

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register in person at the Parish Office or complete a registration form (available in church). Please return to Parish Office or put in collection.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Holy Days Check inside of bulletin

Weekdays Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. • Sunday 12:30-1:15 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least eight months before any other planning.

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (outside of Mass). Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Program. This is at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Family Life Center. Godparents are also welcome to attend. Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office. *Bautismo en español se celebran una vez al mes después de la Misa el Domingo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir charlas de preparación en el Centro Familiar. Deben inscribirse llamando a las Oficinas de la Parroquia.*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, or e-mail stjosephchurch@roadrunner.com.



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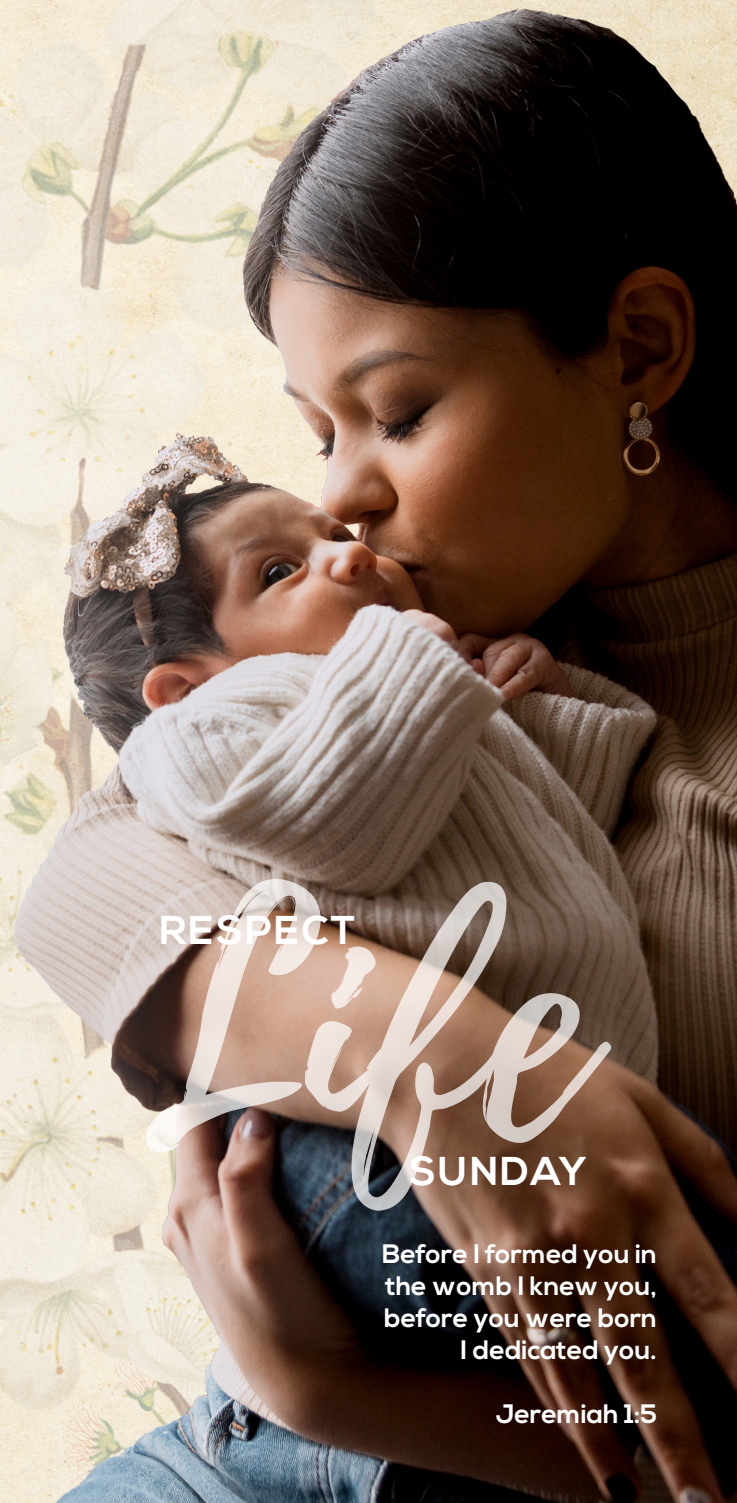
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Ms. Diane Lemmermann, *Coordinator of Family Life Center*

