAKE SACK MEALS** and to help with service on Wednesday nights. To make this a success consistently each week, we need **80 individuals/families** to commit to donating at least once a month.

Each sack meal should contain:

- 2 lunch meat sandwiches with no condiments, cheese is optional but a nice addition
- 2 cheese sticks
- 1 bag of chips (or similar)
- 1 piece of soft fruit (for example, orange, banana, grapes)
- Dessert (cookies or candy bar)
- Beverage (juice box, can of soda, or 8 oz water bottle/sports drink)
- Napkin

Please pack each meal in a gallon-sized plastic bag (like Ziploc). Or please use a plastic grocery bag.

DROP OFF

Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00pm, drop off at the parish reception desk, as they will be handed out beginning at 6:00pm.

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of sack meals, set up and serving a hot meal to our unhoused community members every week. Help is needed every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30pm.

To sign-up to make sack meals or to help on Wednesday nights please visit the parish website or contact Darlene at dkelly@saintmarys.org



LAUNDRY MINISTRY

The Laundry Ministry is a service to LGBTQ homeless youth in the community. Volunteers serve on a weekly basis to pick up bags of laundry at the Center on Halsted, and then take it to a nearby laundromat to wash and fold. This ministry is currently serving on Wednesday evenings between 3-6pm.

For more information please contact Ron Schnorbus at rschnorbus@gmail.com



FOOD FOR ALL: COME TO THE TABLE!

Mark your calendar: **Our next food distribution will be Saturday, November 18th** on the Saint Mary of the Lake Plaza, with pre-ordering on Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to register and place an order for pick up on Saint Mary's Plaza!

The process is very simple:

1. Register your account by using the link on our website at www.saintmarys.org/foodforall.html (no documentation required)
2. Place your order online through the link on our website on Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th from 12:01am-11:59pm.
3. Pickup your custom order on Saturday, November 18th between 11am and 12pm on Saint Mary's Plaza.

If you have registered, all you need to do is order online. If you have not registered, please make sure to register online through the link on our website.

For more information or if you need help, you can call the parish office or go to the parish website.



CLARET CENTER
Resources for the human journey

**IF YOU NEED HELP,
PLEASE REACH OUT
TO OUR PARISH
COUNSELOR TODAY**

JENNI DRESSLER
Parish Counselor

Phone/Text: 872-228-1490
Email: JDressler.Claret@gmail.com



WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

We gladly welcome the following children into the family of God and into the faith community of Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes, who were baptized during the **month of October**. Please pray for them and their families.

Lucas Camilo Albert
Elisa Mercedes Grisanti
Sarah Cristina Henriquez
Calvin Joseph Ford
Michael Mosso Aguirre
Alex Perez Guadalupe
Emelin Perez Guadalupe
Emiliano Rodriguez Sequera



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A warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners of our parish community! The following persons and families registered during the month of October. Welcome to Saint Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes!

Richard George Borys
Matthew Driscoll
Angela Andras
Anthony Morales
Timothy Roarty
Tucker Curts
Blanca Perez
Marc Anthony Marlotti
Chinonso Mba
Thomas Starshak
Mariela Arciniega
Van Bui
Rita Maurais



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

We congratulate the following people who were married during the **month of October**. May they and their marriage be blessed abundantly in the years to come!

Kurt Edward Eger & Victoria Ambriz
Isidro Carreon & Cristal Ochoa
Anthony Ryan & Jennifer Wadhwa



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

*"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."
1 Thessalonians 5:2*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

PARISH News & Events

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a movement of lay people dedicated to communicating and living out the Gospel through prayer, solidarity with the poor and service to peace. It was born among high school students in Rome in 1968, in the period following the Second Vatican Council and today is present in Rome, the rest of Italy, and in seventy other countries throughout the world.

This ministry meets regularly on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the St. Gabriel Chapel in the parish office. **For more info please contact Krysten McOsker at krystenmcosker@gmail.com**



NAVIGATING DIVORCE MINISTRY

The Navigating Divorce ministry is offered each **Sunday from 9:15-10:15 AM in-person in the Parish Office**. This ministry consists of confidential small group discussion and sharing for any woman or man experiencing the various stages of grief which accompany the overall divorce process as it moves toward Roman Catholic healing objectives.

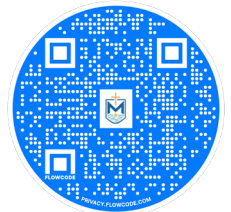
Questions can be directed to Dr. Milt Kobus, at drmkobus@gmail.com

WHY JOIN THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY?

Join the Young Adults Community! The Young Adults of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady of Lourdes are a vibrant, inclusive group of parishioners, ages 21-39, dedicated to living and growing in our Catholic faith.

For more info or questions contact YoungAdults@saintmarys.org

Scan the QR code to be added to the email list and learn more about the upcoming events.



SAVE THE DATE!

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23, 2023
Saint Mary of the Lake Church
9:00 AM English
11:00 AM Spanish



First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 3, 2023
**Regular Sunday Schedule*
Saint Mary of the Lake Church
4:30 PM (Saturday Vigil) English
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM English
12:30pm Spanish



Our Lady of Lourdes Church
9:00 AM English
11:00 AM Spanish

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PARISH *Stewardship*



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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS OCTOBER 2023	SEPT 30 - OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 7-8	OCTOBER 14-15	OCTOBER 21-22	OCTOBER 28-29
4:30 p.m.	\$1,124.00	\$1,406.00	\$869.00	\$898.00	\$1,164.00
8:30 a.m.	\$1,174.00	\$886.00	\$998.00	\$1,247.00	\$1,040.00
10:30 a.m.	\$1,251.00	\$1,356.00	\$1,189.00	\$1,437.00	\$2,239.00
12:30 p.m.	\$1,081.00	\$1,315.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,198.00	\$1,254.00
Online Giving	\$4,488.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,252.00	\$1,363.00	\$1,829.00
Saint Mary of the Lake	\$9,118.00	\$6,863.00	\$6,344.00	\$6,143.00	\$7,526.00
9:00 a.m.	\$729.00	\$605.00	\$1,117.00	\$1,269.00	\$945.00
11:00 a.m.	\$1,750.00	\$1,298.00	\$1,666.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,932.00
Online Giving	\$654.00	\$339.00	\$284.00	\$389.00	\$294.00
Our Lady of Lourdes	\$3,133.00	\$2,242.00	\$3,067.00	\$3,508.00	\$3,171.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$12,251.00	\$9,105.00	\$9,411.00	\$9,651.00	\$10,697.00

SECOND COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



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OUR MISSION AND PARISH!**

OCTOBER 2023
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING
\$51,115.00

(SEPTEMBER 2023 - \$42,887.49)

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS
ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER 2023
1,254 people

