

From the Pastor's desk
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2022

Is it possible for a person to be thankful even during the most difficult of circumstances in life? It is. It's true!



Imagine a man who conducted forty to fifty funerals a day, burying nearly 4500 people in one year. Among those dying would be his wife. Towards the end, the deaths would be so frequent that the bodies would just be placed in trenches, without burial rites. Imagine also that this brave person would be so thankful for these experiences that he'd write one of the Church's most popular hymns, "Now Thank We All Our God," sung by Christians of all denominations.

This particular hymn was written in Germany in the early 1600s during the Thirty Years' War. Its author was Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor in the town of Eilenburg in Saxony. He lived in a walled city, the walls being the reason it was a place of hiding for thousands of refugees. The over-crowding brought on the epidemic of plague and famine. All other officials and pastors fled, leaving Rinkart alone to care for the dying. The war dragged on; the suffering continued. Yet through it all, he never lost courage or Faith, and even during the darkest days of Eilenburg's agony, he was able to write this hymn because he kept his mind on God's love when the world was filled with hate.

He kept his mind on God's promises of Heaven when the earth was a living Hell:

*Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom the world rejoices ...[So] keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.**

Even when he was waist deep in destruction, Pastor Rinkart was able to lift his sights to a higher plane. He kept his mind on God's love when the world was filled with hate. Can we not do the same - we whose lives are almost trouble-free, compared with the man who wrote that hymn? Jesus asked where the other nine lepers whom he had cured were. How often do we readily petition God for what we want to receive, but how rarely we return to offer thanksgiving and praise for his wondrous work in our lives.

With kindness and gratitude, Fr. Dennis

*[Christopher Idle, *Stories of Our Favorite Hymns*, (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1980), p. 19.]]

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Jesus said, "...Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."
LUKE 17:17-19

Scripture Readings

Sunday, October 9th:
2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Monday, October 10th:
Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Psalm 113; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 11th:
Galatians 5:1-6; Psalm 119; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 12th:
Galatians 5:18-25; Psalm 1; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 13th:
Ephesians 1:1-10; Psalm 98; Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 14th:
Ephesians 1:11-14; Psalm 33; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 15th:
Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8; Luke 12:8-12

MASS & ADORATION

Saturday, October 8th
5:00 PM SM—+Kenneth Stagl by Ervin & Diane Binstock

Sunday, October 9th
8:30 AM SE—+Glenda Kuhn by Fran & Cindy Martin
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

Monday, October 10th
7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Tuesday, October 11th
6:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:45 PM SM—Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 PM SM—+Drew Madler by Randy & Lori Fitterer

Wednesday, October 12th
7:30 AM SM—+Kevin Schaefer by Cely & Robert Stagl
6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM SE—+Grandparents of John & Marietta Hollinger

Thursday, October 13th
7:30 AM SM —+Drew Madler by Robert & Cely Stagl

Friday, October 14th
7:30 AM SM—+Dorothy Kohl by Joan & Ivo Schoch

Saturday, October 15th
5:00 PM SM—+Frank Kilwein by Vivian Kilwein

Sunday, October 16th
8:30 AM SE—+Steve & Bertha Anton by Duane & Kathy Schwab
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

Confessions will be offered before each daily Mass and before Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's.


St. Pius Verein will host their annual Prime Rib Meal on Saturday, October 15th from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers		
October 15th & 16th, 2022		
MINISTRY	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Mike B.	Jon W.
Mass Server	Schmidts	Kazen N/JD N
Rosary Leader	Ivo S.	Chris F.
Gifts	Connie J. family	Gregg Fitterer

Collection Report St. Mary's			
October 1st & 2nd, 2022			
Adult		Youth	
\$	2525.00	Envelopes	\$
\$	115.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$	2640.00	Total	
\$	2640.00	Monthly Total	

Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers	
October 16, 2022	
Sunday 8:30 AM	
Lector	Arlene
Mass Server	Bailey
Ushers	Fran & Emery
Gift	Cindy S. & Jessica

Collection Report St. Elizabeth's			
October 2, 2022			
Adult		Youth	
\$	310.00	Envelopes	\$ 0.00
\$	70.00	Loose Plate	
\$	380.00	Total	
\$	380.00	Monthly Total	

Knights of Columbus Council #5477		Knights of Columbus Council #9675
Meetings held monthly at the Lefor KC Club. For more information contact Fran at 483-6091		Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mary's. For more information contact Mike at 701-290-2493

“When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus.”
~St. Rose of Lima

Saint Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries
October 10th: Wyatt Dorner, (A) Mindy & Sam Augare; October 12th: Carly Wolf, (A) Linda & Gary Reisenauer; October 15th: Sheri Wert, Leona Gordan; October 16th: Adrien Kathrein

Saint Elizabeth Birthdays & Anniversaries
October 12th: (A) Cindy & Denis Schneider
October 16th: Stetson Urlacher, Janessa Schmidt

Please join us for our next Dickinson Catholic Adults gathering on October 14, 2022 at 618 Palm Beach Road, Dickinson. This event is open to any adult (21-50) from the Dickinson area seeking community and looking to deepen their faith. Our featured speaker will be Father Josh Ehli. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For childcare options, please email dickinsoncatholicadults@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars for St Mary's Fall Festival weekend, November 5th & 6th!