Mr. Russ Clay, *Church and Cemetery Maintenance*



RESPECT

Life
SUNDAY

Before I formed you in
the womb I knew you,
before you were born
I dedicated you.

Jeremiah 1:5

St. Joseph Church

Dover, Ohio 44622

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30 and October 1, 2023

30 de Septiembre y 1 de Octubre del 2023



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 2

No Mass

Readings: 455: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102/Mt 18:1-5

Tuesday, October 3

5:00 p.m. Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 p.m. Susan Hoopingarner

Readings: 456: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4

8:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Altier Family

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Readings: 457: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 5

8:15 a.m. Lorrie Phillips

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Readings: 458: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 6 (First Friday)

8:15 a.m. Ruth Fox

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Readings: 459: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 7

**The Vigil for the Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Ray and Mary Shotwell

Sunday, October 8

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Lowell Gonano

11:00 a.m. Molly Paris and Lisa Wiegand

1:30 p.m. The People the Parish (Spanish Mass)

Readings: 139: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Offertory for September 23 and 24, 2023

Loose Cash and Checks	\$ 3,219.00
Adult Weekly Envelopes	\$ 3,465.00
Online Giving	\$ 505.00
Total	\$ 7,189.00
Other Funds	
Poor Fund	\$ 175.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 131.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
St. Joseph School Subsidy	\$ 180.00
Other Collections	\$ 160.00

Thank you for your generosity.

**When traveling, and you need to find
information on the closest Catholic Church
and the times for their Masses, please check**



out www.masstimes.org.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, October 3 – 6:00 p.m. – Vicki Wilhelm

Wednesday, October 4 – 8:15 a.m. – Matt Ritzert

Thursday, October 5 – 8:15 a.m. – Jeannine Kennedy

Friday, October 6 – 8:15 a.m. – TCCES Students

October 7, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mary DeBois - 1st Lector

Mary Salvo - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Avon, Jackie Hostetler,

Beth Cecil, Michelle Tope, Lyle Tope, Erin Cecil,

Kateri Renicker

Ushers: Tim Avon, Roy Montan, Steve DeBois

Servers: Cecilia Hostetler, Chase Hostetler, Carter Gilmore

October 8, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass

Lectors: Jeannine Kennedy - 1st Lector

Nancy Allen - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Michael LaBrake, Jack Burnham,

Matt Ritzert, Doug Telle, Andrea Settimio, Lou Settimio,

Laura Barkett

Ushers: Chris Chaney, Kelly Chaney, John Karl,

Max Burnham, Ronnie Saffell

Servers: Easton Pope, Nadia Pope, Brady Pope

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector: Mike Ernest - 1st Lector

Sue Worth - 2nd Lector

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Galbraith, Dan Galbraith,

Elizabeth Clemence, Marcus Clemence, Mark Clemence,

Beth Ernest, Sub Needed

Ushers: Lindsay Williams, Larry and Linda Clawson

Servers: Nick Civiello, Megan Martinez, Brisa Gonzalez

If you know of a friend or family member that is in the hospital, for surgery or due to illness, or is currently homebound, please call the Parish Office and someone will visit them as soon as possible.



Prayer Chain: To place your request on the prayer chain, please call the Parish Office or Charlene Herzig at 330-343-1063. If no one is available please leave a message.

Please Note: If you would like to present the gifts at the Offertory, please contact the Ushers before Mass.

