

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church

**Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston**

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1866



October 11, 2020

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday Noon

Wednesday Noon

Thursday Noon

Friday Noon

Saturday 4:15

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

October 11, 2020

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

**We are invited to live in the house
of the Lord for all eternity.**

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The prophet Isaiah tells of the great banquet the Lord will prepare for his people at the end of time. Paul writes to the Philippians, assuring them that he knows how to live in different sets of circumstances, and that *I can do all things in him who strengthens me*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable likening the kingdom of heaven to a king hosting a wedding feast for his son.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday October 13th noon

Thomas & Verna Kitkoski, Kaci Kitkoski

Wednesday October 14th noon

Living & deceased members of the
John & Frances Wisnoski family

Thursday October 15th noon

Friday October 16th noon

Richard & Regina
Cykala

Saturday October 17th 4:15

Marion Klawinsky

Sunday October 18th 8:00 am

Living & deceased members of the
Smith & Moriarty families

Sunday October 18th 10:00 am

Harold & Annie Katkoski

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If you cannot be present,
please find a replacement

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Saturday October 17th 4:15pm

Lectors:

Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

Rosary: Susan Wisnoski

Altar Servers:

Allison Wisnoski & Brant Werner

Ushers:

Darrell Wagner, Michael Wisnoski, Johnny Pasket Jr., Danny Pasket

Sunday October 18th 8:00 am

Volunteers

Rosary: Barbara Dibello

Sunday October 18th 10:00am

Lectors:

Marion Szymczak & Larry Sechelski Jr.

Rosary: Linda LaSalle

Altar Servers:

Zane Moriarty, Morgan Moriarty & Haden Sechelski

Ushers:

Mike Wroblewski, Darrin Pasket, Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder



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please find a replacement

Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle” (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

★ So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?



[Jesus said,] “The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike.”

MATTHEW 22:10

Dear Padre,

What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works" (Ephesians 2:8-9). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* attests that we have merit in God's sight only because "God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace" (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, "so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful" (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in



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each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!

Moreover, Catholics believe these good works "contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the 'meritorious' character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace" (*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38).

Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?

—ANGELUS, JULY 10, 2016

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31-5:1

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Gal 5:1-6

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Gal 5:18-25

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church

Eph 1:1-10

Lk 11:47-54

Friday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Eph 1:11-14

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15-23

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

OCTOBER 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
2020 Annual Homecoming and Bazaar
Sunday October 11, 2020
Anderson, TX

Raffle Prizes

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| <p>1. 2020 John Deere Gator 560E - \$9,250</p> <p>2. Howard Miller Wall Clock - \$600</p> <p>3. Visa Gift Card - \$500</p> <p>4. Visa Gift Card - \$500</p> <p>5. Wal-Mart Gift Card - \$500</p> <p>6. Lowe's Gift Card - \$500</p> <p>7. Academy Gift Card - \$500</p> <p>8. Barton 6 Piece Wicker Rattan Outdoor Rocking Chair Set - \$350</p> | <p>In memory of Father James Moore \$2,000</p> <p>In memory of Larry Sechelski Sr \$1,000</p> <p>Donated by Gary & Bonnie Klodzinski \$500</p> <p>Donated by Ed & Linda Marek \$500</p> <p>Donated by D & R Specialties, Inc \$500</p> <p>Donated by Anderson Mini Storage \$350</p> <p>Donated by Leon Kimich Construction \$250</p> <p>Donated by Darryl Pasket Family \$250</p> <p>Donated by Bob & Joella Dixon \$200</p> <p>Donated by Buckner's Jewelry</p> <p>Donated by Serres & Son Plumbing</p> <p>Donated by Michael & Susan Wisnoski</p> <p>Donated by Mark & Bridget Kelley</p> <p>Donated by Joe & Linda Vitanza \$250</p> <p>Donated by Jim & Shirley Hesse \$250</p> <p>Donated by the Pete Paskett Family</p> <p>Donated by David & Jesslyn Borski</p> |
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St. Stanislaus 2020 Bazaar “Bar-B-Q Benefactors”

**The following have generously donated a total of \$7,200 toward
the cost of our meat this year:**

- Anonymous
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- Anonymous
- Deacon Walter & Francell Busa
 - Floyd, Wayne & John Busa
 - D & R Specialties, Inc.
- Karonka Construction Inc. – Sylvester Karonka
 - Jeffery & Larra Ketkoski
 - Leon Jr. & Kelly Ketkoski
 - In Memory of Monica Krause
- Lindley-Robertson-Holt Funeral Home
 - In Memory of Marcella Reaves
 - Thomas Ranch – Bill Thomas
 - Tom & Jeanette Upton

**A huge “THANK YOU” FROM Fr. Eli and all the St. Stanislaus
Parishioners!**



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

October 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate **World Mission Sunday** on **October 18th** this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday, implores us, “In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “*Here I am, send me*” (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis.”

