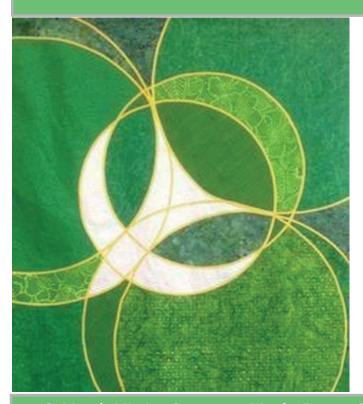
### Saint Mary's Church

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October 8, 2023 ~ The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:30PM St Mary Sunday 8:30AM St Michael Sunday 10:30AM St Mary Sunday 4:30PM St Michael

#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 9AM St Mary

Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm

Wednesday 9AM - St Michael

Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 AM St Mary Friday 9:00 AM St Michael

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 PM—4:15PM-St Mary Sunday 3:30PM -4:15PM St Michael Tuesday 2:00 PM—3:00 PM St Mary Wednesday 2:00 PM—3:00 PM St Michael (or anytime by appt. please call parish office)

#### St. Mary Parish Office

Monday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM Tuesday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM Wednesday - 8:00AM - 11:30AM Thursday - 8:00AM to 4:30PM

**St Mary's Mission Statement**: We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, by our baptism have become the People of God, dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a community built on faith and the sharing of individual talents, abilities and skills for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by prayer and the sacraments, we continue the mission of Jesus to reveal God's presence in all of human life.

#### Pastor:

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For emergency please call: 616.745.1409

#### Deacon:

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#### **Parish Secretary:**

Cathie VanGessel / secretary@saintmarysmarne.org

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dre@saintmarysmarne.org

**Director of R.C.I.A:** Jill Brown-616.677.3934 **Adult Bible Study:** Jill Brown-616.677.3934

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#### **Liturgical Minister:**

Gary Karr / 616.677.3934 / gkarr@saintmarysmarne.org

#### **Music Director:**

Dr. Bernie Stanko 616.490.3836 / berniestanko@hotmail.com

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Sharon Davis, Becky Warners, Vito Dolci, Geary Farrell, Doug Frantz

#### **Finance Council:**

Lisa Bradley, Jose Gomez, Todd Kline, Scott Lampe, Mel Northup, Brent Patterson

**Martha League:** Parish Office: 16.677.3934 (assistance with meals during illness or injury)

#### **Prayer Line:**

Parish Office 616.677.3934 or Linda at 677.3269 for evening requests call Darlene 616.453.0157 or email: bfa1414@vahoo.com

#### **Our Cluster Parish:**

St Michael's - 17150 - 88th Avenue Coopersville, MI 49404 616.384.4026 www.saintmichaels.us

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday Octob 4:30PM	† Fr. Mel Fox by The Knights of Columbus #11581 MA Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary	
Sunday Octob 8:30AM 10:30AM 4:30PM	† John VanDenBrink by The Merlin Steffes Family MI † Ken Zarbeck by M/M Gary Kary MA † Dale Konyndyk by Dave & Lori Hastings MI Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael	
Monday October	er 9 No Mass	
Tuesday Octobe 9:00AM	er 10  † Pat O'Connor by M/M Duane Perrin MA  Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm  Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary	
Wednesday Oct 9:00AM	tober II  † Merlin Steffes by John & Sue MillerMI  Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm  Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Michael	
Thursday October 12 9:00AM † Betty Oziemkiewicz by Marquita CampbellMA		
Friday October 13 9:00AM † John Laug by Ruth HeckselMI		
Saturday October 14 4:30PM † Sandy Klein by M/M John Riordan		
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30AM 10:30AM 4:30PM	† Jack VanderKlok by Kurt & Margaret Bouchard MI † Monica Zahm by M/M Joe Lothschutz MA † Alice Goll by Ruth Hecksel MI Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael	

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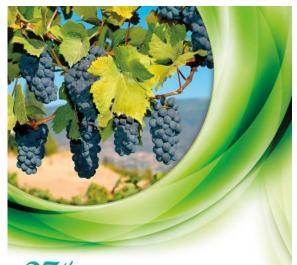


#### Scripture Readings For the Week of October 8, 2023

Scripture readings for the vices of October 0, 2025		
Sunday	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-	
	43	
Monday	Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and Saint John	
	Leonardi, Priest	
	Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37	
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:28-42	
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4	
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 &6; Lk 11:5-13	
Friday	JI 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26	
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	
	JI 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28	
Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5- 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt	
	22:I-I4 or Mt 22:I-I0	