Spiritual Notes

Jesus' parable of the two sons is addressed to the chief priests and elders, a group opposed to Jesus in Matthew's text. The contrast between the two sons mirrors the difference between Jesus' opponents and sinners. The first son, who originally refused to work in the vineyard, eventually "changed his mind and went." He represents the "tax collectors and prostitutes" who originally refused to follow God's way, but then have a change of heart. That the sinners repented in response to the preaching of the Baptist should be enough to convince Jesus' opponents to embrace the message of the Gospel, but it is not. Because of their hardheartedness, they will come under judgment. In the text from Ezekiel, the prophet reminds us that God holds us accountable for our sins. In order to receive God's grace, we must do "what is right and just." Writing as an exile in Babylon, the prophet calls us to reject sin and be faithful to the Lord, who is God of all the earth. For Ezekiel, the Israelites are in exile not because the gods of Babylon are greater than their God; rather, the exile is a demonstration of the Lord's sovereignty over all people. In today's second reading, a text we encountered two weeks ago, on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Paul calls the Philippians to live lives worthy of the Gospel. As Christians, we are called to lead lives of humility and unity, following the example of Christ, who humbled himself and accepted death on our behalf. The vocation of a Christian calls us to conform our lives to that of Christ Jesus.

For reflection: Do I make a conscious effort to follow the example of Christ?



October 4, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Please have your pets on a leash or in a secure carrier for their safety.

LCBA Crafty Ladies will meet on October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. and the LCBA meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Father Jimmy will be the guest speaker. Please bring a friend! This month LCBA will begin its annual collection of hats, scarves, and gloves.

St. Joseph Cemetery: All summer flowers and pots must be removed from the cemetery, no later than Monday, October 16th or they will be removed for you. If you are unable to do so, please call Russ in the Parish Office.

Mark Your Calendars!

October 4, 2023

Blessing of Pets

Family Life Center

6:00 p.m.

October 8, 2023

Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting

Family Life Center

10:00 a.m.

October 8, 2023

Confirmation Session 1

11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by Session in the Family Life Center

October 8, 2023

Family Rosary Day

Knights of Columbus Hall

3:00 p.m.

October 14, 2023

Oktoberfest

Parish Hall/TCCES Gym

6:00 p.m.

October 18, 2023

St. Joseph Seniors

Ricardo's Party Center

12:00 p.m. Noon

October 21, 2023

Knights of Columbus 5K Run

Knights Hall - 8:00 a.m.

October 27, 2023

TCCES Grandparents Day

October 28, 2023

Knights of Columbus Pig Roast

Knights Hall - 5:00 p.m.

October 31, 2023

Vigil Mass for All Saints

6:00 p.m.

November 1, 2023

Mass for All Saints

8:15 a.m.

November 2, 2023

Memorial Mass for the Deceased

6:00 p.m.

November 7, 2023

LCBA

Family Life Center

1:00 p.m.

November 12, 2023

Confirmation Session 1

11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by Session in the Family Life Center

November 15, 2023

St. Joseph Seniors

Ricardo's Party Center

12:00 p.m. - Noon

November 16, 2023

Knights of Columbus Wives Dinner

Knights Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

Our Advent study, Rejoice!

We will delve into the Sunday readings via brief videos and daily journal. The introductory session will be Sunday, November 26th and the brief weekly video and group discussion will be all four Sundays of Advent, December 3, 10, 17, and 24 after the 8:30 a.m. Masses.



Box of Joy

Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by Catholic Churches across the United States. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. Our boxes are available and you may pick them up in the Vestibule. Please return them no later than October 29th.

St. Joseph Parish 175 th Anniversary Raffle		
The holder of this ticket number will be entered in 12 monthly drawings beginning January 2023 for \$175. Drawings will be held on the 17th of each month at 5:00 pm.		
Cost: \$20.00 Per Ticket One Winner Per Number		
NAME _____	PHONE _____	EMAIL _____

The next drawing will be
Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m.
Each drawing will be livestreamed!!

