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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2024

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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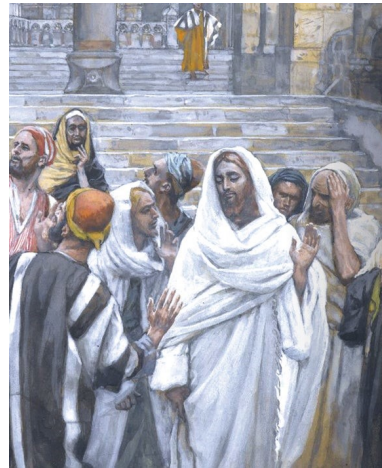
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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Oh God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MESSAGE SERIES

We struggle with having enough or being enough. We wonder if we have done enough at work. We wonder if we have invested in our kids enough to set them up for success. We wonder if we will have enough money for retirement and our futures. We live with a sense that we are not doing enough but not sure what enough is. We just live with this vague sense that we don't have enough and are not doing enough or are good enough. Is there a way to be content and satisfied? Is there a way to know we have done enough and so we can rest? In this five week message series we will look at knowing when enough is enough.

Week Five: Enter into Life

Scripture: Mark 9:38-43

We all wrestle with being good enough. We worry that we are good enough for God or good enough for others. In this final week of our message series we will look at how we are enough in Christ and that even the smallest tasks done in his name bring us joy. Being good enough based on our performance and how much we have achieved is a recipe for frustration and failure. Being good enough is not about doing more, but about being in Christ and having the right motivation. Jesus invites us to enter into life by accepting him like a little child and finding joy in following his way.

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 28th, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) Casey & Sophia Cain (Mom)
5:30p.m. (SJ) + Patricia Cervelli Birthday deceased (Family)

Sunday, September 29th, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Bruno, Bernice, Louie & Mike Maffe (Shelia, Tom, Casey, Megan, Gracyn & Berkeley)
11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Monday, September 30th, St. Jerome

6:00p.m. (SJ) + Roger & Lois Farrier (Daughter)

Tuesday, October 1st, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00a.m. (SM) + Dale Louda Birthday deceased (Wife ~ Irene)

Wednesday, October 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angel

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Eddie Oboy (Family)

Thursday, October 3rd

8:00a.m. (SM) + Joseph & Patricia Padyjasek (Carla, Larry, Carissa & Christopher Tedeschi)

Friday, October 4th, St. Francis of Assisi

8:00p.m. (SJ) + John & Ann Farrier (Granddaughter)

Saturday, October 5th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Times

4:00p.m. (SM) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Audrey Johnson (John & Wanda Vasey)

Sunday, October 6th, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Times

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Gene Benedetta 17 years deceased (Ray)

11:00a.m. (SM) + Helen Hores (Grandchildren)



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzal, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall,

Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook



Weekend of October 5/6

St. John's:

Oct. 5th EM: K. Ball **Lector :** S. Homer

Oct. 6th EM: C. Flowers **Lector :** L. A. Bennett

St. Mary's :

Oct. 5th EM: L. Gates **Lector :** S. Ferrelli

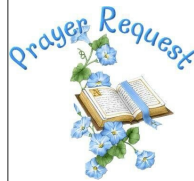
Oct. 6th EM: T. Mowery **Lector:** M. Kernik

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of September 21/22

St. John's Adult (66env) \$1,847, Loose \$285, Imm. Heart Fund (2env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (2env) \$35, Grade School (1env) \$10, Building Fund (2env) \$50, Candles \$100

St. Mary's: Adult(35env) \$845, Loose \$142, Imm. Heart Fund (7env) \$89, Building Fund (5env) \$220, Candles \$85.60



PRAYER LIST

Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following:* Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, , Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Baby Everett Sommers, Steve Kiss Jr., Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Ed and Rose Grammar, Susan Gray, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Tom Galinski, Barney Wiley, Susan Vasey, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich Beau Boston, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Susy Sands, Laine Castello, Kay Bambek, Peg Stipetich, Mike & Barbara Marling, David Sechrest, Elaine Patt, Chuck Taylor, Connie Futey, Rebecca Brown, Pam (Schau) Mitchell, Paula Houston, Fr. Chapin, Brian Lawver, Charla Anderson, Brody, Braden, Lindsey & Travis Beckett, Jane Vasey, Trey Nelms, Michelle (Tamborlilo) Glover, Joey Sabinsky, Brian B., Jaime Ellis, Roger Peters, Nina Mahan, Mary Siglar, Anthony De Genova, Jerry Kinney, Andrew Weaver, Adam Ruskowski, Jeff Doneson, Joe Budrevich, Rudy Bresiger, Cathy Ciulles, Warren Wright, Rich Price, Ellen Oboy, Marlyn Marling