During the Mission Month of October, Pope Francis reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called *personally* to mission – especially at this time – to bring Christ’s love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father’s own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to “step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor.” What will your answer be? “**Here I Am, Send Me**” is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through *prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

Through this Pope’s own missionary society, you too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth – sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Your gifts sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. With them, you answer, “*Here I Am, Send Me*.”

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this archdiocese to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

Gratefully in the Lord,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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For more about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org/resources for additional materials.

WHAT!

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** represents a different area of the world where missionaries continue to share the Good News of Jesus.

WOW!

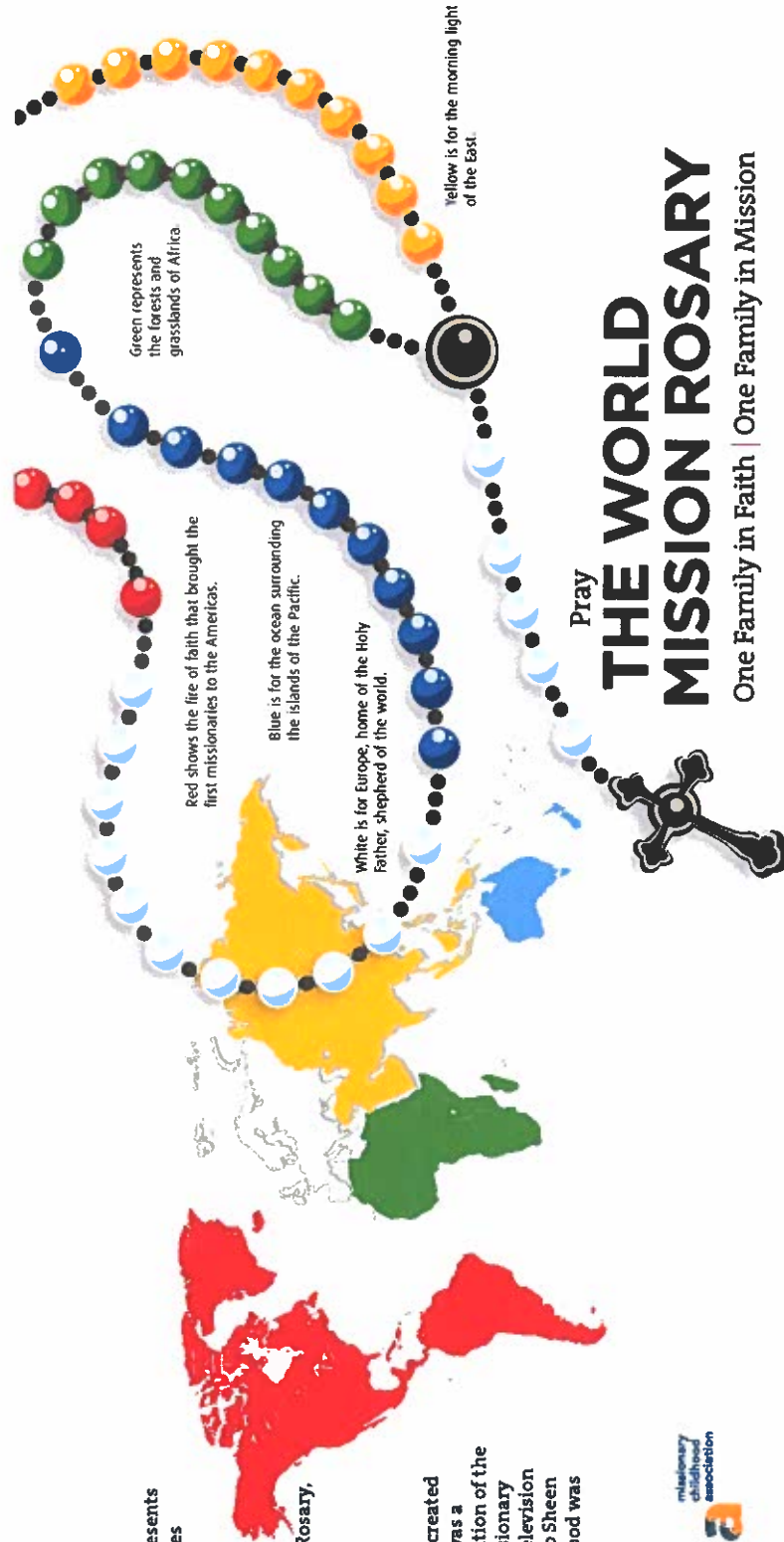
When you have completed the World Mission Rosary, you have given the world a big, prayerful hug.

WHO!

In 1951, **Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen** created the World Mission Rosary. Archbishop Sheen was a national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society like the Missionary Childhood Association. He even had his own television show — and won an Emmy Award! Archbishop Sheen died on December 9, 1979. His cause for sainthood was opened in September 2002.