Stewardship
Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord – indeed, all I am and all I have is a gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?
• Stewardship Thought: Stewardship is an important concept for our spiritual growth as Catholics. It is a way of thanking God for all of the Lord's blessings by returning to God a portion of the time, talent, and treasure we have received.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Donna Jirges, Dennis McDevitt, Keith Witte, Lacy Gutenkunst, Marietta Hollinger, Kent Maershbecker, Belinda Lynch, Doretta Wiegum, Nicole Leck, Rick Schaefer, Anthony German, Kent Candrian, Dan Mollman, Rod Crane, Bob Barnes, Bart Rohan, Derek Benz, Todd Leach, JoAnn Urlacher, Katie Stolz, Bonnie Benz, Andy Prokop, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Howard Schiwal, Yvonne Fettig, Kim Kuhn, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick
Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Ann Roller, Gene Wert, Ann Wert, Grace Bach, Leona Schiwal, Violet Dobitz, Beverly Held, Theresa Decker, Marilyn Wert, Gilbert Buzalsky, Joe & Aggie Wandler, Charlotte Krebs, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Donnella Koppinger, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick
Keep in your prayers our deceased loved ones: +Wayne Pechtl, +Patti Frank, +Mary Hanson, +Fred Heidecker, +Theresa Tarpo, +Anton Krebs, +Josie Steier, +Melanie Fitterer, +Lawrence Urlacher, +Leonard Gartner, +Arlene Schaefer, +Jim Krebs, +Lea Madler, +Juanita Koppinger, +Eleanor Kilwein, +Dorothy Kohl, +Kevin Schaefer, +Drew Madler

They Were Cleansed

The men in today's passages were considered outside the realm of God's concern. First, they were foreigners. Naaman was from Syria, a frequent enemy of ancient Israel. The man in the Gospel passage was a Samaritan, a descendant of marriage between Israelites and foreign people who were exiled to northern Israel around 722 BC. These men were outsiders, distrusted, even despised because they were not Israelites who believed that only they were “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation” (Exodus 19:6). Besides their foreign affiliation, these men suffered from the dreaded disease of leprosy. Their affliction might not have been the disease we know by that name today, but perhaps a skin condition such as psoriasis or eczema. Whatever the case, Israel held that any form of skin flare-up rendered the sufferer unclean or unfit to participate in public ritual. Furthermore, contact with lepers threatened the religious status of others. It was for religious, more than hygienic reasons that lepers were shunned. It appears that God is not inhibited by human customs, even religious customs. Both men are healed of their ailment, one by the prophet Elisha the other by Jesus. This itself would make both stories remarkable. But there is more: Both returned to express their profound gratitude to the agent of God through whom they had been healed. Naaman was willing to transfer his religious allegiance to the God of Israel; the Samaritan fell at the knees of Jesus, a hated Jew. Surely, God works in mysterious ways. Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre:

How long is Mass supposed to last? My sister leaves after an hour even if the priest is still talking. Shouldn't she wait until it's over? There's no rule about how long Mass should last, but it's inappropriate to arrive late or leave before the final blessing or the end of the recessional song. People should leave early only if they get sick or if they're doctors, police officers, or firefighters called away for an emergency. Weekend activities should be scheduled around Mass. Saturday night Masses were designed for people who work Sundays and for parishes with too few priests to accommodate everyone on Sunday. They weren't designed to make it easier to get a good tee time on Sunday morning. It's also important to remember that local customs and traditions affect the length of Mass. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, Sunday Mass could go on for nearly three hours. When I celebrated Mass in Scotland, the pastor said I had to be done in a half-hour. Most areas have more than one church. Encourage your sister to either grow accustomed to the tradition of the parish she attends or look for another church. As a rule, I don't think it's good to “shop around” for Mass, but if your sister is that bothered by the length of the Mass at her current church, it might be better for her to go elsewhere. Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

<i>Hurricane Ian Relief</i> At the request of Bishop Kagan, October 8-9, 2022, a second collection will be taken for the relief of those suffering as a result of Hurricane Ian which devastated the Caribbean and south Florida, coming on the heels of Hurricane Fiona which hit Puerto Rico and other areas in the Caribbean. All the funds collected will be put into the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the reconstruction needs of the Church in these areas, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services.	The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples." Sacred Heart Catholic Church , 204 Ash Ave East, Glen Ullin, ND will be hosting a Parish Dinner on October 9th, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center from 11:00am to 1:30pm CST. We will be serving Turkey & Roast Beef and all the trimmings. This dinner is a free will offering. There will be children's games, bingo, chinese auction, and a cake walk. Please join us for this fun family event.
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Mass Schedule
St. Mary
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 AM
Last Saturday: 9:00 AM (Adoration Chapel)
Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 10:30 AM
St. Elizabeth
Wednesday: 7:00 PM
First Friday: 7:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Mary—Tuesday: 6:00 PM; Adoration Chapel at your convenience
St. Elizabeth—Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Marriage: Contact Pastor at least nine months prior to your wedding date.
Baptism: Pre-Baptism preparation session required.
Anointing of the Sick: By request.