

## **September 5, 2010**

### **Mass Intentions:**

#### Sunday, September 12-

9:15 a.m.-Joe & Adele Hermes

#### Sunday, September 19-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased Members of  
The Joe & Cecilia Fikac Family

#### Sunday, September 26-

9:15 a.m.-Mass of Thanksgiving-  
Frankie & Lucille Klekar's  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

#### First Friday, October 1-

7:00 p.m.-Edwin & Selma Shimek

#### Sunday, October 3-

9:15 a.m.-Frank & Mary Matula

### **Rosary Leaders:**

Sept. 12-Lucille Klekar  
Sept. 19-Janie Fikac  
Sept. 26-Sandy Konvicka  
Oct. 1-Angela Hermes  
Oct. 3-Janie Fikac

### **Lectors:**

Sept. 12-Maria Hermes  
Sept. 19-The Joe Fikac Family  
Sept. 26-Anthony Matula  
Oct. 3-Dorothy Schneider

### **Cantors:**

Sept. 12-Richard Rouse  
Sept. 19-Emily Schimcek  
Sept. 26-Ruth Rouse  
Oct. 3-Lucille Klekar

### **Extraordinary Ministers:**

Sept. 12-Tony & Joyce Bludau & Mary Urbish  
Sept. 19-Leon & Nancy Etzler  
Sept. 26-Evelyn Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek &  
Richard Sommerlatte  
Oct. 3-Billy & Bev Hrcir & Patrick Pesek

### **Offertory Gift Bearers:**

Sept. 12-The Joe & Adela Hermes Family  
Sept. 19-The Joe Fikac Family  
Sept. 26-Mr. & Mrs. Garry Svetlik  
Oct. 3-Mr. & Mrs. Larry Svetlik

### **Altar Servers:**

Sept. 12-Erik Klekar, Kelton Koehne,  
Adam Hermes & Sterling Hrcir  
Sept. 19-Jacob Janak, Hunter & Kolby Janak &  
Joshua Bludau  
Sept. 26-Ross & Clay Rother, Samuel & Simon  
Machicek  
Oct. 3-Mikayla, John & Derek Konvicka &  
Alexius Mizera

### **Church Ushers:**

Sept. 12-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka, Charles  
Grafe & Gilbert Urbish  
Sept. 19-The Joe Fikac Family  
Sept. 26-Eugene Gillar, Robert Sciba, Alois  
Bujnoch & Richard Sommerlatte  
Oct. 3-Bubba Kocian, Scott Blaschke, Gilbert  
Mozisek & Marvin Bujnoch

### **Church Cleaners:**

Sept. 11-Barbara Matula & Monica Matula  
Sept. 18-Viola Konvicka, Vivian Mozisek,  
Joyce Bludau & Rita Migl  
Sept. 25-Susan Janak, Betty Bujnoch &  
Lucille Bujnoch  
Oct. 2-Bernice Schulte & Gerda Janak

**FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JOHN**

Religious Education Classes (C.C.D.) have begun. We thank our teachers for saying yes to sharing the Faith. We encourage our parents to help in whatever way they can and to make sure the students attend class regularly and follow the guidelines so they can learn as much as possible.

Adult Education Classes begin Tuesday, September 14. Fr. Tommy will be teaching a series of classes on Tuesday evenings aimed at refreshing all Catholics on the fundamentals of our Catholic faith. Classes will be conducted in the Sacred Heart Family Center from 7:00–8:30 p.m. each Tuesday beginning September 14. Please consider sacrificing a couple hours of your week to deepen your understanding and knowledge of our rich Catholic Faith!

RCIA begins in September. For those adults and teenagers who are not Catholic and are interested in joining the Catholic Church and for those adults who need to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Tommy to register to receive catechetical instruction.