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers		
	Oct 15 / 8:30 AM	Oct 15 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Lauren Meerman Peter Nielsen Kenzie Harker	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Carlson Chris Albrecht Paul Schmidt Kenny Harker Mark Phillips Cindy Lindberg NEED ONE	Ken Schwallier NEED ONE
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	NEED ONE
Sacristan	Jane Vitunskas	Jane Vitunskas
Ushers	Wade Lindberg Ed Irwin Curt DeVos Mary Bueche	NEED TWO
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers			
	October 14 - 4:30PM	October 15 - 10:30AM	
Sacristan	Need One	Gary Karr	
Altar Servers	MaKaelyn Britt Kassidy Britt	Lauren LeMieux Ty Ricord	
Precious Body	Deb Hapon Mary Kirkwood Julie Lothschutz	Jim Fritz Bruce Kamp Need One	
Precious Blood	Vito Dolci Kay Willcome Sara Patterson Ned Ome	Margie Jirous Christina Withers Janette Ney	
Hospitality	Jeff Schneider Need Three	Anthony Leale Nettie Leale Leonard Horter Need One	
Lector	Geary Farrell	John Klein	
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko	



27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

### **Cluster News and Community News and Events**

#### Fire & Ice Auction ~ October 14, 5:30PM

Divine Providence Academy, St. Catherine's campus is having their annual Autumn Auction, Oct 14th. This year's theme is Fire & Ice!

This event helps support our school! Advanced Tickets \$25.00 pp / \$30.00 pp after October 9.

Contact: Chelsea Lockhart at 231.855.6501



### Wedding Anniversary Mass Oct. 22 at IOAM Mass

Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew for this annual celebration. A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by calling your parish office.

#### Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Julia Delaney & Logan Brouwer

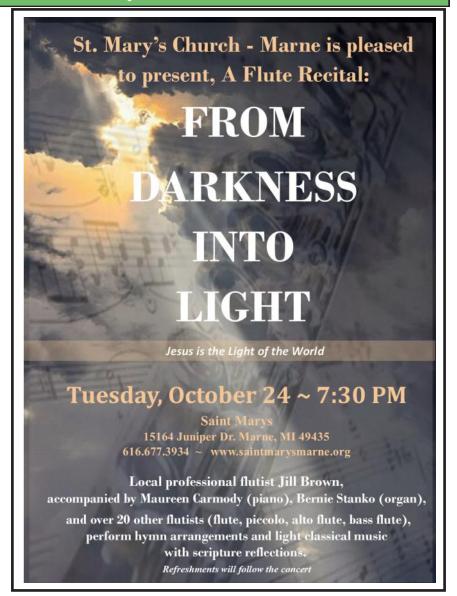
......April 13, 2024 (Cathedral of St Andrew)

Rachel Berg & Joseph Elenbaas

......September 21, 2024 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish

each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



#### Made for More with Christopher West Oct 17- 7-9:30PM -St Mary's - Spring Lake, MI

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive.

Learn more: <a href="https://www.stmarysl.org/made-for-more.html">https://www.stmarysl.org/made-for-more.html</a>

### Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Lansing Center

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Be encouraged and inspired to ignite your spirit and grow in faith with inspirational Catholic speakers, praise and worship music, and the celebration of Mass with the bishops of Michigan. Tickets: \$72.50; seniors (62+) and students, \$65. Learn more and reserve your tickets at michigancwc.org. Bus transportation is available from Grand Rapids and Spring Lake. Cost is \$15 (in addition to your conference ticket). Reserve your seat at rebrand.ly/mwc23bus

#### St. Mary's Parish News

#### **Religious Education**

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 10:30AM Mass.

Begins October 8.

All children pre-school through 2nd grade are encouraged to attend.

#### **Religious Education**

1st-7th Grade

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15-7:30pm

8th Grade -Confirmation Classes Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15- 7:30pm

Classes have begun, but It is not too late to register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### **Questions or comments:**

Please contact the Parish Office. 616.677.3934 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org

#### **Director of Religious Education -**

St Mary Marne is seeking a parttime director of religious education (DRE). The ideal candidate possesses a clear knowledge of the Catholic faith, is energetic, confident, self-motivated, has excellent communication skills, and is enthusiastic about forming our children in the Catholic faith.



This person reports directly to the pastor and is responsible for designing, articulating and implementing a comprehensive religious education program using the guidelines of the diocese. Coordination and collaboration with staff members and parishioners is crucial. Full Job Description here:

 $\underline{https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/join-our-team}$ 

Save the Dates	
Oct 24	Flute Recital - St Mary 7:30PM
Nov I	All Saints Day Mass - 6PM St Mary
Nov 3	Mass of Hope, Health & Healing St Mary 7:00PM
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Eve Mass, Grocery Collection 6PM St Mary
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day Mass 9AM St Michael

#### **Catholic Service Appeal 2023**

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ.

#### CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00

Total Pledges Made: \$45,230.00 (87%)

Balance: \$6,604.00

Participation: 119 of 292 Active Households (40%)

Totals as of August 29, 2023

Thank you for your stewardship

Please Note, if we do not reach the parish goal set by the diocese, the shortage will need to come out of our church operating account. Please help us reach our goal and send in your pledge card this week! If you have returned your CSA pledge card, thank you! If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible

#### **Congratulations**

Best Wishes and God Bless

#### Christopher & Marissa (McDonald) Barczak

who celebrated the sacrament of marriage here at St Mary's on October 7, 2023

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not Irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13:4-7

#### **Parish Directory**

**REMINDER..** Send in your picture today! . Please email a photo you'd like included to: secretary@saintmarysmarne.org or call the Parish Office to set up a time to come in and have your photo taken. More Info : 616.677.3934

### Knights of Columbus #11581 News

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus' activities and what they do to support our parish community, the surrounding area and the world, please contact Grand Knight: Rob Rander at: robrander82@gmail.com or come to a General Membership Meeting. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in Parish Hall.

Next Meeting - November 2 at 7PM at the Parish Hall.

#### Community Breakfast and Blood Drive - Oct 8

**Blood Drive** is 8:30AM to 1:00PM Sign-Up sheets are available in the Narthex or you can Register here:: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/149333



Community Breakfast
Breakfast will be served 9AM till noon.
The price will be \$8 for adults. \$6 for seniors
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Special Thanks to Tim & Teresa Sobie for their help with this raffle!

Tickets NOW on sale after all Masses! (only 300 tickets will be sold)





### Giving Back to God ~ Time, Talent & Treasure

Attendance at Mass: 4:30PM: <u>87</u> 10:30AM: <u>118</u>	Sept 30 / Oct I
Adult Contributions	\$4157.00
Children Contributions	\$6.00
Loose Contributions	\$154.00
Capital Improvement	\$625.00
Online Giving	\$2575.00
Total	\$7517.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5,481.57
Budget vs Actual to Date (since July 1)	(\$1361.62)

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#### St. Michael's Parish News



**Scrip News**— Scrip totals will be updated next week.

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**Please Join Us** — October 14, at noon, outside at St. Michael's Cemetery. We will be praying the rosary for our country, as part of America Needs Fatima. All are welcome, rain for shine.

#### St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—I I:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.

#### St. Michael's Faith Formation

It is time to register for Faith Formation. Attention families with children ages 3 through grades 8. Please register your child for Faith Formation. You can find registration forms on the parish website and forms are also located in the church narthex. Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616)384-4026.



Attention parents of 1st or 7th graders: 1st graders' Parents! Do you know of a child that is attending 1st grade at a public school this fall? Please have their families contact the Parish Office now so that we can be sure to sign them up for Wednesday night classes. If a child is anticipating receiving their First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation, they will have to complete one year of Catechism class prior to preparing for these sacraments in second grade. Do you have a 7th grader or know one? Confirmation preparation begins in the 7th grade. If you know a student in 7th grade this fall, please spread the word to their parents now. They can still attend Faith Formation class.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: program is offered on Sunday during 8:30 Mass. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. In today's Gospel we are reminded to open our eyes and ears to people who show us the way to God. A good way to do this is to follow the actions of good role models in the faith.

**Elementary Faith Formation:** The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:15-7:30 pm. Registration forms are in the back of church and on the parish website. **Classes have started, but it is not too late to join us.** Contact Debbie if you have any questions. (616) 384-4026.

**Middle School Faith Formation:** Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. **Classes have started, but it is not too late to join us.** 



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#### St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Brad Boerma, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Payton Patterson, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

Parish Directory — We will be updating our parish directory this year, and we want you to be included! This will be done in-house, by a parishioner at St. Mary's. Please email a photo you'd like included to secretary@saintmichaels.us or call the Parish Office to set up a time to come in and have Beki take your photo for you. This directory will be available online, only to parishioners with a password. There is not a "hard deadline" to turn in your photo, as it will be an ever-updating online directory. However, we encourage everyone to email their photos soon, if possible. Hard copies of the directory will eventually be available for purchase.

**Schedule Change** — The Parish Secretary will be out of the office this Friday, October 13. She will return Monday morning, October 16, at 9 AM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### **Knights of Columbus News**

Father Mike and the Knights of Columbus would like to honor our diocese as they proclaim October as the month to pray for vocations. We would like to substitute the prayer for vocations for the Saint Michael prayer following Mass in the month of October. It will be projected at the front of church to follow along.

