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First Saturday, October 2

9:00 A.M. – Mass – Allen Kutchie by Joe & Diane Petrany (At St. John's)

6:00 P.M. – Mass – Jerry Stampee by Barb Stampee 7:00 P.M. – Confessions

Sunday, October 3

11:00 A.M. – Mass – St. Joseph Memorial

12:00 P.M. – Confessions

7:00 P.M. – Mass – The People of the Parishes

Monday, October 4

5:00 P.M. - Adoration & Confession

5:30 P.M. – Mass – Dennis Moyle by Donna Moyle

6:00 P.M. - Confession

Tuesday, October 5 (At St. John's)

7:00 A.M. – Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 A.M. - Confession

8:30 A.M. – Mass – Camilla Jacobson by Anonymous

Wednesday, October 6

5:00 P.M. – Eucharistic Adoration & Confession 5:30 P.M. – Mass – Samantha Schon by Fr. Ryan

Thursday, October 7 (At St. John's)

8:30 A.M. – Mass – Lillian Quayle by Nick & Judy Joseph 9:00 A.M. – Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 9

6:00 P.M. – Mass – Michael Victor by Audrey & Phil Nardi 7:00 P.M. – Confessions

Sunday, October 10

11:00 A.M. – Mass – Anthony Certo by Bob & Rose Saxwold

12:00 P.M. - Confessions

7:00 P.M. - Mass - The People of the Parishes

The sanctuary candle this month is lit in memory of the Hebert & Heikkila Families.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: JON 1:1–2:1-2, 11/JON 2/LK 10:25-37
Tuesday: JON 3:1-10/PS 130/LK 10:38-42
Wednesday: JON 4:1-11/PS 86/LK 11:1-4
Thursday: MAL 3:13-20B/PS 1/LK 11:5-13
Friday: JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2/PS 9/LK 11:15-26
Saturday: JL 4:12-21/PS 97/LK 11:27-28
Sunday: WIS 7:7-11/PS 90/ HEB 4:12-13/
MK 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

HEALING MASS @ ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL

There will be a healing Mass on Tuesday, October 5th at St. Peter Cathedral. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Trained Prayer Teams will be available to pray confidentially with anyone for various needs: Healing, Intercessory Prayers, etc. Come and receive the Lord's Strength and Peace!

ST. JOSEPH BAZAAR

It's that time again...time for the St. Joseph's annual Bazaar. This is the 80th year it has been held. It will take place Saturday, October 23rd, 2021, from 10 am to 1 pm. We are planning on having the usual sale items, particularly the White Elephant Sale. We are asking parishioners to get involved. If you have items stored away in closets or the garage that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them for the white elephant sale. They can be dropped off anytime between now and the bazaar date at the parish hall.

If you are interested in helping out at the Bazaar, you can attend the next guild meeting on October11th at 7 pm or call Annie at 486-8080.

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings! This weekend we celebrate the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This weekend's readings call us to reflect on God's plan for marriage. Jesus upholds God's original intentions for an indissoluble marriage bond between man and wife. There is, of course, much to be said about marriage and contemporary challenges and threats to marriage. But marriage remains one of the greatest joys of life, and an icon of Trinitarian love in our midst. Whatever the difficulties, Jesus does not command something that is impossible to fulfill. He promises the help of his grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to all who open their lives and marriage to Him. As the saying goes, 'Couples that pray together stay together.' Prayer isn't everything, but it's a foundation on which couples can build a life of openness to God, to each other, and to children. Receiving one another as a gift from God each day, couples can overcome every difficulty and temptation to give up. Let's renew our commitment to pray for married couples, that they will be faithful to their calling!

Please pray for *Georgiana Hebert*, whose funeral was at St. John's Monday, and for *Cliff Trudell* and *Nancy Trudell*, whose funeral was here Thursday. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!*

Our Parish-wide Fall Scripture Study continues this week with St. Paul's Letter to the Romans Chapters 3-4. We want everyone to participate at one of three levels: 1) Read the chapters of Romans from your favorite Bible translation (or go to esv.org/Romans to read online); 2) Use the study guide in today's bulletin to reflect on what you read; 3) Participate in the online discussion on Zoom next Saturday, October 9th from 8:30am-9:15am. To receive the study guide in your email inbox and a link for the Saturday Zoom discussion, sign up at ishpemingcatholic.com/scripture. Let's do this!

Our K-12 **Faith Formation classes** continue *next Sunday* from 9:30am until 10:45am, before the 11:00am Mass. Students will meet their catechists in the church entryway or in their classroom. Let Ali know at *906-486-6212 ext. 4* if you still need to register your students. You can also register online at *ishpemingcatholic.com/students*.

We're in need of a few **volunteer catechist subs** who can fill-in when one of our regular catechists cannot make it for Sunday morning class. Subs would fill in here and there, and lesson plans would already be planned for them. If interested and willing to help, contact Ali at 486-6212 x.4.

