

October 4, 2009: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” — Mk 10:7-9
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, October 4, *Respect Life Sunday* (Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Mass of Thanksgiving – Tommy & Evelyn Dornak’s 51st anniversary

Monday, October 5 (Jon 1:1---2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37)

7:00 am- Henry Jones
10:00 am- Maggie Volcik (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, October 6, *St. Bruno, Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher* (Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42)

7:00 am- Robert & Julie Grahmann

Wednesday, October 7, *Our Lady of the Rosary* (Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4)

7:00 am- V. L. & Rose Rainosek
8:05 am- Dorothy Petru

Thursday, October 8 (Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13)

7:00 am- Mary M. Vana
10:00 am- Willie Holik & Bonnie Grahmann (Stevens)

Friday, October 9, *St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi* (Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26)

7:00 am- Frances Honish
8:05 am- Carl Haas

Saturday, October 10 (Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28)

5:30 pm- William Riley & Reese Manning
Sunday, October 11, *Vocation Awareness* (Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27)

8:00 am- Czech Heritage Society
10:30 am- Gertrude Appelt & Mike Garcia

Bulletin Sponsor: Stevens Nursing & Rehab Center

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of James Grahmann

Vigil Light: In memory of Megan Hamid by Stephen, Ashley & Ainsley Grahmann

Our Gift to God: Envelopes- \$4,970; Needy Priests- \$87; Catholic Ed.- \$765; Church Endowment- \$95; School Endowment- \$228; Loose- \$851; Children’s- \$87

Anniversaries:

Tommy & Evelyn Dornak	51 years	Oct. 4
Walter & Betty Hemmi	59 years	Oct. 4
Franklin & Wilma Stary	50 years	Oct. 4
Bennie & Beverly Machac	35 years	Oct. 5
Royce & Irene Schulte	53 years	Oct. 6
Bill & Virginia Curley	59 years	Oct. 7
Jimmy & Sarah Gutierrez	50 years	Oct. 7
August & Josephine Janak	55 years	Oct. 9
Herbert & Georgie Etzler	59 years	Oct. 10

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice are in honor of Royce & Irene Schulte’s 53rd wedding anniversary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Blood Drive, 8:30 am – 12:30 p.m., Family Center.
- Mandatory Confirmation meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.
- Sacred Heart Church, Flatonia. Turkey Dinner 11 am.
- Holy Rosary Church Picnic, Hostyn. Mass 10 am.
- St. Roch Church Picnic, Mentz. Mass 10 am.
- Holy Cross Church Picnic, KC Hall, Bay City.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- Blessing of animals, 3 pm, in front of Sacred Heart School.
- JCDA meeting, 3:45-5:00 pm, Family Center. Bring a baby item for the Gabriel Project. For questions, call Shanna Clark 798-9189 or Amy Shimek 798-9116.
- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.
- Women’s ACTS Mtg, 7:00 pm, Yoakum Family Center.
- KC’s General Meeting, 8:00 p.m., KC Hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study, 6:30 p.m., Mary’s House.
- Right to Life Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rectory.
- Divine Mercy Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg, 7:30 pm, KC Hall.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Champs meet at 3:00 p.m., Youth House.
- Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.
- Our Lady of Victory Festival, Victoria Community Ctr.
- St. Anthony Fall Festival, KC Hall, Columbus.
- St. Robert Bellarmine Fall Festival, KC Hall, El Campo.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Raymond Dornak, Bill Bludau, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenka, Louise Tesch, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, nursing home residents & homebound.

Promise of Marriage: Chris Rainosek & Kimberly Bradbury on Oct. 10.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Stazie Jurena* of our parish family; and, *Margaret Ann McClaren*, mother of Linda Donnelly. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

From the Desk of Father John

Today is Respect Life Sunday. We are reminded to pray for a greater respect for human life from conception to death. Let us pray especially for a decrease in abortions.

On October 4, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We are reminded of his great love for animals and how we are to treat God's creatures with care.

October is the month of the Holy rosary. We pray this special prayer thoughtfully and prayerfully as we meditate upon the various mysteries in the life of Jesus and of the Blessed Mother. October 7 is the official Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was established by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the victory at Lepanto on October 7, 1571. It recalls the rosary and its meditation on the mysteries of Christ and our salvation.

Continued from the Christian Mothers Newsletter...

Conduct of the children that Jesus Christ would not approve of must be nipped in the bud: selfishness, anger, hatred, envy, gossip, laziness with diligent, reasonable and timely correction.

The family of a Truly Christian Mother must learn to take their meals together whenever possible. By their example and instruction children should learn to eat properly to stay in good health with suitable exercise. Learn to laugh, relax and share with one another. They must be taught to do their fair share of work. Everyone in the family should aim to get 7-8 hours of sleep each day. There is no substitute for sleep.

