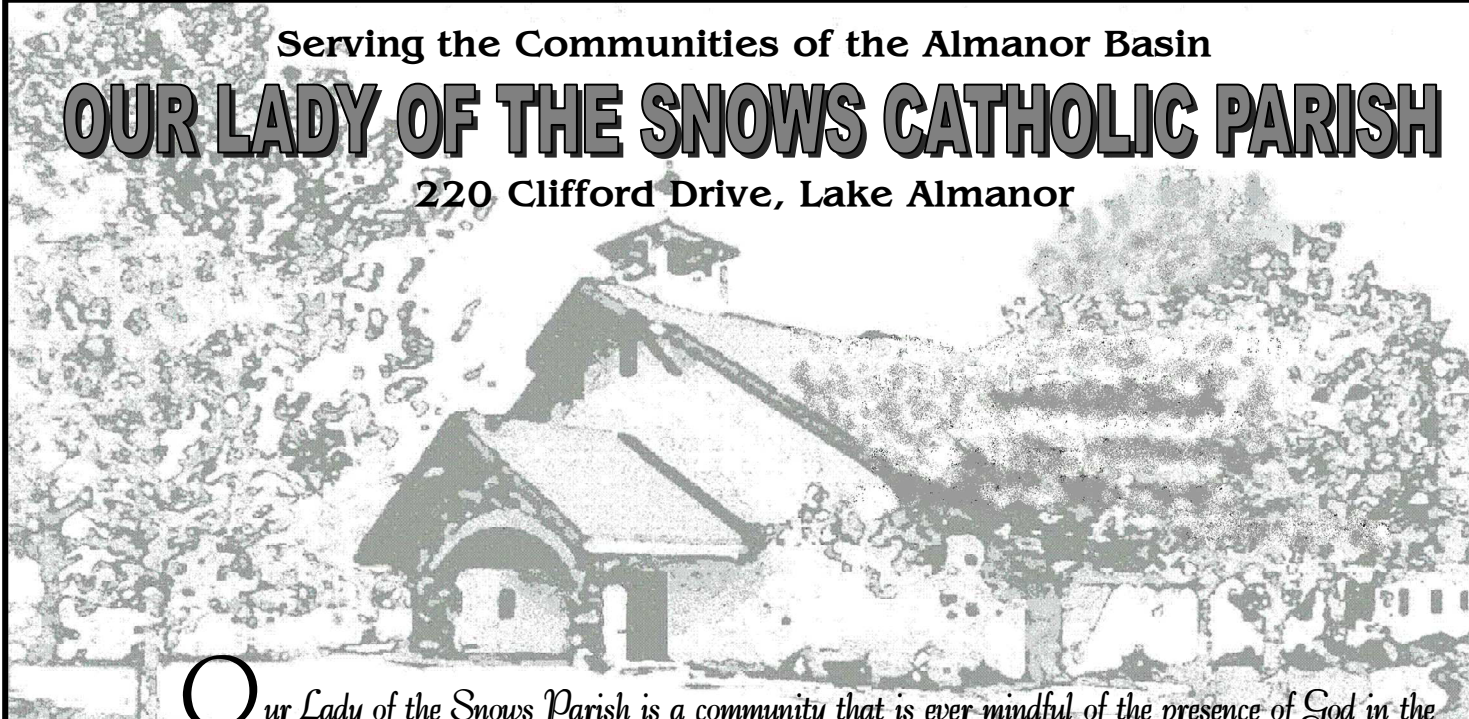


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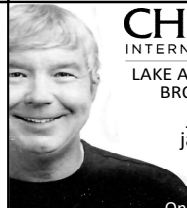
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Good News

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Isaiah 25:6–10a / Philipians 4:12–14, 19–20 / Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God.

--Father Joseph Juknialis

May the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, always smile on you and obtain for you, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.

dear Padre

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you.

--The Redemptorists

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Pray the rosary every day for an end to war and violence in our world!