St. Joseph Soup Kitchen

The intention for the Soup Kitchen is to serve God's children in need: the poor in spirit, as well as the needy. Teams, if you need assistance, please contact Andrea Settimio or the Parish Office.

October 4, 2023 - Team E (Judy Burnham)

October 11, 2023 - Team F (Boy Scouts)

October 18, 2023 - Team G (Joan Wenzel)

October 25, 2023 - Team H (Cindy Jones)

Please keep our guests and volunteers in your prayers!

Mini Food Pantry

Our Mini Food Pantry box, located at the Family Life Centers, has been able to provide food for many people in need. Our volunteers are restocking several times a week. The items most in need are:

Cereal	Canned Fruit
Chunky Soups	Rice
Jelly	Spaghetti Sauce

If you would like to contribute items, there is a tote in the Vestibule of the church. Or, you can make monetary donations by placing an envelope marked "Mini Pantry" in the collection basket.

Walking with Moms in Need

The Parishes of Tuscarawas County recently joined a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers entitled, "Walking with Moms in Need." You are invited to follow our journey. We are also inviting you to join us in prayer for all of the mothers and families who are in need of support. But mostly, we are inviting you to join us in forming the most expansive network of people who want to do better at "Walking with Moms in Need."

To follow us, use the forms located in the Vestibule to provide your name and email address. If you prefer, you can also share that information with us on our local website at WWMINTusc.com. Once a month, we will provide updates, progress reports, and stories of how we as a community can participate in the "Walking with Moms in Need" program.

To learn more about the nationwide initiative, you can visit walkingwithmoms.com or by contacting Michelle Tope.

Thank you for joining us in this important journey!

Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County Annual Paper Product Drive

Beginning in September, for the entire month, there will be bins in the Vestibule, to collect paper products. Those items most in need are: Paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, dinner napkins, trash bags, Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, baby diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and dry laundry detergent. Please consider supporting this worthy cause!

2023 Morocco Earthquake

On Friday, September 8, a magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck Morocco near Marrakesh. The impact of the quake was felt as far north as Casablanca, though its epicenter was in the High Atlas Mountains, where hard-to-reach communities suffered the most severe damage. More than 300,000 people are affected and at least 2,600 were killed. Access to remote areas with the worst destruction - especially in mountain towns - remains difficult.

Catholic Relief Services is supporting Caritas Rabat, whose teams mobilized within 24 hours to the hardest-to-reach areas. Parallel to a robust response from the Moroccan government and bilateral assistance from a number of countries, Caritas has identified priority areas for support where essential relief supplies will be sent to families in the coming days.

To support CRS efforts, go to www.crs.org

Mass for Life

At 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2023, at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Bishop Fernandes will celebrate a Mass for Life. After Mass, there will be a gathering at the Statehouse at 11:00 a.m. and the March for Life starts at Noon. For more details, visit www.gcrtl.org/march.html.

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

"Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, so that I may carry out Your holy and true command." +A PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Monday, October 2 ~ Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
Feast of the Guardian Angels**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-5,10 The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Meditation: Jesus warned his disciples to "not despise the little ones." God dwells with the lowly and regards them with compassion. His angels watch over them as guardians. God has not left us alone in our struggle "to refuse evil and to choose good" (ref. Isaiah 7:15). The angels are God's "ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation" (ref. Hebrews 1:14).

Prayer: O God, who in your unfathomable providence are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to you, that we may always be defended by their protection and rejoice eternally in their company. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Saint Basil the Great once said, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Angels ministered to Jesus after his temptation in the wilderness and during his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The angels will be present at Christ's return, which they will announce, to serve at his judgment (ref. Matt. 25:31). The angels tell us that this universe is not just materialistic. The fallen angels, led by Satan, seek our destruction. If they cannot induce us to disown our faith and allegiance to Christ, they attempt to divert us from doing the will of God by distracting us with good things that weigh us down and make us indifferent towards the things of God. God gives us the help of his angelic hosts and he gives us spiritual weapons, the shield of faith and the breastplate of righteousness (ref. Ephesians 6:1-11), to resist the devil and his lies. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we, too, join with angelic choirs in singing the praises of God. Do you pause several times a day to give thanks to the Lord for his daily guidance and protection?