The Society for the
Propagation of the Faith



Pray

THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY

One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2020

Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?" (ibid.). This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. "Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square*, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. *Jn* 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. *Jn* 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always "on mission", always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. *Jn* 3:16). Jesus is the Father's Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father's will (cf. *Jn* 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; *Heb* 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

"The mission, the 'Church on the move', is not a program, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you" (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. *Rom* 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. *Mt* 5:38-48; *Lk* 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the

world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will (cf. *Lk 1:38*)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: "Here am I, Lord, send me" (cf. *Is 6:8*). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (*Is 6:8*). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. *Mt 9:35-38; Lk 10:1-12*).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2020, Solemnity of Pentecost

Franciscus



Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register or know someone who would like to become a member of our parish.
936-873-2291

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions October

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Announcements

**Next week's office hours will be
Monday to Thursday 8:00 to 4:00**

Closed on Friday



**Next weekend is
World Mission Sunday**

**2nd collection for
The Propagation of the Faith**



As we move to the end of another liturgical year, our readings begin to speak to us about the end times. Full of hope and encouragement, they are meant to spur us on to faithful Gospel living no matter what befalls us in this life. Set among them is the responsorial psalm for today, Psalm 23, where the Lord is our shepherd who leads us to green pastures.

Altar Society : Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be Thursday November 5th at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

Baptism: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries : On the 1st weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

Cemetery Guidelines: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

Choir Practice: Do to COVID-19, No practice at this time.

Counseling: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

Divine Mercy: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

Gabriel Project: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

Knights of Columbus : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .
Spaghetti Dinner Oct. 16th

Marriage: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Please call the office for more information.

RCIA & RCIC: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

12 Hour Adoration: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm.
Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 4054

~ PASTA DINNER ~



Friday, October 16, 2020
5 pm till 7pm



We've Missed You!

Come Hungry!

This is a fund-raising event to support our charity programs!

Salad

~ **PASTA** ~

Garlic Bread

Desserts

WITH

Iced Tea

>> **HOME-MADE SAUCE** <<

%%% **\$10.00** %%%

DINE-IN

(We have plenty of room for SOCIAL DISTANCING)

or

TAKE OUT

KC Hall 1962 Highway 90 S Anderson, TX 77830



What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts and background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

² USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



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

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.

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.

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.



Weekly Collections:

October 3rd & 4th
\$3,044.00
September online
\$4,055.00

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

October 18th Propagation of Faith
November 8th Retired Priests

Please pray for those in active military duty:

Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes,
Andrew Burzynski, Don Fontaine,
Travis Hayes, Cody Klawinsky,
Travis Klawinsky, Joe A. Lopez,
Matthew Macejewski,
John McKnight, Phillip Walkowiak

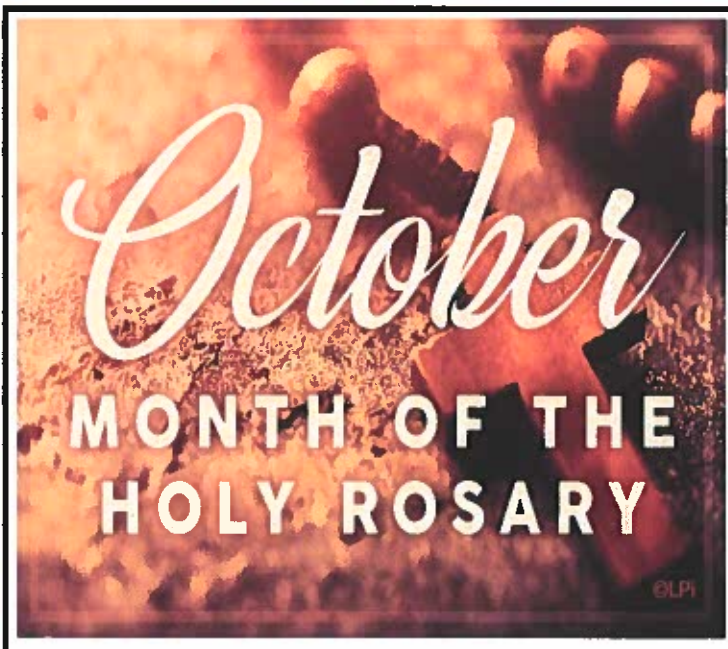


Our Church is open
for daily prayer
during office hours.

Office hours are
Tuesday-Friday
8 to 4

Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:

Aria, Laverne Backhus, Sheila Blinka, Pat Davis, Don Dobiyanski,
Margaret & Praslin Fann, John Faust, Paul Henry III, Dolores Holler,
Mae Dell Izard, John Koch, Caroline Kolbasinski, Barbara Kurtin
Helen Molitor, Kellyanne Katkoski, Tammy Kitchen, Bibian Loukins,
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