Little Church takes place every Sunday during the 11:00am Mass. Kids 1st grade and under are invited forward after the Opening Prayer to go with an adult for a kid-level lesson and activity about the Gospel. They'll come back for the liturgy of the Eucharist.

All high schoolers are invited to the **Youth Group** at St. Louis the King parish in Harvey every *Tuesday evening*. Mass is at 5:30pm, with food from 6-7pm, then youth group from 7:00-8:30pm. There's a great group of students there and I hope parents can encourage students to go!

Our weekly men's group meets every Thursday from 6:30am-7:30am at St. John's convent 1st floor. We're going through the Conquer Series: The Battle Plan for Purity. We want to train every man to help other men use the weapons of God to be a better husband, a better father, and become a man of integrity. To sign up, visit ishpemingcatholic.com/men or just come Thursday morning!

The annual **Wise Men's Retreat** led by *Fr. Ben Hasse* will take place *December 3rd-5th* at Fortune Lak Camp near Crystal Falls. It's a great facility with lots of room, so we hope to have a big group! Men of all ages are invited to attend for a weekend of fellowship, good food, talks, prayer, and an awesome sauna they have there. Email Fr. Ben at *benjhasse@yahoo.com* or call *906-290-2434* if you are interested!

The national March for Life will take place again this year in January in Washington, D.C. We are chartering a bus from Ishpeming with 56 seats available. We'll leave lateafternoon on *Wednesday*, *Jan.* 19th and return the evening of *Sunday*, *Jan.* 23rd. The pilgrimage includes bus, hotel lodging, four meals, Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, the rally on the national mall and prayerful walk to the steps of the Supreme Court, sight-seeing on Friday evening and Saturday, and Mass and brunch at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit on the way back. Cost is \$375 for quad occupancy. Register by November 15th at *ishpemingcatholic.com/march*.

Thank you to those who have already pledged to the annual U.P. Catholic Services Appeal (UPCSA) which supports the ministries, offices, and charitable works of the Diocese of Marquette. Our parish goal is \$32,621. We will send another mailing out soon with pledge materials. Please prayerfully consider joining me to support this year's appeal!

See the bulletin insert this week for an announcement about the national Rosary Coast to Coast prayer event. I hope you can join in person or from home to pray for our country and commend ourselves to Jesus through our mother Mary!

Finally, blessings on all who celebrate their **birthdays** this week: *Virginia Korte, Brandon Turino, Barb Blewett,* and *Faith Loman.* May God bless you abundantly!

Peace,

Father Ryan

Parish-Wide Fall Scripture Study St. Paul's Letter to the Romans Week 2: October 3rd – 9th

Main Reading: Romans 3-4 Online at esv.org/Romans

Supplemental reading: Psalm 119 verses 1, 72, 77, 97, 127, 131, and 141-142; Hebrews 11:8-12 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: 654 *Online at usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/*

A. Context

What does it mean to be saved? In Romans 3-4, St. Paul speaks of *justification*, which means being reinstated to right relationship with God. Sin is not merely breaking a law – it is a broken family bond, a broken relationship, not just a broken law. Being saved is about becoming a child of God in Christ and maturing in this relationship by becoming conformed to the character of Christ. Just as we cannot give ourselves natural, biological life, so too we cannot give ourselves the supernatural life that restores us to God's family. It is a gift. And the gift of the Holy Spirit transforms us from within so we can live a life of holiness. 'Being saved' is not a one-time event, but a process of being conformed to Christ which happens over time, with our participation and cooperation.

What part does faith play in salvation? Romans 3:28 says "We hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law." Martin Luther pitted faith against works, by which he meant moral effort. He considered we are saved by faith alone, apart from any moral effort on our part, so that we cannot lose our salvation no matter what we do. However, St. Paul includes *obedience* as part of faith (Rom 1:5; 16:26), and he emphasizes the necessity of good works for our salvation: "For God will render to every man according to his works ... It is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified" (Romans 2:6-8; 2:13).

Then what does Paul mean by 'works of the law'? By this term he refers to aspects of the Law of Moses that had the purpose of *separating* Jews from Gentiles (circumcision, food laws, Sabbath laws, ceremonies and rituals). Since Jesus fulfills the promise to Abraham of a universal family of God, the time of separation and the marks of separation must end. Jews of Paul's day sometimes *boasted* of their status as the chosen people of God and focused on displaying the marks of separation as a badge of honor over against non-Jews (Rom 2:17). Since salvation is now open to the Gentiles in Jesus, then the ritual markers that divide Jews from Gentiles cannot be the source of salvation. Salvation is found in the body of Christ, where Jew and Gentile become one.