About this Feast: Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means "messenger." In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger. The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith. From the Gospel of today's liturgy we read: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith (328)." From our birth until our death, man is surrounded by the protection and intercession of angels, particularly our guardian angel: "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life (336)." The Church thanks God for our helpers, the angels, particularly on this feast day and September 29 which is the feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, archangels. Today's feast appeared in Spain during the sixteenth century. It was extended to the universal Church and made obligatory in 1670.

Tuesday, October 3 ~ Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-56 When the days for Jesus to be taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

Meditation: Are you surprised to see two of Jesus' disciples praying for the destruction of a Samaritan village? The Jews and Samaritans had been divided for centuries. Jewish pilgrims who passed through Samaritan territory were often assaulted. Jesus did the unthinkable for a Jew. He not only decided to travel through Samaritan territory at personal risk, but he also asked for hospitality in one of their villages! Jesus' offer of friendship was rebuffed. Is there any wonder that the disciples were indignant and felt justified in wanting to see retribution done to this village? Wouldn't you respond the same way? Jesus, however, rebukes his disciples for their lack of toleration. Jesus had "set his face toward Jerusalem" to die on a cross that all might be reconciled with God and be united as one people in Christ.

Prayer: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Tolerance is a much needed virtue today – not "tolerance" when we enable bad or sinful behaviors by turning a blind eye or a deaf ear or by saying "if it feels good, do it" thus being tolerant for the wrong thing or for the wrong motive. Right and wrong, defined by God, still exists. Instead being "tolerant" by exhibiting Christian love which seeks the highest good of both one's neighbor and one's enemy. Take for example Abraham Lincoln, who as president was criticized for his courtesy and tolerance towards his enemies during the American Civil War. President Lincoln's response? He said: "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" Which begs the question: How do you treat those who cross you and cause you trouble? Do you seek their good rather than their harm? Today be introspective and honestly assess yourself to see what biases and prejudices you might possess on even the smallest level to rid yourself of these so that these do not manifest themselves in ways of jealousy, envy, hatred, bigotry, racism, and other forms of sin.

Wednesday, October 4 ~ Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Francis of Assisi, Religious**

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:57-62 As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding on their journey, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." Jesus answered him, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Meditation: Are you ready to follow the Lord wherever he may lead you? With the call the Lord gives the grace to respond and the strength to follow all the way to the end. Why does Jesus issue a challenge with the call? Jesus was utterly honest in telling people what it would cost to follow him. When a would-be disciple approached Jesus and said he was ready to follow, Jesus told him it would require sacrifice — the sacrifice of certain creaturely comforts. Jesus appealed to this man's heart and told him to detach himself from whatever might hold him back. Spiritual detachment is a necessary step for following the Lord. It frees us to give ourselves without reserve to the Lord and his service. While many of us may not need to give up the comfort of our own home and bed to follow Jesus, we, nonetheless, must be willing to part with anything that might stand in the way of doing God's will. Another would-be disciple said he would follow as soon as he had buried his father. What he meant by this expression was that he felt the need to return to his home to take care of his father through old age until he died. The third had no obligation to return home, but simply wanted to go back and say good-bye. Jesus surprised these would-be disciples with the stark truth that nothing should hinder us from following the Lord. Was Jesus being harsh and rude to his would-be followers? Not really. We are free to decide whether we will take the path which Jesus offers. But if we choose to go, then the Lord wants us to count the cost and choose for it freely.