**Our Gift to God:**

	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Envelope</u>
Aug. 1-\$152.00		\$530.00
Aug. 8-\$134.00		\$388.00
Aug. 15-\$134.00		\$438.00
Aug. 22-\$133.00		\$556.00
Aug. 29-\$ 90.00		\$359.00
Children’s Collection:	\$65.38	
Building Repair Fund:	\$1,033.00	

**Mass Attendance:**

Aug. 1—315    Aug. 8—250  
 Aug. 15—300    Aug. 22—295  
 Aug. 29—310

**Memorials to St. Mary’s Altar Society  
 In Memory of Joe N. Steffek**

Larry & Agnes Greer.....\$10.00

**Memorials to St. Mary’s Altar Society  
 In Memory of Ronnie Kanak**

Alan & Janice Rother.....\$ 5.00  
 Angela Hermes.....\$ 5.00  
 Robert & Florence Sciba.....\$ 5.00  
 Leon & Theresa Matula.....\$10.00  
 Margaret Konvicka.....\$10.00

**Memorials to St. Mary’s Church  
 In Memory of Ronnie Kanak**

Thomas & Linda Donnelly.....\$15.00  
 Larry & Judy Appelt.....\$20.00  
 Daniel & Shirley Steffek.....\$15.00  
 Tommie C. Zimmerman.....\$10.00  
 Kubena Funeral Home.....\$20.00

**Memorial to St. Mary’s Cemetery Fund  
 In Memory of Joe N. Steffek**

Daniel & Monica Matula.....\$20.00

**Messages & Announcements:**

Bulletin Sponsor: Stanley & Betty Bujnoch-In Memory of their Parents-Theofil & Emilie Bujnoch & Alfred & Lucille Ott

Donation to St. Mary’s Church:  
 In Honor of Tony & Jo Matula’s 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Marvin & Annette Grahmann...\$20.00

**Thanks** to Dexter Svetlik for donating \$500.00 to St. Mary’s Building Fund.

**Meeting Notices.....**

The Wied KJZT Society will be holding their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. @ Wied Hall.

The Wied KJT Society#43 will be meeting at Wied Hall on September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

**Ooops!!**

Correction to the St. Mary’s Picnic Auction Report.....A Baby Quilt was donated by Bernice Schulte (not Doris Opela) and sold for \$130.00. Sorry for the error.

## Financial Report for July 2010

### Income

Sunday Collection.....	\$2,536.13
Children's Collection.....	50.05
Other Church Donations.....	148.00
Hall Rental & Deposits.....	450.00
Refund from G.V.E.C.....	<u>149.66</u>
Total Income from July.....	\$3,333.84

### Expenses

Utilities.....	\$ 586.48
Health Insurance.....	870.97
Church Expenses.....	271.06
Hall Expenses-Supplies.....	346.37
Hall Expenses-Checking.....	160.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	521.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>130.25</u>
Total Expenses for July.....	\$3,561.13

Balance from June.....	\$4,169.33
Income from July.....	+3,333.84
Less Expenses for July.....	<u>-3,561.13</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$3,942.04

*Iquitos, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010*

*Dear St. Mary's Youth,*

*I greet you with much affection and hope that you have a good health. My family and I are very well. I'd like to tell you that I spent Saint John's Day with all my family and we went for a walk. We ate juanes and drank maize juice. We went to Saint John's square and I had fun in the mechanic games.*

*In the first bimonthly of school, I got good grades and now I'm striving more to get better ones. I want to thank you for all your help, for the book because I understand the homework*

*better; for the uniform because I look better with it and also for paying the school tuition. I'll thank you all the days of my life.*

*Dad is still working as taxi driver and mum sells things.*

*I say good bye with big hugs and kisses.*

*Your Sponsored child,*

*Jean Paul Anthony Montenegro Nunez*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Labor Day weekend doesn't appear as a celebration in the cycle of the church year. But Monday's holiday does affect a lot of what many people do this weekend. For some, three days off means the opportunity for a short trip out of town. Others may schedule a vacation for the week before to take advantage of the extra day off. Grocery stores have sales, highlighting products that can be consumed at picnics or prepared on outdoor grills. A holiday honoring labor becomes the effective end of summer for most folk.

