

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26
5:00 p.m.
Victoria Larson (D)

Sunday, October 27
8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

William Waters (D)

Tuesday, October 29
6:00 p.m. (No Mass)

Wednesday, October 30
8:30 a.m. (Communion Service)

Thursday, October 31
7:00 p.m.
Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Friday, November 1
All Saints Day
7:00 p.m.
Mary Johnson (D)

Saturday, November 2
All Soul Day
5:00 p.m.
Randall Clayton Morris (D)

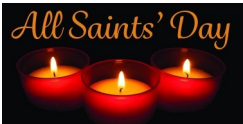
Sunday, November 3
8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.
Daniel Dikman (D)

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints is a Holyday of Obligation.
Mass times:
October 31st at 7:00 p.m.
November 1st at 7:00 p.m.
(No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

All Saints' Day



The Deacon's Digression

Dear Friends,

Fr. Stevens reports that his surgery went well on Tuesday. He now begins the road to recovery. Perhaps we can end our prayers for his speedy return to us with a rousing "Hip! Hip! Hooray!"

Which brings me to today's Gospel reading. You may recall last week Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary: *Perseverance*. Today Jesus continues his instruction on prayer by giving us a second necessary element of prayer: *Humility*. He does so by having us listen in on two men at prayer. One is a Pharisee; the other a Tax Collector. The Pharisee, a devout Jew, offers up a sort of moral inventory.

He is not, so he claims, greedy or dishonest or adulterous. On the positive side, he pays all his taxes and fasts twice a week. In short he follows the rules set out in Old Testament.

Assuming he is truthful (and we have no evidence to the contrary) this Pharisee seems like he is a good candidate for Heaven. Isn't he like the good Catholic who always attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation? Who goes to confession regularly and supports his parish financially? Why then, does Jesus reject his efforts at prayer?

Jesus tells us at the end: Whoever exalts himself will be humbled. The Pharisee was into a program of self-congratulation. True, he cleverly expresses his virtues in the form of a Prayer of Gratitude, but doesn't he come across as a fellow who sees himself more like God the Father than he is like the Tax Collector sitting in the back row?

The Tax Collector's moral inventory is simply: "I am a sinner. Have Mercy." He acknowledges the vast difference, the chasm, between himself and his creator. He is in a right relation with the Lord. And this is *the* essential element of humility.

But not all is lost for the Pharisee. Jesus tells us "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled." Herein lies the hope. If the Pharisee can just get off his moral high horse and recognize his shared humanity with the Tax Collector; if he can say to himself "Hey. I'm just another Bozo on the Bus", then he too can be saved.

God Bless us all.

Deacon Joe

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE

November 2/3

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. T. Gorham, J. Croft

8:00 a.m. T. Cross, J. Pio

10:30 a.m. A. Madera, D. Jacobs

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ri. O'Leary, Ro. O'Leary

8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, T. Sobon

10:30 a.m. M. Woolley, R. Patterson

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. Pullen Family

8:00 a.m. T. Sobon

10:30 a.m. A. Gorniak

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)

8:00 a.m. C. Lara, (Open)

10:30 a.m. S. Berrien, I. Brown

Liturgical Assistant

5:00 p.m. R. Larson

8:00 a.m. S. Mehr

10:30 a.m. G. Brown


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OFFERTORY REPORT for Sunday, October 20

Last week collected \$3,594 for the Offertory, which was just \$190 shy of the amount need to meet our annual budget. The collection for capital improvement was \$155 after Mass and \$238 on-line.

UPDATE FROM FR. STEVENS



Dear Parish Family, greetings from Sacred Heart hospital, and thank you for your prayers. Surgery went well and, if I do feel unwell at times, all things come to pass. Since I'm in the hospital I'm going forward with the liposuction and face lift. (Here is photographic evidence that I'm not in fabulous Las Vegas!)

Peace to you and yours

Fr. Stevens


DAILY MASS

The daily Mass schedule will be as follows until **December 10:**
Tuesday/Thursdays: No Mass
Wednesday/Friday: Communion Service

Fr. Stevens is receiving intentions, and offering Mass for those intentions, while on convalescence. All intentions will be listed in the bulletin and Mass will be offered in Pensacola. Neida is e-mailing the intentions to me.

Thank you,
Fr. Stevens

SISTERHOOD




The Sisterhood of St. Louis is now collecting items for their Gifts of the Magi project. Please consider picking up some of these items during the months of November and December and placing them in the container in the back of the church. We will be putting the gift bags together in January and delivering them to the men and women of Casa Calderon. **FULL SIZE items needed for men and women:** socks, shampoo, soap/body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity!

BURSE CLUB


When using the Burse Club envelopes, please use cash or make your checks payable either to St. Louis Church, indicating in the memo "For Burse Club", or to DCCW Burse Club, Please remember St. Louis Church in your will.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Please consider donating non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Please place donations in the collection box located in the parish hall.

Trinity Catholic School



Please join us for our Veterans' Day Mass and Reception on Tuesday, November 12th at 8:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Thank you, Veterans!

Trinity Catholic School is seeking the following positions for the 2019 -20 school year: Kindergarten Aide. Interested applicants should contact Principal, Tommy Bridges at BridgesT@TrinityKnights.org. Trinity Catholic School is accepting enrollment applications for PK3 through 8th Grade students. Limited space available. Visit www.trinityknights.org/admissions to download an enrollment packet.

Did you know? You CAN afford a Catholic education for your child. Trinity Catholic School accepts AAA, Step Up, Gardiner, and McKay scholarships. Internal School Scholarships are also available through the FACTS button on our website. Visit www.trinityknights.org/scholarships to learn more about financial aid options.