Prayer: O God, by whose gift Saint Francis was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that, by walking in Francis' footsteps, we may follow your Son, and, through joyful charity, come to be united with

you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: You may be asking: "What does the story of a plowman have to do with the journey?" A plowman who looked back while plowing caused his furrow – the "trough" or groove in the earth that he was plowing – to be crooked. He had to look straight ahead in order to keep the plow from going off course. Likewise, if we look back on what we have freely left behind to follow the Lord, our path will likely diverge and we'll miss what God has for us. The gospel does not record the response from these three would-be disciples. We are only left with the question which Jesus intends for us as well. Are you ready to take the path Jesus offers? His grace is sufficient and his love is strong. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to place them at the service of the Lord and Master of the universe. We cannot outgive God in generosity. Jesus promises that those who are willing to part with what is most dear to them for his sake "will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29). Is there anything holding you back from pursuing the Lord and his will for you life?

About Saint Francis of Assisi: Francis Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food and preached peace. He began to attract followers, and in 1209 with the papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). Then in 1212 with St. Clare of Assisi he founded the foundation of the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the "Poor Clares." He also founded the "Third Order of Penance" (the Third Order) which included lay people. He was the first person (recorded) to receive the stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in 1224. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later.

Thursday, October 5 ~ Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-12 Jesus appointed seventy-two other disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the Kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

Meditation: In Jesus' time seventy was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the seventy to a two-fold task: to speak in his name and to act with his power. Jesus gave them instructions for how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve as people without guile, full of charity and peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light -- only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them — in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of the God. They must do their work, not for what they can get out of it, but for what they can give freely to others, without expecting reward or payment. "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves.

Prayer: O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Contemplation: What kind of harvest do you think the Lord expects today? When Jesus commissioned seventy of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a great harvest for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of labor and growth — beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth, and finally fruit for the harvest. In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who hear his

word and who accept it with trust and obedience. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only the people of Israel, but all the peoples (or nations) of the world. John the Evangelist tells us that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

About Saint Faustina Kowalska: Our Lord taught Saint Faustina Kowalska a prayer for mercy that she was to pray unceasingly: ***The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy***. He told her that, if she prayed in this way, her prayers would have great power for the conversion of sinners, for peace for the dying, and even for controlling nature (*Diary*, 687, 811, 1731, 1791). We, too, can pray this chaplet, using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. We begin with the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed. Then on the large beads we pray: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. On the small beads we pray: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. And at the end, we pray three times: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (*Diary*, 476). As we seek God's love and mercy, let us also mirror Christ's love for others in our own lives.

Friday, October 6 ~ Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Rose Marie Durocher, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:13-16 Jesus said to them, "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And as for you, Capernaum, 'Will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to the netherworld.' Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

Meditation: The word woe is also translated as alas. It is as much as an expression of sorrowful pity as it is of anger. Why does Jesus lament and issue a stern warning? The people who heard the gospel here very likely responded with indifference. Jesus upbraids them for doing nothing! Repentance demands change — a change of heart and way of life. God's word is life-giving and it saves us from destruction — the destruction of soul as well as body. Jesus' anger is directed toward sin and everything which hinders us from doing the will of God and receiving his blessing. In love he calls us to walk in his way of truth and freedom, grace and mercy, justice and holiness. Do you receive his word with faith and submission or with doubt and indifference?

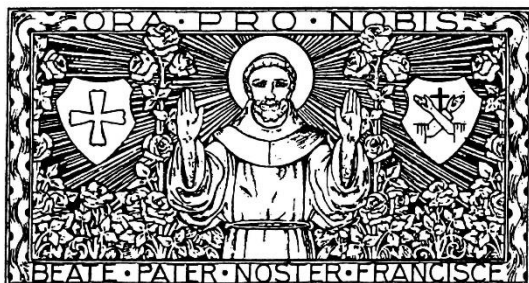
Prayer ~ Saint Bruno: O God, who called Saint Bruno to serve you in solitude, grant, through his intercession, that amid the changes of this world we may constantly look to you alone. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher: Lord, who enkindled in the heart of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher the flame of ardent charity and a great desire to cooperate in the mission of the Church as a teacher, grant us that same active love, so that, in responding to the needs of the world today, we may lead our brothers and sisters to the blessedness of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: If Jesus were to visit your neighborhood community and walk the streets of our town today, what would he say? Would he issue a warning like the one he gave to Chorazin and Bethsaida? And how would you respond? Wherever Jesus went he did mighty works to show the people how much God had done for them. Chorazin and Bethsaida had been blessed with the visitation of God. They heard the good news and experienced the wonderful works which Jesus did for them.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops;
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What: 12th Annual Sacred Heart Congress