Labor shows up in some interesting ways in the Scriptures for this weekend. The only time in the three-year Lectionary cycle that we read from Paul's Letter to Philemon comes this week. Paul is sending back Philemon's slave, Onesimus, who had run away. In the interim, Onesimus has become a Christian and, from Paul's view, a brother in the Lord to Philemon. So what is Philemon to do with this worker that he had owned? How was he to act?

The Gospel includes a description of the work of building a tower. Jesus compares the calculation of the work involved to that taking up the cross and being a disciple. When Philemon became a Christian he may not have understood that his life might change radically—that he was expected to deal in a new way with one of his slaves who became a Christian. At Paul's insistence, Philemon's adherence to the faith was requiring that he act differently from the society in which he lived. We are confronted with the same

situation as Philemon. In the workplace, in the market, in our leisure, and while on vacation, we are called to adhere to the faith just as we do in church on Sunday. That is the real work we have, and it is not always an easy job. We don't have to carry Jesus' cross, but we do have to carry our own.

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## One Minute Meditations

### Time to pray

Life can be so busy that it becomes impossible to find time to pray; we may have to make time to pray.

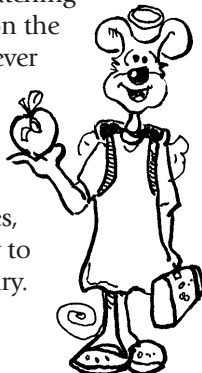
If we make time for God, he will help find the time we need for everything else.

### Face forward

Continually reliving the past prevents us from looking ahead with hope. Follow St. Paul's example: *"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

### Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if *"... you yourself a sword will pierce"* (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross. If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to pray to Mary.



## Are you trying for perfection?

Society tells us that the only way to be truly happy is to have the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Otherwise, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

**God's way leads to perfection.** Adam and Eve were in

Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

**Only God loves perfectly.** Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to loved ones will lessen their love. The more perfect we become, the more they'll love us. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or

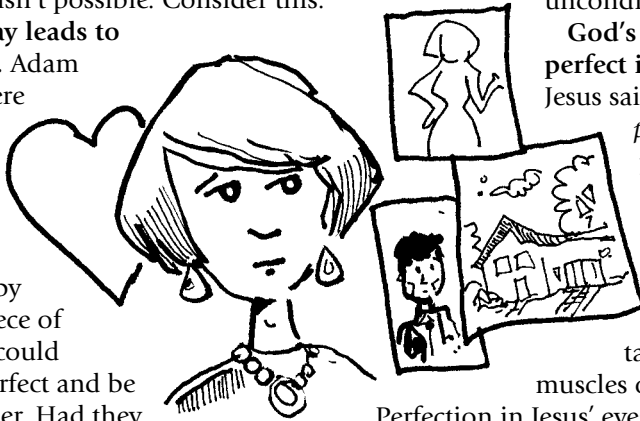
lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's

unconditional love.

**God's idea of perfect is possible.**

Jesus said, *"... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes.

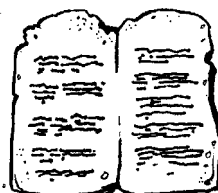
Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics follow the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments were originally given by God to the Israelites at Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. The Commandments are moral laws God established to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life and law, so Jesus



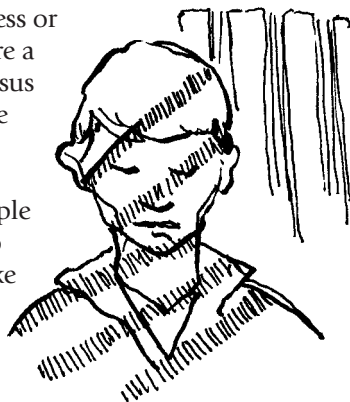
followed them, too.

Although God gave them to the Israelites, the Commandments are now the standards of holiness for Christians, too. Jesus summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40 and encouraged us to follow them, too.

