Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 20, 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 17:8–13

2 Tm 3:14–4:2

Lk 18:1–8

Powerful, Persistent Prayer

Piece: *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, 1632
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn
Source: Wikipedia

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in delivering this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle of Rephidim.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says "Lord, Lord" to him. He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is actually "Our Father" who is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we're persistent in praying to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other goals?

Does God's apparent lack of response invite me to greater trust and perseverance rather than to question his goodness?

Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

2 Timothy 4:2

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Masses: Oct 22-Oct 27

Monday	7:30 am	Prayer/Communion
Tuesday	12:05 pm	†William Storemski
Wednesday	5:00 pm	†Ralph Harrison
Thursday	12:05 pm	†Jamie Wortham
Friday	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving(HAB)
Saturday	4:00pm	†Rayburn & Ida Higdon
Sunday	7:00 am	St. Joseph & St. John
Sunday	11:00 am	†Ness & Nellie Alvey

Confessions

Wed 4:30 pm
Sat 3:00 pm

Pastoral Council

Barbara Allen — Edna Duggins
Jim Cecil — Ann Marshall-Secretary
Jerry Clemons-Chair — Chris Nelson
Kirk Collard — Carolyn Thomason– Vice Chair
Billy Dallas

Stewardship of Finance

September 29, 2019 $4525.75
Outreach $167
Thank you for your generosity!
July 1– September 30, 2019
Total Income $89,500
Total Expenses $88,100

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	October 26—4:00 p.m.		October 27—7:00 a.m.		October 27—11:00 a.m.
L	Robin Embry	L	Kevin Collard	L	Alfreda Weedman
S	Zach & Ethan	S	Jacob & James	S	Jack & Canon
C	T.J. Dennison	C	T.J. Dennison	C	T.J. Dennison
C	Barbara Allen	C	Rita Grant	C	Eddie Clemons
H	Mary Decker	H	Joanne Johnson	H	Laquita Clemons
U	Dee Dee J./Ernie J.	U	Jerry C./Kirk C.	U	Ronnie R./Charlie C.
Gr	Johnny & Lynn Pierce	Gr	David & Amelia Thompson	Gr	Diane Lee/Susie Mattingly
Gi	Roger & Stella McClure	Gi	Patty Dudgeon/Rita Grant	Gi	Loura Ray/Deborah Sanders

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

430 St. John Church Rd, Sunfish, KY 42210
Website: www.stjohnch.org St. John Thrift Store 270-597-1038
Pastor Fr. Tony Bickett 270-863-1596

Pastoral Council

Nancy Farmer, Secretary	Joe Durbin
Barbara Fitzhugh	Shelia Durbin

Today
10:15 am Church History Video

Tue 5:00 on Rosary

OCTOBER
29 5:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

31 5:00 pm Eve of All Saint's Day

Pastoral Council: Our parish pastoral council will be meeting this Tuesday, October 29 at 5:30 pm. If you have anything you would like for us to discuss please let us know. You are also welcome to attend.

Saint John (1) St. John the Evangelist, our patron saint, is also known as Saint John the Apostle. He was a disciple of Jesus who never wavered his support for the Lord. He is the writer of the fourth Gospel, the Gospel of John and outlived all the other apostles.

Last Will and Testament: Continue to support God's Work after your death by leaving the church a gift in your Will.

Jesus is the answer to all our questions and the solution to all our problems.

Gift Shop: We have a few items at the office that you may want to stop by and see. These could be used yourself or purchased as gifts for someone. Items include: Crucifixes; an assortment of Bibles; Holy Water Bottles; Auto Visor Medals; Prayer Books; and Rosaries.

Stewardship of Finance

October 6, 2019	$501
October 13, 2019	$807

Thank you for your generosity!