ITALIAN DINNER



St. Frances Cabrini CWC in Colerain will have their Italian Dinner October 13th from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for two, children 6-12 \$8, 5 and under are free. Includes: Pasta with meatballs, salad, Italian bread and a beverage. There will be theme baskets, 50/50 raffle & a silent auction.

Donations to St. John Church

The Urn planters in our new landscaping outside the St. John's rectory were graciously donated by Jim & Lynne DeVendra.



Our celebration of St. Michael
 Last week our bulletin described events celebrating St. Michael that we going to happen THIS weekend. However, I realized too late that I had made plans to go to Georgia and take part in a Men's retreat with my younger brother, Luke. So, we will be pushing back our celebration of St. Michael to next weekend! Join us next Saturday, October 5, 10:00am for a Eucharistic Holy Hour, and next Sunday, October 6 at 6:00pm for "A Celebration of the Angels" with Evening Prayer at St. John's Church. St. Michael the Archangel, prince of the heavenly hosts, heavenly patron for St. John and St. Mary parishes, pray for us and defend us! We remember and celebrate the legacy of St. Michael Church in Bellaire, founded in 1907 and closed on March 22, 2009.

Respect Life Sunday

Next Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. I hope you can join us for the Life Chain!

TOPS Weight Loss Group

The weight loss group TOPS (take of pounds sensibly) is meeting every Wednesday morning at 9am in St. John Hall. Anyone interested in joining this group can call Jeannie at 740-676-0974 or Jo at 740-676-6262. Men and Woman are both welcome!



Book and Bake Sale

The Women of St. Mary's Church in St. Clairsville are having a Book and Bake Sale on Thursday, October 3rd & Friday, October 4th, from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Donations of books and baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Drop - off times for books are Wednesday, October 2nd & Thursday, October 3rd from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Baked good may be dropped off Wednesday - Friday. Any questions please contact Helen Vascura (740-695-5782), Linda Vicker (740-695-9477), or Anne Farnario (740-338-7178)

This Week

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m. -10:45a.m. Family Faith Formation (SM)
 6:00p.m. Evening Prayer Honoring Angels (SJ)
Tuesday: 9:00a.m. -5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 11:15am BFC Mtg (CC&T)
 1:00pm Mass (SCC)
 6:00pm Ladies Night Out (Waterfront Hall, Wheeling)
Wednesday: 5:30pm Caring Crafters (SJ)
 7:00p.m. OCIA (SJH)
Thursday: 5:30pm Holy Hour of Reparation
Friday: 3:00 Blessing of Pets (St. John Rectory)
Saturday: 10:00 Holy Hour in Honor of St. Michael
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:30am Family Faith Formations (SM)
 2:00-3:00pm Life Chain (Bridgeport)
 6:00 evening prayer Honoring Angels (SJ)
 Respect Life Sunday



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast.

But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



STAND WITH US FOR LIFE!

Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 6, 2023 2:00—3:30pm
 Gather for Prayer at 2:00pm, Line the sidewalks 2:30pm-3:30pm
 Bridgeport Fountain
 (Intersection of Rt. 40 & Rt. 7)

Rain or Shine—We have Signs for you
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ST. MARY CENTRAL 11TH ANNUAL TIGER TROT FUNDRAISER

Student walk-a-thon Friday, October 18, 2024 in the school parking lot/playground. Please pick up a Sponsor sheet! Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Drop off Sponsor sheets in the collection basket at Mass or mail to St. Mary Central School, 24 North 4th St., Martins Ferry, OH 43935. Questions? Call (740) 633-5424



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dolores Matuska**. We offer our prayers also for the her loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of September 29, 2024



