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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

The Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 9, 2022 "Repent and Give Thanks" Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

The Gospel story opens with 10 leprous men who "lift up their voices saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.'" And the story ends with just one of these ten hearing Jesus' reply, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." This is a story that is bitter-sweet. Sweet, in that just one man gets it. And that's wonderful but bitter because nine didn't get it. Even today 90% of those who received the grace of God from Jesus Christ never made the connection between the miracle and the miracle worker, the healing and the healer, the gift and the gift giver.

St. Paul writes, "Now faith comes from hearing the word of the Lord." (Rm 10:17) And that's just how it happened for these ten men. All ten heard the Word of God from the mouth of God incarnate. And all ten believed the word they heard. How do we know they believed? Because "they went..." All ten did what Jesus told them to do. "Go show yourselves to the priests." For them, that was the only Commandment that mattered. Luke writes, "as they went, they were cleansed." All ten were cleansed. Healing came from Jesus, even before they got to the priest. Jesus, the new High Priest, who has not only declared us to be clean but has the power to make us clean, now nine of these men disappear from view.

Were they reunited with their families? The Bible does not tell us about it so we do not know. But one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks." But this one saw that much more than just his skin was restored. Here is a man who does not count his healing as the highest good, but the One who healed him. He doesn't boast about his miraculous recovery but about the One who rescued him. His

happiness for himself is overshadowed by his thanks to the One who saw him. He saw more than himself. His eyes were opened and he saw the One who had first seen them. And he could go no further with his new, non-leprous life until he turned back, which is the meaning of repentance. And as he turns back, he is praising God with a loud voice.

It is for all ten of these men that Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem. He will be cut off from His family, His friends, His world.

The sacrifice of atonement prescribed in the book of Leviticus for the cleansing of their leprosy would be carried out upon His skin and flesh. He will be crucified in Jerusalem. Their cleansing and restoration were just a preview of the greater cleansing and restoration that He was on this journey to effect for you and for me. By His cross, all of our leprosy, both physical and spiritual, ate Him up until He was unrecognizable. Isaiah saw it all. "His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance and His form beyond that of the children of mankind... as one from whom men hide their faces." (Is 52:14; 53:3). He took the leprosy of the world upon Himself for the sake

of every single one who is healed body and soul. And now, rather than sending you and me to see the priest, He invites you to come to Him, because He is the Priest. And you meet Him, not in Jerusalem but in your Baptism. And by this "washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit," He declares you and me to be clean, even holy as He is holy.

But only one turned back to give thanks to Jesus. "And he was a Samaritan." That is, he is not a believer like the nine Jews. Jesus' disappointment with the nine is the 'off-key' note that makes us cringe. "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities

SAT., OCTOBER 8	Weekday/BVM
Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †David Roncoli [Mary & Frank Cousino]
SUN., OCTOBER 9	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19 	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am 8:30 am Mass: †Eddie Walz [Elizabeth Beuerle] 10:30 am Mass: For the People Coffee Hour After each Mass KofC - FFH
MON., OCTOBER 10	Weekday/St. John XXIII, Pope
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32	12:10 pm Mass: †Duane Beuerle [The Beuerle Family] 3:30 pm Religious Education Classes K-8 - PC 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Loft 7:00 pm KofC Meeting - PC
TUES., OCTOBER 11	St. Francis of Assisi
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41	8:30 am Mass: In loving memory of Dad †Russ Aiuto [Kathy Cornell] 7:00 pm ENDOW Young Women's Group - FFH
WED., OCTOBER 12	Weekday
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46	8:30 am Mass: †Bud Jacob [Karl & Margaret Jacob] 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting- FFH
THURS., OCTOBER 13	Weekday
Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54	8:30 am Mass: †Eddie Walz [Elizabeth Beuerle]
FRI., OCTOBER 14	Weekday/St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7	8:30 am Mass: In loving memory of †Victoria Curley [John Curley Family]
SAT., OCTOBER 15	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †Joyce Stein [June & Walter Faubion]
SUN., OCTOBER 16	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am 8:30 am Mass: For the People 10:30 am Mass: †Duane Beuerle [Elizabeth Beuerle]

foreigner?" It is the pain of ingratitude that our Lord feels and expresses here. But He doesn't let the ingratitude of the nine deter Him from doing good and being happy on account of the one.

