

St. Anthony Church

Sunday, October 11, 2020

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc



After Mass, Joe approached his pastor: "Father, you talked about inviting people to our services. I had an experience in the army. Bill and I were buddies, both Catholics. But Bill never went to Mass. We were having a five-day mission on the base, I asked Bill to come along, but he had some kind of excuse. The second and third nights more excuses. Finally, on the fourth night, he came with me to the chapel. Something hit him because from then on he went with me to Mass and Communion regularly. That was twenty years ago. Haven't seen him since, but he writes to me every year and thanks me for asking him to go to that mission."

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who gave a marriage feast for his son. The Kingdom of Heaven means the family of God here on this earth. The marriage feast is the table loaded with spiritual food.

My thought for this week is that every one of us is a servant of the great King, Christ is His Son. The Heavenly Father sends us out to invite everyone

JOE INVITED BILL

to share the spiritual feast offered by His Church.

Who are the people we can invite? Practically everyone. Too many of our fellow Catholics have never attended a mission, a retreat, or a study session. Fallen-away Catholics often need only a little nudge to start them on their way back to the family of God.

I am thinking especially of the many who attend no church and of our friends of other faiths who are looking for the spiritual nourishment we have.

Where do we meet these possible guests? They could be neighbors, classmates, co-workers, even relatives. They could be Catholics or non-Catholics. They could be chance acquaintances at a game, at the store, in the doctor's waiting room. Don't limit your invitation to so-called respectable people. Invite the underprivileged, the outcast, the sinner. As the king commanded in our Gospel: "Go out and invite all you can find, both bad and good."

Invite them to a regular Sunday Mass, or preferably to some special service – Midnight Mass, First Communion, a

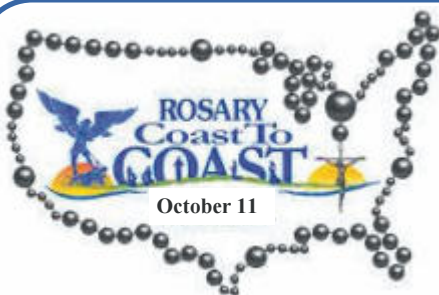
baptism, Confirmation, or a wedding.

Suppose they turn down your invitation. Well, you have done your duty, a duty of faith, a duty of charity. You are promoting understanding between different faiths. You are showing that your faith means something to you.

You are concerned, considerate, and kind enough to want others to share the spiritual wedding feast we enjoy whenever we attend Holy Mass.

God bless you.

**YOU'RE
INVITED
TO**



Rosary Rally

Our Knights of Columbus's Maximilian Kolbe Council 6549 will sponsor a Rosary Rally this October 11, beginning at noon, at Lajko Park, 22900 Huron River Dr, New Boston, MI. This is in conjunction with Rosary Coast to Coast that is happening across the country, see the flyer for more information.

| | Readings | Mass Intentions |
|---|---|--|
| Saturday October 10th | Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a] Lk 11:27-28 | 6:00 PM Sandra Obeginski † rb Pierre family |
| Sunday October 11th 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd] Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 | 8:30 AM Rita Haynes † rb Connie Haynes 10:30 AM Todd Atchinson † rb Kurt Atchinson & Jayne Atchinson, parents |
| Monday October 12th Columbus Day | Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2] Lk 11:29-32 | 8:00 AM Ted Olsztyn † rb family |
| Tuesday October 13th | Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a] Lk 11:37-41 | 8:00 AM Kalman Bernath rb family |
| Wednesday October 14th St. Callistus I | Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12] Lk 11:42-46 | 8:00 AM Josephine Wojtowicz † rb Carolyn & Jim Larkin |
| Thursday October 15th St. Teresa of Jesus | Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a] Lk 11:47-54 | 8:00 AM Rosemary Loria † rb her husband, Jack |
| Friday October 16th St. Hedwig | Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12] Lk 12:1-7 | 8:00 AM Anthony Nhat Phan rb Tinh Phan |
| Saturday October 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch | Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7] Lk 12:8-12 | 6:00 PM Frank Korgal † rb The Korgal family |
| Sunday October 18th 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b] 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21 | 8:30 AM Feliksa Sokolowski ♥ rb The Whittaker family 10:30 AM Wendell & Loretta Lee † rb & Joyce, Darlene, & family |

| October 17 th & 18 th Ministers of the Liturgy | | | |
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| | 6:00 PM | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
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St. Michael Prayer

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.*

*Be our protection against
the wickedness and
snares of the devil;*

*May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,*

*And do thou, O Prince
of the heavenly host,*

*by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan*

and all evil spirits

who wander through

the world for the

ruin of souls.

Amen.



Our Friends, Family and Loved Ones . . .

Judith Mrekvicska
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Jonathan McKenzie

*The prayer list is updated
monthly. To continue prayers or
to add the names of your loved
ones, please contact
the parish office.*



Do you know someone who would like to:

- Learn more about the Catholic Faith?
- Return home to the Church and more actively practice his/her faith?
- Prepare for Baptism?
- Join the Catholic Church community?
- Have other needs, requests or questions addressed?