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 6, 2024

First Reading:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

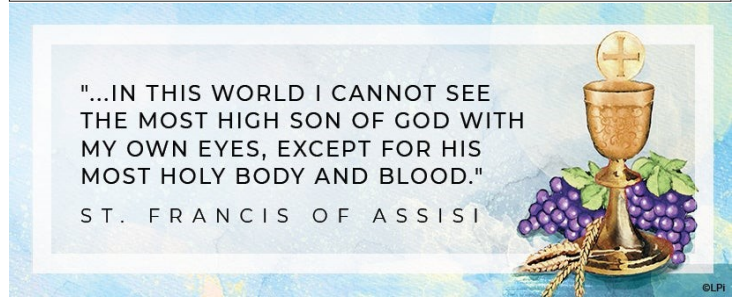
He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 9:11)

Gospel:

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:)

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- CCC 1602-1617, 1643-1651, 2331-2336: conjugal fidelity
- CCC 2331-2336: divorce
- CCC 1832: fidelity, a fruit of Spirit
- CCC 2044, 2147, 2156, 2223, 2787: the fidelity of the baptized



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Do you enjoy watching *The Chosen*?
St Joseph Church, Tiltonsville, (204 Mound St, Tiltonsville OH 43963) is watching Season 4 together on Thursday evenings, 6:30pm -8:30pm in the Church basement. The evening includes watching an episode, enjoying some refreshments together and having a discussion of the episode with Fr. Bill Cross, Pastor. All are welcome!

MASSTIMES.ORG

Travelling? Never miss a weekend mass by finding mass times near your destination. Just go to masstimes.org and enter the city, state or zip code of the place you'll be visiting. And bring Fr. Dan back a bulletin!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the physical seat for a bishop in a cathedral church?
Answer: Cathedra. ©LPi

ST. JOHN'S AND ST. MARY'S DISCOVERY TOOL
POWERED BY MINISTRY ARCHITECTS VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR

We offer to all our parishioners a short but powerful survey– what are calling our Discovery Tool! In just a few minutes, you'll have your results and a better sense of how your interests and gifts align with the service opportunities and ministries of our church. When we understand more about our God-given talents and what brings us joy and a sense of purpose, we are better equipped to walk in love -- serving God, our parish, and our community as Jesus calls us to do. Scan the QR code to find the link to the survey, or on our website - bnspcatholic.org

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Angel in the Marble

If you show up to the gates of heaven completely whole, I kind of doubt you'll be let inside.

I know that sounds pretty awful, because what kind of God doesn't want all of you, exactly as you are? "Be yourself," we tell our kids. "If someone expects you to change to be their friend, you don't want to be that person's friend."

And sure, all of that is true ... to an extent. But I think if we really analyze our closest friendships, we'll see that we *have* been changed by them. We aren't the same person we were on the day we met our best friend or before we fell in love with our spouse. The good relationships should always change us, form us. They should call us to some higher plateau on the mountain climb that is life. But to be nimble enough for the climb, there will be parts of ourselves that we have to jettison — preconceived notions, prejudices, selfish tendencies, habits that we cling to like a security blanket.

This is how we become who we are meant to be: by discerning what isn't helpful and good in our own nature, and letting it go.

"I saw the angel in the marble," Michelangelo once said of his artistic process, "and I carved until I set him free."

Would it not be a terrible tragedy if we all remained shapeless hunks of marble, untouched by the chisels of experience and relationship, thinking ourselves perfect exactly as we are?

God looks at us and he sees the angel hidden in the marble, imprisoned there by the constraints of earthly life: original sin, the weakness of our flesh, the unceasing enticement of the evil one. He sees past what we need to excise, what we need to lop off, what we need to relinquish. He knows we are greatly attached to every part of ourselves, even those parts that lead us to sin.

He sees more than what is. He sees what can be.

"*Cleanse me from my unknown faults!*" — Psalm 19:13
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: *Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?*

Answer: Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. ©LPi



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off," Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God's grace. ©LPi



REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Moses hoped the Spirit of the Lord would be bestowed on all the Israelites, not limited just to the seventy elders. What are you hoping for this week?

Second Reading: James holds the rich in low regard, warning them against the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. How are you generous toward others with your resources?