Christian Mothers must take an interest in their children's education in religion as in secular studies. If the TV and internet is used selectively, wisely and well, they can be useful tools for instruction. Supervision of the children's books and music and CDs and DVDs in the home is an absolute necessity.

A good mind in a healthy body with a pure heart must be the goal of every truly Christian Mother for their children. She will teach them what is right and what is wrong, what is to be believed and what is not to be believed and what is acceptable and what is not acceptable, what is blessed by God and what is an abomination before God.

Motherhood is indeed a full-time job.



The Youth ConneXion



October 11: Champs meet at 3 pm in the Youth House.

October 11: Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Youth gathering at the Youth House after Firefall.

Music Practice: Mondays, 4:00-5:30 pm, Youth House.

Parish Directory (Linda Pavliska 798-3253): Photography sessions for the directory are finished. If you were unable to have a picture taken for the directory & want to be included, you may bring a photo to the Rectory. If the pictures you ordered were damaged in shipping, please bring them to the Rectory. They will be returned to the company for replacement.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

October 4: Mandatory Confirmation meeting, 6 pm in the Cafeteria for all Juniors. At least one parent of each student must also attend.

October 18: Penance Commissioning & Workshop, 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~~ 798-4251

October 5: Band parents meeting, Band Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Band Hall Wish List: Items needed for our new band hall: 50 Band Stands - \$31 ea.; Band Chair Move & Store Cart - \$350; Band Stand Move & Store Cart - \$450. Donations may be dropped off at the school office or rectory.

Welcome to the parish: Shawn & Jodi Blaha, children Connor & Carter; Cody & Kim Courville; Charles & Robin Koncaba, children Raegan & Weston.

September Baptisms: Ainsley Paige, daughter of Stephen & Ashley Grahmann; Harlee Ann, daughter of Ryan & Amy Sevcik.

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One of the truisms of statistics is that they can be manipulated to show whatever the person doing the report wants them to show. On the subject of divorce, those who speak out against marriage love to cite that half of all marriages end in divorce, therefore the sacrament must not be worth the pain that may ensue with divorce. But according to the US Census Bureau, the divorce rate in this country has dropped to its lowest level in nearly forty years, while the marriage rate remains constant. There is always hope!

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the Pharisees posed a question to Jesus in hopes of catching Him teaching against the laws of the time, a punishable offense. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce a wife?" they asked. Knowing their intent, Jesus allowed them to answer their own question by admitting that Moses had decreed divorce allowable. This gave Jesus the opportunity to remind all who would hear that a marriage between a man & a woman is a sacred bond not only between the two but also with God. Given this opportunity, Jesus explains that no human can overturn an act of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that at the very beginning of the sacred Scripture, God reveals His plan for us in marriage in the creation of a man & a woman for each other; & at the end, we are given the vision of the wedding-feast of the Lamb (CCC 1602). Moses realized that among the people, there were hearts that did not possess or accept the sanctity of marriage, therefore he allowed for divorce. But while Jesus acknowledged this, He asked us to understand the sacrament & to do all that we could to preserve it. 2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

Military Photos: If you have a family member serving in the military & would like to have them included in our parish directory, please bring a photo to the Rectory with **rank, name, branch of service & where stationed.**



Please pray for the continued blessing of rain!

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One Minute Meditations

Silence of the heart

Jesus often went off to be alone with God in quiet. Take some time each day just to keep company with God. Even as few as 10 minutes will help keep you connected to your loving Father. "In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Blessed (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta

Ignore more

Ever notice how good it feels to walk away from a fight? Jesus knew that when he said, "When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well" (Matthew 5:39). He wants us to make a point of ignoring slights or insults, even if they sting. Next time you feel annoyed or hurt, turn your cheek and walk peacefully away.

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).



Father knows best

After months of unemployment, Tony was glad to find a job but was disappointed that it paid considerably less and had poorer benefits than the old one. Ashley and her husband had their hearts set on buying a beautiful house in their favorite neighborhood but the financing fell through and they ended up with a smaller house on the other side of town. What happened to the power of prayer?

Our way isn't God's way. God always listens to our prayers but he doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Yet we know no one is more qualified

to lead us than the creator of the universe. We must trust his way.

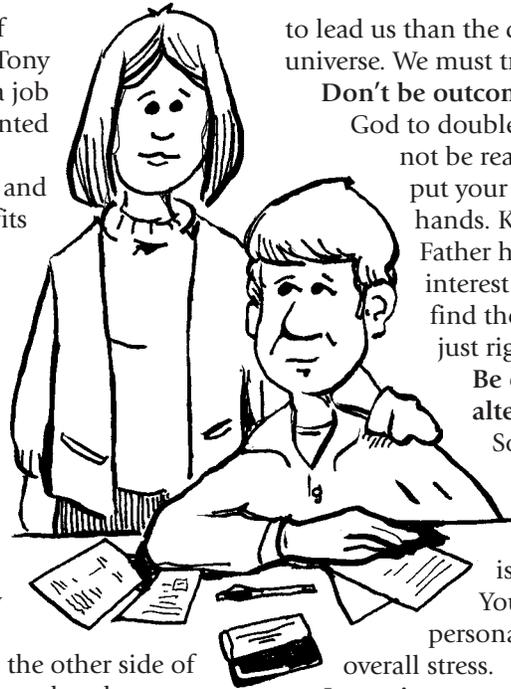
Don't be outcome specific. Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that your Father has your best interest in mind and will find the solution that is just right for you.