Or perhaps this describes you?

Every year, the Catholic Church welcomes thousands of new members and returning members through the process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call Darrel Recker (572-0157) or Carol Uhal (485-7544) for information about how to get started!

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Our CSA Progress



Breakfast to Benefit Homeless Veterans

The Breakfast to Benefit the Homeless Veterans, sponsored by the Men's Club has been canceled due to the COVID 19 virus. The homeless veterans still need help, so if you would like to donate, make your check payable to St. Anthony Men's Club. In the memo put 'HOMELESS VETERANS', put it in an envelope marked 'Men's Club' and turn it in with the Sunday collection or drop it off at the rectory.

Our breakfast was \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Last year, with your help, we gave the local VFW a check for \$700.

Thank you for your support. Any questions call Len Szweda, 699-3519.

Remember: We don't know them all, but we own them all!



October 11, 2020 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10A | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I would guess we've all experienced lean times along with better times. Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese in college, fine dining with "rich food and choice wines" once we got real jobs, then back to pizza and beer when balancing school tuition, car payments, and kids' growing feet. Paul has seen it all and much worse; after all, he is writing from a prison cell! Yet, rather than focus on his own troubles, he expresses gratitude for the support of the Philippians and assures them that God will provide. Paul is not writing about food, fine wine, or financial security, but the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." No matter our circumstances, we, too, can trust that God will give us what we need.

ACTION

St. Paul says: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Keep a gratitude journal and write down the ways God has provided for you. Thank God, and then reach out and thank the people who have supported you when things got tough.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Imagine Paul, stuck in a prison cell – hungry, thirsty, and probably in pain. And yet he seeks to bolster the Philippian Church, assuring them, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me," and *thanking them*: "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." What a powerful faith, and a witness to gratitude of God's gifts – including the gift of people who love us. I've been fortunate to have met people who, facing a chronic disease, the loss of a loved one, or physical challenges, still seem to be looking out for everyone else. Nearly to a person, they say they draw on their faith – and I've had the rare opportunity to hear their stories as an editor for a Catholic magazine. They inspire me to keep talking to God every day, so when that next challenge comes – and it will – I, too, can turn to my faith for strength. And it doesn't stop there. By our example, we can accompany those around us as they carry their burdens, assuring them that they don't face their trials alone.

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52 SUNDAYS

EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

The Parable of the Wedding Feast
MT 22:1-14

TAKE TIME TO CHAT

- † Describe a wedding that you have attended. Explain what happens at a wedding feast to those who have never been to a wedding.
- † Why does Jesus use the image of a wedding feast to describe the kingdom of heaven?
- † In Jesus' day, people were generally supplied with appropriate wedding garments if they didn't bring one themselves. The man who was thrown out refused the garment and was unwilling to pay reverence to the king and dress properly for the occasion. What does this teach us about entrance into the kingdom of heaven?

MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

St. Teresa of Ávila (Feast Day October 15)
MARCH 28, 1515 – OCTOBER 4, 1582

St. Teresa was born in central Spain, amidst that country's greatest century. She was from a large, middle-class and pious family. As a girl, Teresa dreamed of being a martyr or a hermit. As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She lived what she demanded of others, and she did it all with a cheerful disposition and a rich personality that overcame deep-seated opposition. She was a mystic, writer, and reformer of the Carmelite order. She was an influential and pivotal figure of her generation. Teresa was the first female non-martyr to have her feast day extended to the universal Church, and, due to the profundity of her mystical writings, she was declared a Doctor of the Church by Paul VI in 1970.

Unleashing the Gospel in your Family

"In his Great Commission, Jesus did not direct his disciples to stay inside and simply welcome those who show up at the Church's door, but to go out: 'Go and make disciples of all nations .. .' (Matthew 28:20)." (Marker 6.1)

Fun Facts!

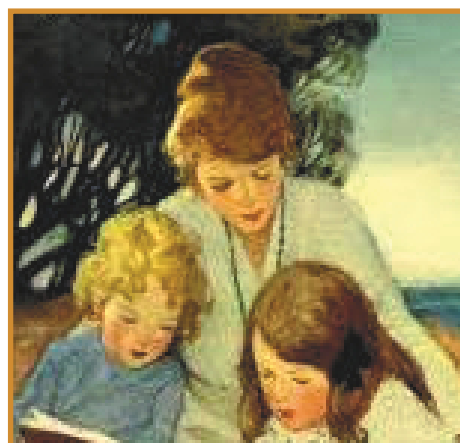
The magical term "hocus pocus" comes from the most sacred moment in Catholic ritual: the consecration of the bread as the body of Christ by the priest speaking the words "This is my body," which in Latin is *Hoc est enim corpus meum*.

FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the heavenly banquet of the wedding feast that you invite us to through your son Jesus! Help us to love one another as you love us. We pray for our family and all families to be holy and look to the Holy Family for help and a model of how to love one another. Thank you for giving us time together this day as a family. We ask through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to bless and protect our family as we enter a new week and seek to give glory to you. Amen.



St. Teresa of Ávila



Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

Prayer

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

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