July 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019

Total Income	$15,000
Total Expenses	$18,500($3,200 window)

Masses October 27
Sunday 9:00 am †Peggy & Sue Sims

October 27 9:00 am

Lector	Nancy Farmer
Server	Joe Durbin
Cup	T. J. Dennison/John A. Durbin
Host	Debra Durbin
Ushers	Dwayne F/Bill Duvall
Gifts	Julia Raymer/Sue K.
Greeters	Pam Hughes/Volunteer

St. John Prayer List: David Clark, Garrett Coates, Jack Coop, Laurie Dearing, Judy Dombrowski, Susan Drury, Carol Durbin, Elizabeth Durbin, John W. Durbin, Willie Durbin, Catherine Duvall, Wavey Durbin, Doug Farmer, Dorothy Fredrick, Goldie Hardin, Charlie Hayes, Cheyenne Keen, Joe Lonsbery, Steve Parker, Donna Probus, Vickie Ranburger, Zackary Scruggs, Chris Wolfe

Pope Francis: On a recent trip Pope Francis was asked if becoming pope had changed him. "My election as pope did not convert me suddenly to make me less sinful than before. I am and I remain a sinner. That's why I confess every two weeks."

St. John's Thrift Store & Food Pantry
301 N Main St., Brownsville, KY 42210
Store Open: Mon - Fri - 9 am - 2:30 pm
270-597-1038 Sat - 9 am - 1:00 pm
Pantry Open: Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am -2 pm

This Week at St. Joseph

Sun		**World Mission Sunday**
Mon	7:30 am	Prayer/Communion
Tue	12:05 pm	Mass
Wed	4:30 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Mass
	5:30 pm	Religious Ed
Thu	12:05 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	RCIA - Journey of Faith
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Council
Fri	7:30 am	Mass

NOVEMBER

1	**12/6 pm**	**Holy Day Masses**
2	**5:00 pm**	**Altar Society Chili/ Auction**

Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jamie Wortham who passed away. He is the son of Audrey Wortham. May he rest in peace.

Pork Chops: This Friday, October 25, St. Paul School will be having a pork chop dinner here at St. Joseph from 4:30—6:30 pm.

Food Drive: Once again we are participating in the 23rd Annual Food Drive entitled, "Harvest of the Heart" to assist the Grayson County Alliance Food Pantry. Please bring canned and boxed nonperishable food items to church by Sunday, October 27.

Pictorial Directory: Our new pictorial directory are here. If you had your picture taken by the Lifetouch photographers then your name will be on the front cover of the directories in the back of church. Otherwise you can purchase a directory for $10.

Happy Birthday: We want to wish Kim Smith a very Happy Birthday this Monday, October 21.

BIRTHDAYS

Jerri Johnston	10/20
Barbara Pierce	10/20
Brendan Sanders	10/21
Kim Smith	10/21
Sheila Cannon	10/22
Lincoln Embry	10/22
Charlie Corbett	10/24
Ruth Basham	10/25
Sam Hodges	10/25

ANNIVERSARIES

Charlie & Cathy Corbett	10/20
Rodney & Linda Borland	10/26

COMMUNION MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Nursing Home		Homebound
Jim Marshall	10/20-10/26	Joanne Johnson
Deacon Bob	10/27-11/02	Mary Pierce