Be open to alternatives.

Sometimes taking a different job or buying a less expensive home is the better choice.

You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

Let scripture speak to you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).



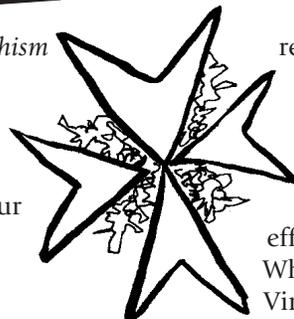
Why Do Catholics Do That?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), a virtue is "an habitual and firm disposition" to do good. Virtues help us control our passions and guide our behavior to help us live morally good lives.

Four virtues that the Church

What is human virtue?

recommends as necessary for a moral life are: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. These are called the Cardinal Virtues and they are acquired by effort and determination. When we practice the Cardinal Virtues, we freely practice the good God asks of us.

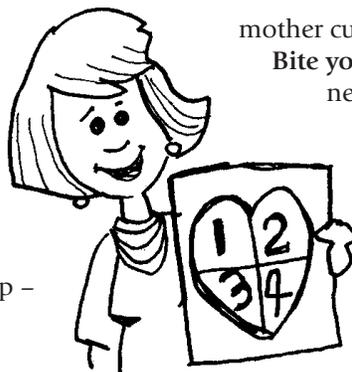


Four ways to show love

Making a practice of acting with kindness and love can make a difference to the people in your life. Try these ideas:

Be empathetic. Try looking at life from someone else's view. For example, service may be slow but perhaps the clerk is tired from nursing a sick child or working a second job. Instead of complaining, be friendly.

Put others first. Notice when others need help – no matter how minor. Hold the door open for someone disabled or infirm. Let the harried



mother cut in front of you in the grocery line.

Bite your tongue. You can't take back a critical or negative remark. Instead, find something positive to say or say nothing at all.

Offer your gifts. Make a list of what you do well and figure out how to use your gifts for others. Can you play the piano or guitar? Perform at a nursing home to cheer up the residents. Are you a good cook? Bring dinner to coworkers or neighbors. Don't expect thanks or rewards.

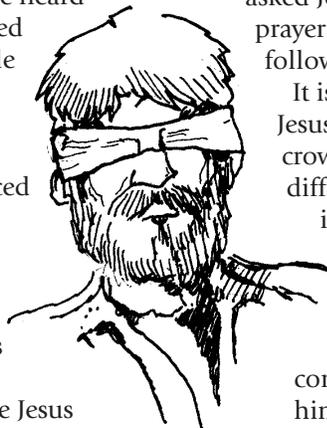
from Scripture

Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard that Jesus was near he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed and called him over.

Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus' side. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Jesus.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's gospel to



call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as his disciple.

It is this profound trust that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd – and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in a secular world can blind us to the joys of following Jesus. Try to approach Jesus with excitement and confidence. When we trust him as Bartimaeus did, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.

Q & A

What does the "Year for Priests" mean to those who aren't ordained?

Celebrating the "Year for Priests" is a way to learn about the priesthood, to encourage vocations to the priesthood, and to honor the priests who care for us. Being a priest involves great personal sacrifice and commitment.



A priest gives his life in service to the Church.

First, consider offering a special prayer for your priest every day, and encourage others to do the same. Then tell him you are praying for him. Your prayers will sustain him in tough times.

Second, the most important thing you can do for your priest is to come to Mass every weekend. Do what you can to help your parish grow. Attend parish events and support your parish financially.

Finally, remember that your priest is human and may occasionally need your understanding. Respect his day off, forgive his mistakes, avoid imposing unrealistic expectations on him. Show appreciation by sending an encouraging note or leaving a positive message on his voicemail.

And don't forget to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. Praying the Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection and invokes Mary's powerful intercession.

October 14 – Pope St. Callistus I, (223). Callistus was a Roman slave who was jailed for losing his master's money. After his release, he became superintendent of Church land and was ordained a deacon. Known for his merciful treatment of sinners, he was elected pope but was opposed for 18

years by an antipope, creating great division in the Church.

October 16 – St. Hedwig (1243). Born to the Duke of Croatia, Hedwig was given in marriage at age 12 to Duke Henry of Silesia, the head of the Polish Royal family. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, hospitals, and monasteries. After his death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun but didn't take vows so she could spend her fortune on charity.



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