Giving Back to God		
October I, 2023		
Adult Envelopes	\$4,733.00	
Loose Cash	\$208.00	
Children's Envelopes	\$30.00	
Total	\$4,971.00	
Building Fund	\$160.00	
Thank you for your continued support!		



# The Deople of God

id God reject Israel and replace the Jews with another chosen people? No! In the parable of the unfaithful tenants, it is not the vineyard (Israel) that the owner rejects, only those who were in charge of it. It is significant that when Jesus tells this story he is speaking to the "chief priests and the elders" and the Pharisees (see verses 23 and 45).

The chosen people were not rejected; they simply came under a new government: that of Jesus, the promised "Son of David" and "King of the Jews" who was destined to "reign over the house of Jacob forever." Jesus gave religious leadership to the twelve apostles, all Jews, who succeeded Jacob's twelve sons from whom the twelve tribes of Israel descended. The apostles then opened up membership in the new chosen people to the Gentiles without requiring them to take on the ethnic customs of the Jews. Membership became a catholic (universal) religious reality rather than a religious reality identified with race.

God did not reject the Jews or replace the chosen

people with anyone. Any gentiles who accepted the Good News also became Jews in the full religious meaning of that word, and heirs to all the religious history of Israel and all the promises God made to his people.

All Christians are Jews—not in the ethnic or racial meaning of the word because all distinctions based on race were abolished—according to the religious meaning of the word.

Membership in the chosen people was never just a matter of accepting the Scriptures in faith or of conscientiously keeping God's law as one privately underOCTOBER 8, 2023

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Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

stood it. There was never any such thing as a "private Judaism." To be a member of the chosen people meant you became a member of an organized people, following their laws and customs.

Jesus made a point of showing that he was not changing this. He chose twelve apostles to show a continuation with the twelve tribes of the new Israel. When Judas betrayed Jesus, the remaining apostles filled his place so that the number twelve would

> be complete. The Church neither replaced nor broke off from Israel. The Church is simply the continuation of Israel under a new government, enriched and transformed by the teaching and grace of Jesus Christ.

> Those who became members of the Church in the time of the apostles knew that they were accepting not only the teaching and grace of Jesus but also entering "a

chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9), organized according to religious rather than civil laws.

Christianity is not simply a philosophy, a doctrine or a movement; it is membership

in the People of God

We can no more reject "organized religion" and be Christian than we can reject all government and be citizens of any nation. Christianity is not simply a philosophy, a doctrine or a movement; it is membership in the People of God governed by Jesus the anointed king through his apostles and their successors. There was only one chosen people and there is only one Church, with varying degrees of membership.

For more Scriptural background on this, see Genesis 35:22; Matthew 2:2 and Chapter 27; 19:28; 21:23, 45; Luke 1:33; Acts 1:15-26 and Chapter 15; Galatians 3:28-29; I Peter 2:9; and Revelation 7:5-8; 21:10-14.

### REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

#### Twenty-Seventh Week of the Year

**Pray daily:** Almighty and eternal God, Father of the world to come, your goodness is beyond what our spirit can touch and your strength is more than the mind can grasp. Lead us to seek beyond our reach and give us the courage to stand before your truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday: Luke 10:25-37. A man was robbed while traveling. A priest and a Levite—a church worker—passed him by. "But a Samaritan traveler while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds... Which of these three...was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" How much of your compassion for others is based on racial or social bonding? In the Scriptures, to "have mercy" means to come to the aid of another person out of a sense of relationship.

**Tuesday:** Luke 10:38-42. "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing." What do you consider the most necessary item on your daily agenda? Would Jesus agree?

**Wednesday:** Luke 11:1-4. One of Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Who taught you to pray? Who might teach you to pray better at your present stage of growth?

**Thursday:** Luke 11:5-13. "So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you win find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." What do you ask for? What do you seek? Where do you knock? When?

**Friday:** Luke 11:15-26. Jesus said that every kingdom divided against itself will fall. What divides Christians? What brings them together?

**Saturday:** Luke 11:27-28. A woman from the crowd called out, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you." Jesus replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" Do you think it is enough to practice your religion by doing what you were taught? Is it essential that you personally reflect on God's word until you understand how to live it? When do you do this?

### LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

**As Christian:** Ask yourself what would change in your relationship (interaction) with Jesus if you gave up your relationship (interaction) with the Church.

**As Disciple:** In two columns list the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to an organized religion.

**As Prophet:** Make a list of the things you do because you are a Catholic which make you different from other Christians.

**As Priest:** Make a list of the things you do as a Catholic that give you something in common with other Christians and a sense of being one with them.

**As King:** Read the last thing written by your bishop, the successor of the apostles in charge of your local Church, and ask what you can do to put into practice what he is teaching.

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