Where: St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Westerville, Ohio

When: November 4, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Details: Doors open at 7:45 a.m.,
and the Rosary starts at 8:00 a.m.

Theme: "Reviving the Family through the Sacred Heart and the Holy Eucharist."

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Other Information to Note:

Pray for the Priest, Deacon, or Seminarian of the Day: Posted on the bulletin boards are calendars with the names of Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians. As you come into the church, you may want to look at the calendar and pray for the designated person of the day.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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1 de Octubre del 2023



Calendario Litúrgico:

Misas en Español

Domingo	8 de Octubre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	15 de Octubre	1:30 p.m.
Domingo	22 de Octubre	1:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Antes de misa de español de 12:30 p.m. a 1:15 p.m.

Misas en Ingles

Sábados	4:00 p.m.
Domingos	8:30 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.



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Notas Espirituales

A medida que comienza la conclusión de su carta a los Filipenses, Pablo continúa exhortando a crecer en su fe. Si ponemos nuestra confianza en Dios, entonces la paz de Dios.../guardará vuestros corazones y mentes en Cristo Jesús. "Es esta confianza la que permite a Pablo a sufrir persecuciones, encarcelamiento, y finalmente la muerte. Pablo sabe que siguiendo el camino de Cristo en última instancia conduce a la paz, por lo que les anima a perseverar en su fe.

El texto de hoy de Isaías sirve como fondo para parábola de la viña de Jesús. Isaías se dirige a su parábola a la gente como una palabra de juicio. Dios ha plantado una viña con gran cuidado en Israel. Incluso la ubicación, "una ladera fértil," tiene por objeto asegurar una buena cosecha. Él "sembró vides escogidas," después de la preparación del suelo; pero a pesar de todo esto, la viña sólo produce "uvas silvestres." Isaías advierte a los "habitantes de Jerusalén" que debido a "la viña del SEÑOR de los ejércitos es la casa de Israel" y han producido una cosecha indeseable, están a punto de enfrentar el juicio de Dios.

Jesús habla de un "propietario que plantó" y "arrendó a unos labradores." Este hacendado había hecho todo lo posible para garantizar que la tierra produciría una buena cosecha. Pero en su ausencia, los inquilinos se niegan a pagar el alquiler, y abusan de los funcionarios enviados a "obtener sus productos." Incluso su hijo no puede conseguir que paguen la renta; "lo agarraron, lo arrojaron fuera de la viña y lo mataron." Para la comunidad de Mateo estos labradores malvados representar a los que rechazan a Jesús: tendrán el reino "les quitaran a ustedes/y se los darán a un pueblo que produzca sus frutos." Al igual que la parábola en Isaías, la parábola de Jesús también nos desafía a "producir frutos" o encarar el juicio.

Para la reflexión: ¿Esta mi vida produciendo una cosecha deseable para Dios? ¿Cómo Dios me ha ayudado a ofrecer un rendimiento exitoso?

Intenciones de Oración del Santo Padre

Octubre 2023

Por el Sínodo

Oremos por la Iglesia, para que adopte la escucha y el diálogo como estilo de vida a todos los niveles, dejándose guiar por el Espíritu Santo hacia las periferias del mundo



Horario de los Coros

8 de Octubre	Seguidores de Cristo
15 de Octubre	Mensajero de Cristo
22 de Octubre	El Buen Pastor
29 de Octubre	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Clase de Bautismo: La próxima clase será en el Centro Familiar San José al 330-364-6661

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