Paul's use of Abraham. In Romans 4:3, St. Paul quotes Genesis 15:6, where Abraham is reckoned righteous for his faith in God even *before* he was circumcised (which happens in Genesis 17). Abraham's faith expressed itself in numerous ways: he left his homeland (Genesis 12), built altars to the Lord (Genesis 12-13), and rescued Lot from captivity (Genesis 14). He walked with God in faith for a long time before he was pronounced justified by faith. Paul writes, "How was faith reckoned to Abraham? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before" (Romans 4:9-11). Even before receiving the mark of Jewish identity (circumcision), Abraham was reckoned righteous by faith. The Jewish identity markers that divide them from Gentiles must pass away, since "Abraham is the father of all who believe without being circumcised" (Romans 4:11).

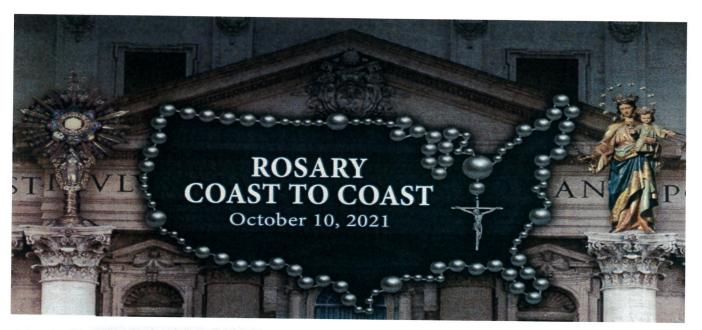
Reconciling faith and works. Luther was correct to emphasize that we cannot save ourselves (something the Church has always taught). But now that we have received the gift of divine life and salvation in baptism, this gift needs to mature. Just as we participate and cooperate in the maturation of our biological life, so we are called to participate and cooperate in the unfolding of the gift of being children of God. This is where good works come in. While God's grace comes first, we participate in the unfolding of this gift. St. Paul exhorts us to demonstrate the power of God's life within us and to persevere to the very end to be saved.

Thinking like a family. Salvation is more than just the forgiveness of sins, or acquittal in a court of law. Salvation is familial. We are incorporated into a new family, God's family. A father of a family expects more from his children than a judge expects from a defendant. And a father also bestows infinitely more mercy upon his children than a judge ever will upon a defendant. In the image of family, we have the combination of the gift of new life, unconditional love, and demanding ideals motivated by a desire for the children's growth and maturation. God loves us as we are, but calls us to holiness, and empowers us to become more than we ever could on our own.

B. Study questions1. What does St. Paul mean by 'works of the law' in Romans 3:28-31? How does his reflection on Abraham in Romans 3:29 and 4:9-10 help clarify his meaning?
2. There is an analogy between the growth of natural life (strength, health, maturation) and the gift of salvation. Are we merely passive in the unfolding of this gift? Explain.
3. How is Abraham a model of faith (see Hebrews 11:8-12 for more)?
4. How is salvation more than just God forgiving our sins? How does the resurrection fit into this? (See Rom 4:25).
5. What is the connection between the universality of sin in Romans 1-2 and Romans 3:28-29?
6. St. James writes: 'faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead' (2:17) and that 'a man is justified by works and not by faith alone' (2:24). Do St. Paul and St. James contradict one another, or can they be reconciled? Explain.
C. Application Reflection – Reflect on how our entire lives, both good and bad, become part of our story and of God's effort to make us saints. He loves us as we are, but loves us enough that he wants us to grow and mature into saints. He loves us as sons and daughters, not as an employer whom we hope does not fire us. Do I take seriously God's fatherhood, or do I try to keep God at a distance?
<u>Commit</u> – Commit to spending some time with Jesus each day this week. If we want our relationship to grow, we must spend time together with Him.
<u>Pray</u> – Prayerfully read through the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Pray for a deeper awareness of the

D. Online Discussion on Zoom: Saturday, October 9th 8:30am-9:15am led by Father Ryan. Go to *ishpemingcatholic.com/scripture* and click on the link for the Zoom discussion to enter at 8:30am, or enter your email to get the link in your inbox.

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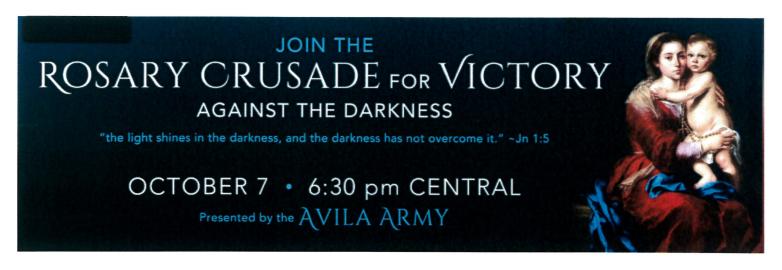
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