We have two great lessons from this, the first one is if we want to be disciples of Jesus, we should learn not only to be thankful; secondly, we have to develop the virtue of putting up with ingratitude. "Whoever wants to be a Christian must clearly understand the fact that all his good deeds, faithfulness, and service to others may end up in ingratitude and he must guard against letting that fact move him to quit doing good deeds and helping others. For it is a Christian virtue and true fruit of faith that, when you have done your best and people reward your kindness by criticizing you, you remain patient and respond by saying, 'No, I refuse to let you make me angry or surly. I shall simply put up with your ingratitude and keep right on helping people whenever I can. For I know someone in heaven above who will thank and reward me instead. And that will be far more gratifying to me than your gratitude would be.'"

Dear brothers and sisters, as we pray for the people of God and for all people according to their needs, we pray, "Lord in your mercy hear our prayer." Like these ten, we are not appealing to Jesus on the basis of some merit or worthiness either in us or in those for whom we pray, but solely on the basis of His love for us, solely on the basis of the love of the giver and not at all on the worthiness of the receiver. This account should make us examine ourselves. How do we respond to the love and care that our 'gracious and merciful' Lord bestows on us, day after day like the waves that break upon the shore? ❖

THE ROSARY IS BEING PRAYED 20 MINS BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS AND AFTER WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL ELECTION DAY FOR THE DEFEAT OF PROPOSAL 3. PLEASE JOIN US! #FIGHTLIKEHEAVEN

Need Help?

Alternatives to Abortion: Call (734)994-8863 or the 24-hour hotline 800-712-HELP or visit arbor woman.com/abortion/	"AA" group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.
"Courage" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	"Encourage" is a separate support group for the families and friends of 'Courage' clients. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202
"Project Rachel" (post-abortive reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org	For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

Please Pray for:	Bibian Sangster
Arlette Tieno	Gloria Blackelk
Bonnie Greenwald	Brandon and Jacinda Baxter
Jean Rose	Stephanie Rippe, (niece of Betty Cummings)
Melody Elder	Colonel Gary Dettling
Gregory Damian	Alba Pinzani
Claudia Damian	Delores Oakley
Walter Faubion	Andrea Mendoza
Charles and Mary Gaylord	Cindy Marie Remski
Michael Cummings	Janet Shurtliff
Rose Pratt	Luke Chisnell
Mike Gibbons	David Gaylord
Lee Ann Vitali	Danielle Lopez
Christine Baisden	Joe Schim and his family
Bobbie Muldoon	The Repose of the Soul:
Scott Sangster	†Joseph Quedraogo

Prayer Tree Note: Please let us know of any status updates regarding people who are being prayed for.

Parish and Area News

Coffee Hour This Weekend

Please join the parish family in the Fr. Fisher Hall after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses this Sunday. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee Hour.

Endow Small Group Begins New Season

Endow, a small groups study for women in their 20s and 30s, begins a new chapter and a new program. Starting **Tuesday, October 11th**, we will be studying and discussing Humane Vitae, Pope JPII's encyclical on human life. Endow aims to provide community and fellowship for young women, Catholic or non- bring a friend, a snack to pass if you feel like it, and join in the discussion (you'd be amazed at how much fun we have even with tough topics!) Meetings run from 7:00 to 8:30pm at St. Mary's in the Fr. Fisher Hall. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, so mark your calendars for Oct. 11th and 25th, Nov. 8th (vote then come hang out with us!) and 22nd, and Dec 13th (special Christmas party meeting!) and 27th. For any questions, contact Katie Gouwens at katierem@gmail.com.