St. Joseph Prayer List: Laska Anderson, Pauline Baker, Mary Beckner, Bonnie Blanton, Pat Boone, Jill Bradley, Rita Brandenburg, Carlene Braun, Glenn Braun, Doug Burden, Troy Burkhart, Alton Cannon, George Cannon, David Clemons, Mary Rose Coates, Nicole Moreland Cook, Anna Critchelow, Dana Cruze, Mary Davis, Tommy Deweese, Delbert Durham, Rose Durham, Ken Farris, Martha Gabehart, Carol Gatto, Dick Gatto, Sheila Gibson, **Linda Handzus**, Rick M. Harris, Mary Hayes, James Hibbard, Odelean Hill, Sandra Hill, Norma Hodges, Ricky Howard, Dean Jacobs, Don Jaggers, Loressa Johnston, Phillip Johnston, Sandy Johnston, Sharon Johnston, Jeraline Logsdon, Loretta Logsdon, Joseph Lyons Jr., Cadence Lyons, Ashlynn Masterson, Geraldean Mattingly, Jessica McKenzie, Bill Meredith III, Lamont Miller, Mary Jane Nelson, Carrie Norder, Judy Oller, Roger Oller, Mandy Egan Pierce, Janette Pierce, Tammy Powell, Spencer Ray, Sara Redmon, Stephanie Render, Tony Rishkofski, **Veronica Robertson**, Mary Enith Ross, Aaron Shull, Rebecca Sneed, Betty Stone, Jerry Teel, Dave Thompson, Michelle Vincent, Madelyn Whitworth, Damon Young, Briana Denise Zeitz

St. Benedict School Reunion: Oct 20 in basement of St. Benedict Church, Wax, KY Pot luck lunch will be after the 10:15am Mass. Everyone welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October. **World Mission Sunday** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. Today we called to recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries.

The first World Mission Sunday was observed 1927 to help Catholics recognize their common responsibility to evangelize the whole world. This year, Pope Francis reminds us that we too are called and sent forth to evangelize the world. This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be.

Generosity: Our parish is supported by the good works and generosity of our parishioners. Without your generosity, there would be no resources for ministries, no volunteers, and no funds for heat and light. Help St. Joseph Parish to grow by being a generous giver of your time, your talent and your treasure.

TEEN RETREAT

All high school and middle school students are invited to participate in a Catholic Youth Retreat at St. Joseph on Saturday, November 9th from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Meals and snacks will be provided. The youth will also be attending Mass during this event. The retreat is being conducted by the National Evangelization Team (NET) which is composed of 10-12 college aged Catholic youth from across the US. For more information contact Kim Smith, 270-589-1789.

St. Joseph Parish Hall Stained Glass Window: We are considering a stained glass window of St. Joseph with the child Jesus as seen below. The price is $3,197. It would go in the round window on the front entrance that faces main street and will be seen from both the inside and outside. If you would like to donate to this project, please let Fr. Tony know.

Pilgrimage: On the Sundays of October take a trip to Monte Cassino Shrine for the 2 pm rosary and prayer. The shrine is located one mile east of Saint Meinrad Archabbey along Indiana 62. For more information call (812) 357-6585 or (812) 357-6501 during business hours.

Sunday, Oct 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We're stronger together

Most things are easier when shared. We stick to the diet if our spouse commits to it. We exercise with more discipline if a friend meets us at the gym. Working late is less lonely if others in the office agree to put in the extra hours. Is it any wonder Moses can raise his hands in prayer longer if he has company in his exhausting vigil? As the church observes World Mission Sunday, we recall the great commission we share to bring good news to all the earth. Together, we can bring light to all the dark places.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8 (147). *"Aaron and Hur supported [Moses'] hands, one on one side and one on the other."*

Monday, Oct 21, 2019

Let's care about those who care for

This is Pastoral Care Week, first held in 1985 by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains to honor all spiritual caregivers. The celebration is an opportunity for everyone to recognize the ministry caregivers provide—in hospitals, prisons, businesses, military settings, healthcare settings, schools, and more throughout the world. This week is also a chance for chaplains and pastoral care counselors, educators, and providers to share their stories. Express your appreciation to the spiritual caregivers in your life, and visit spiritualcareweek.org for more resources on how to participate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). *"This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"*

Tuesday, Oct 22, 2019

People, get ready

If the Lord came today, would you be ready to meet him? Or would you want more time to align your life with his? Take these questions seriously because you never know what the day holds. If you feel out of whack with the Lord and too focused on things of this world, consider this prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola as a way to get ready: *"Take Lord and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will . . . . whatever I have you have given me; I restore it all to you and surrender it wholly . . . . give me only your love and your grace."*