## Visit the sick or imprisoned

People who are homebound due to an illness or disability and those who are imprisoned share a sense of isolation from their communities. Jesus knew of the suffering such isolation can cause and asked that we visit those who are sick or imprisoned.

**Visit the sick.** "I bring Communion to people who can't come to Church," said Rich. "I also bring a parish bulletin so they can still feel like they're part of the community. For some, I may be their only visitor that day." Look around your neighborhood or ask your



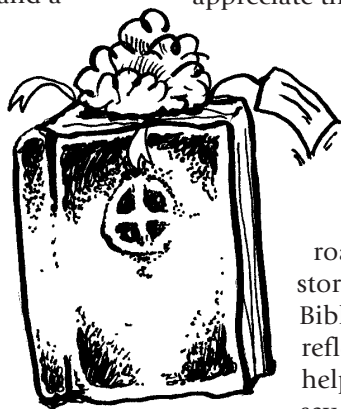
parish office for someone who is home-bound who might appreciate your attention.

**Visit the imprisoned.** "When my uncle spent time in prison, we visited him often and saw how much he appreciated staying connected," said Margie. Simple acts can make a big difference to someone behind bars. For example, donate Bibles or other Catholic reading materials. Or, collect used books and magazines from friends and neighbors and give them to prisoners. Drop off prayer cards or encouraging notes.

### from Scripture

#### Luke 16:19-31, Don't ignore God's gift.

This is the story of a rich man who enjoyed his life on earth, and a beggar who suffered right outside his door. After death, their positions reversed and the rich man suffered torment. The rich man was not condemned because he was wealthy. His sin was ignoring his God-given responsibility to his neighbor. He knew what Scripture and the prophets told him of God's expectations for us, but he did not live his faith.



What a pity that we don't always appreciate the gift God has given us in the Scriptures. The key to happiness in this life and the next is contained in its pages. Taking God's word for granted can lead us down the same road as the rich man in the story. Instead, reading the Bible every day and reflecting on its messages help us learn what he has to say and how he wants us to live our lives. That will lead us to our heavenly home.

### Q & A What's the proper way to show reverence before I receive Communion?

In days past, we approached the altar, knelt at the altar rail and received the host on our tongues. That was prescribed as a posture of reverence to show respect and adoration for the Body and Blood of our Lord.



Today, the bishops in the United States have decided that we should approach the altar and stand to receive Communion. When we approach, we are to bow our heads as a gesture of reverence before we receive the consecrated host from the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister.

Today we can receive the host either on the tongue or in the hand. To receive in the hand, we place one hand, palm up, on top of the other to form a "throne." We can also receive Holy Communion in the form of precious Blood. When Holy Communion is offered under both kinds we repeat the bow of our heads before receiving each one.

Genuflection is appropriate at other times. For example, we should genuflect before the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament.

### Feasts & Celebrations

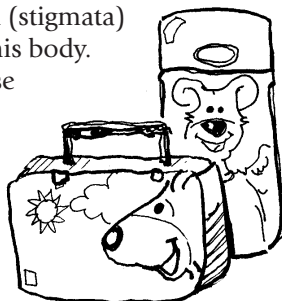
**Sept. 8 -- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Tradition says Mary was born after her parents, Anna and Joachim, had been married more than twenty years without children. Mary's birth brought her parents joy. We are joyful, too, because Mary brings salvation to all of us through Jesus' birth.

**Sept. 16 -- St. Cornelius (253).** Despite a Roman decree outlawing a new pope, St. Cornelius was secretly elected and bravely led the Church during a difficult time. He modeled forgiveness, embracing people who renounced their faith under the

persecutions but sincerely repented afterward.

**Sept. 21 -- St. Matthew.** Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.

**Sept. 23 -- St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1968).** Eight years after he became a Capuchin Friar, the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) appeared on his body. Despite intense personal and physical suffering, he remained dedicated to prayer.



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