OLS News

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekdays Tues. thru Fri. 8:30 AM

Confessions: Sat. 4 to 4:30 PM or by appt.

NEXT WEEKEND: October 22nd is World Mission Sunday. There will be a 2nd collection for the World Missions that weekend. Envelopes are available in the Social Hall.

Please note: As of Oct. 1, 2023, distribution of the cup at Holy Communion during our masses has been suspended in our diocese--flu season is here.

Reminder: If you are new to the parish and haven't registered to be part of the parish, please fill out the registration form for new parishioners. Forms are available on the table in the Social Hall or you can fill out the small form on the front of the bulletin--just drop it in any collection or place in the mail slot on the office door (in Social Hall). Welcome, new parishioners!

Be the first to buy tickets for the Christmas Basket Raffle. The basket will be raffled at our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 8th. Tickets are on sale after our weekend masses in the Social Hall. \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. Thanks for supporting the Altar Society by purchasing raffle tickets!

November is the month of All Souls. There are envelopes in the Social Hall to list the names of your deceased loved ones. Drop into any collection basket or place in mail slot of office door (in Social Hall). Your deceased loved ones will be remembered in all of our November masses.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our sick and deceased parishioners.

Pray for our Sick and Deceased Loved Ones

Liturgical Tidbits: The Mass as a Meal

As we start to talk about the *Liturgy of the Word* in the celebration of the eucharist, I think it's important that we talk about the mass as a *meal*. When we're having friends over at home for some occasion, what are the two basic things that we all usually do? Typically, we *talk* and then we *eat*. When our friends come over and we're hosting a meal, we usually don't immediately serve dinner, but rather we typically first sit around, talk with our visitors, see what's going on, listening to their stories, etc.

I'm not sure if we've ever noticed, but that's very similar to the *The Liturgy of the Word*. During the Liturgy of the Word, we are having this privileged encounter as Christ is speaking to us through the stories of the Old and New Testament. We also participate in this conversation as we listen and say "*Thanks be to God*" after each reading and as we participate in the *Responsorial Psalm*. We are first visiting with the host of the meal, Jesus Christ, and then we move on to the *eating* part of the meal: we will then proceed to the *Liturgy of the Eucharist* where we partake of the living body of the host. It is through this act of communing with each other—visiting with each other, telling stories, and the partaking of the living food—that the mystical body of Christ, the Church, becomes formed.

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Aubrey Hawkins †	Scott Oswold	Carolyn Willhoit
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Weekly Offerings

Two Sundays (Oct. 1st & Oct. 8th)	\$ 2,192.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,939.00
Helping Hands & Westwood Resource Center	\$ 368.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 135.00

--- This Weekend's Ministry Schedule ---

Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors

SAT. 5 PM Sonja Burton Pat Didier

SUN. 9:30 AM Jessica Dowling Steve DeWitt

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Oct. 14	Saturday	5:00 pm	Harold Laux †
Oct. 15	Sunday	9:30 am	Perry O'Dowd
Oct. 16	Monday	-----	NO MASS
Oct. 17	Tuesday	8:30 am	Mary Hasselwander
Oct. 18	Wednesday	8:30 am	Fred Ferrari †
Oct. 19	Thursday	8:30 am	Carolyn Willhoit
Oct. 20	Friday	8:30 am	Genny Amante †

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Forty Days of Life Campaign, Sept. 27-Nov. 5: Flyers available in the Social Hall about this Diocesan event. You can also find information on the Diocese website: <https://www.scd.org/family-and-faith-formation/40-days-life>

Reminder: Be cautious of emails pretending to be from Father Josh and asking you to reply or send money or a gift card. **Do not reply.** Call the rectory if you are in doubt about the authenticity of any email that you receive.

Having a good day? Thank God for it. Struggling through a bad day? Invite God into it. Just another "ordinary" day? Find God in it. And every day praise God! Life is a gift never to be wasted.

Please remember if you are in need of spiritual guidance, special anointing, or just information—call the Rectory (530-259-3932) for an appointment. We are here to help and to ease your burden.