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). *"Be ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."*

Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

To heal the past we acknowledge it

John of Capistrano (1386-1456), preacher, theologian, and Franciscan reformer, was also a leading proponent of the antisemitism that sadly has infected much of church history. During his era, Jews faced restrictions on where they could live and what they could own, were required to dress in a way that signaled they were Jews, and at times faced violent pogroms incited by fiery preachers such as John. As we acknowledge past shortcomings, let us remain vigilant to contemporary resurgences of intolerance in any form. The reform we need begins here and now, in our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). *"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

Thursday, Oct 24, 2019

Light your fire

In scripture, fire often signals God's presence, notably the burning bush Moses encounters and the tongues of fire that appear above the disciples at Pentecost. Fire also signifies a disciple's zeal for the faith. "An apostolic missionary must have both a heart and tongue ablaze with charity," said Saint Anthony Claret, founder of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order, better known as the Claretians. For the past 170 years, Claretian missionaries have spread the gospel message around the world, primarily through preaching and parish work, social justice advocacy, education, and publishing. The Claretian logo carries a flame to remind all Christians of their call to unceasingly expend themselves "to light the fire of divine love in the world." Take steps to flame the passion of your faith today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). *"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"*

Friday, Oct 25, 2019

Paul gets it

Who has not felt the anguish of Paul in today's first reading, unable to overcome his own vices? He's so disgusted with himself, he wonders, "Who will deliver me from this mortal body?" Although Paul hints that he'd like to be pure spirit, over and over our faith ties body and soul closely together, resting on the foundation that Christ became flesh. Our bodies may fail us, but they "are temples of the Holy Spirit." If your body has let you down through illness or sin, know that you keep company with Paul, and perhaps ask Paul's intercession. He understands.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). *"I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self."*

Saturday, Oct 26, 2019

Think about it

Catholics proclaim the Nicene Creed on most Sundays when we gather to celebrate the Mass. Spoken in one voice as individuals within a community, it is how we claim the core beliefs of our faith. With the final words, we profess belief in the holy, catholic, apostolic Church, and in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin. The final sentence is: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Here is the question: Do I *really* look forward to the life of the world to come?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). *"Lord, this is the people who longs to see your face."*

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Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 4:20–25
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday
OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday
OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 6:12–18
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday
OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Rom 6:19–23
Lk 12:49–53

Friday
OCTOBER 25
Weekday
Rom 7:18–25a
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday
OCTOBER 26
Weekday
Rom 8:1–11
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday
OCTOBER 27
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18
Lk 18:9–14

Dear Padre,

When and where did perpetual adoration develop?

Adoration of the Eucharist can be traced to the early centuries of Christianity, but the practice of perpetually adoring the Eucharist began most clearly in Europe after the Council of Trent (1545–1563).

An Austrian community of cloistered Benedictine nuns took vows of perpetual adoration in the seventeenth century. As the number of cloistered communities dedicated to perpetual adoration grew, the need arose to bring this devotion to the laity. By the nineteenth century, various practices of adoration of the Eucharist were established.

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By the mid-nineteenth century, French Saint Pierre-Julien Eymard started the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men to instill in the lay faithful the desire to honor and worship Christ in the Eucharist. Saint Pierre-Julien built churches dedicated to perpetual adoration and inspired many to make a holy hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

By the mid-twentieth century, the practice of perpetual adoration began to fade. With the renewal of the liturgy and the accent on the baptismal priesthood's role of justice in the modern world, many types of devotions waned, including devotion to visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

Saint John Paul II, however, revised the practice of perpetual adoration, and today parishes throughout the United States have special chapels in which parishioners are encouraged to spend at least one hour a week in adoration. Pious societies promote perpetual adoration as a way of giving praise and thanks to Christ.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself."

—Praise Be to You *(Laudato si')*, June 18, 2015

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