Public Square Rosary Rally

On the 105th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima in 1917, please join us in praying the Rosary together in the Public Square at one of the locations listed below on **Saturday, October 15, 2022** from 12-1pm. Together we will pray asking Our Blessed Mother for the conversion of sinners and peace for our nation and the world. St. Francis of Assisi Church 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI Contact Pat To at patwto@yahoo.com for more information. Or at Michigan Avenue and Main Street, Saline, MI (on the sidewalk between Brecon Grill and Benny's). For more information contact: Suzanne Krisak at skrisak@peopepc.com or Rosemary Shugar at shugarland227@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars

Due to on-going difficulties with the power at the Parish Center, the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, October 19th**. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updates regarding the status of this event.

Talent Survey

Parish Council is aware that St. Mary's has been blessed with many talented and gracious parishioners that are willing to do anything they can to help the Parish. Therefore, we have placed survey cards at the end of each pew. We would like each of you to take the time to fill out the card and either drop it in the collection basket or give it to an usher after Mass. The cards will be available in the pews for 3/4 weeks, after that they will be available in the back of the church. On the reverse side of the card you will find a place to update your contact information. This information will not be shared, we are trying to update Church records and it will be used for Church purposes only. If at any time your contact information changes please fill out a new card.

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

The Church Choir will now have rehearsals in the choir loft at 7 pm. on Mondays: **October 10th and 24th, November 14th**. Christmas rehearsals will be Mondays: **Nov. 28th** at 7 pm, **Dec. 5th** at 7:15 pm, **Dec. 12th and 19th** at 7 pm, and **Sat. Dec. 24th** at 10:45 pm for Mass at Midnight on Dec. 25th. Please let Benjamin know if you have any scheduling conflicts.

Join 40 Days for Life

Brighton Pregnancy Help Clinic is working with the Diocese of Lansing Knights Councils and Ann Arbor Sidewalk Advocates for Life to purchase and put to use a mobile ultrasound unit for the Ann Arbor and Lansing areas, to reach abortion-minded women. We need a heated storage space in the Ann Arbor area to house the 29' Coachmen Pursuit RV. If anyone knows of a suitable storage area, which can be donated or rented out for this endeavor, please contact Kathy at safllannarbor@gmail.com or 734-678-2322. Thank you for supporting Life!

Altar Flowers

October 9, 2022

†Margaret Gauvin
[June Faubion]



Find more area news and events on the parish website: stmarymanchester.org



*St. Mary
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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
Sunday, September 25, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes(71)	\$5,220.00
Loose Cash & Checks.....	\$180.00
Welcome Envelopes(2).....	\$35.00
E-Giving	\$760.36
All Saints' Day	\$5.00
All Souls' Day	\$5.00

Weekly toward budget.....	\$6,205.36
Weekly goal.....	\$5,300.00
Amt. ABOVE goal.....	\$905.36

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Buildings & Maintenance.	\$210.00
Mission Appeal	\$500.00
USA Evang. Appeal	\$142.00
Poor Box.....	\$100.25
Votive Candles	\$33.00

Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:

1. For the Repose of the soul of †Joyce Stein (Carol Westfall & Lon Nordeen)
2. For the Repose of the soul of †Anna Brogley (Sam & Donna Hnizdor)

Parish Family Birthdays

Oct 8	George Kuboff
.....	Larry McGee
Oct 10	Daniel Burch
.....	James Sahakian
.....	Patricia Shafer
Oct 12	Pamela Wallace
Oct 13	James Fielder
Oct 14	Elaine Feldkamp
Oct 16	Amelia Woods

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



FOR SUCH A *time as this*

"Perhaps you have come to your royal dignity for just such a time as this."

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2022
9am-5pm
LANSING CENTER • LANSING, MI**

Register: WWW.MICHIGANWC.ORG