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples the valuable lesson: "Whoever is not against us is for us." How do you promote unity rather than division at work or at home? ©LPi

Please help us reach our 2024 D/PSC Campaign Goals
St. John Parish Goal: \$36,097 Total Received to Date : \$26,862 . St. Mary Parish Goal: \$19,038 Total Received to Date: \$18,025. Pledge cards/envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and also in the parish office.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

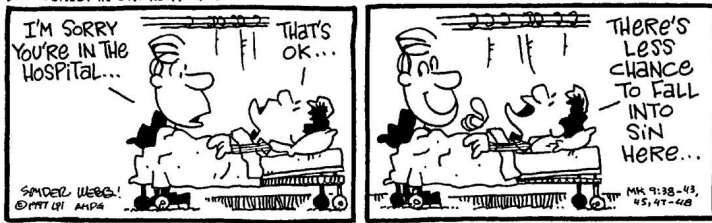
Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Prayer of Service
 Dear sweet Jesus,
 Every day you give us is a gift.
 We know endless gifts from your hands.
 Even our attempts to “give back” to you
 often become new doors of graces in our
 lives. Help us to serve you more fully, more deeply. Amen.

God Bless Our Priests!



SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

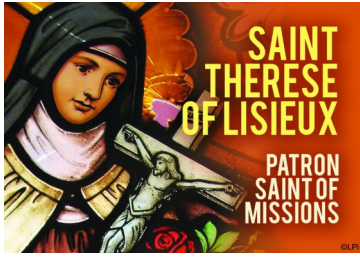
Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day. ©LPi

Readings for the week of September 29, 2024

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

God of all that is ancient and new, you called priests to minister in your temple in ancient times. Those priests ministered day and night in worship of you. Bless our priests today who not only minister in our churches, but minister to your people, the living body of Christ in the world. Give them wisdom and courage to continue to say yes to you and your people. We ask this through Jesus, the ultimate high priest, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen. ©LPi



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR
FAITH**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873 -1897) was born in France, the youngest of nine

children. Her mother died when she was four. Thérèse was described as being sensitive and precocious as a child.

Thérèse experienced a transformative conversion early on when she saw a vision of Mary, Mother of God. She had fallen ill, and the doctors of her time were unable to diagnose or treat her. She experienced fevers, convulsions, and fearful visions. This lasted until, turning her face to the statue of the Blessed Mother near her bedside, she asked Mary to take pity on her. According to her writings, Thérèse said that she experienced a beautiful vision of Mary. In this vision, when Mary smiled upon her, all her pain and illness disappeared. This experience, *The Healing of Our Lady of the Smile*, contributed to setting Thérèse’s heart on pursuing religious life.

When Thérèse was 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux, France. She took the name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face and began a life of prayer and intimacy with God. Despite her struggles with depression, she always put her best foot forward. She tragically died of tuberculosis at age 24 but, before her death, she said “My mission — to make God loved — will begin after my death. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses.” Now, she is fondly known as Thérèse the Little Flower of Jesus and roses have become a symbol of her intercession.

During her life, Thérèse wrote several essays cataloguing her pursuit of holiness that were later published under the title “Story of a Soul.” These writings earned her the privilege of being the youngest person to ever be designated a Doctor of the Church and continue to be treasured by Catholics world-wide! St. Thérèse, pray for us! © LPi



**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR
FAITH**

St. Faustina (1905-1938) was born Helena Kowalska in Poland to a poor family with ten children. They were devoutly Catholic, and she felt a call to the religious life at age seven, when praying in front of the exposed


Eucharist. Despite wanting to become a sister as soon as she finished her schooling, she was sent to work as a housekeeper to help support the family instead.

When she was 18, she had a vision of Jesus suffering and, in the vision, Jesus asked her how long she would keep putting off entering religious life. She decided, at that moment, to travel to Warsaw and join the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Upon entering the Congregation, she took the name Sister Maria Faustina.


During her 13 years in the Congregation, Sister Faustina experienced and recorded extraordinary revelations from Jesus. She recorded these experiences and messages into notebooks which became later known as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. In these writings, she reveals Jesus asking her to proclaim God’s loving message of Divine Mercy.

Alongside her writings, Sister Faustina also experienced many miraculous phenomena. There are stories of her experiencing hidden stigmata, bilocation, prophecy, and the ability to read into human souls. Despite these occurrences, she maintained that miraculous events were simply “ornaments” for the soul and that her real sanctity came from her deep relationship with Jesus and desire to do God’s will.


After her death at age 33, her writings on Divine Mercy sparked a great movement in the worldwide Catholic church with a strong focus on the Mercy of Christ and how to extend that mercy to others. Saint Pope John Paul II called her “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.” St. Faustina, pray for us! © LPi



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BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE
On Voting...
 “In a democratic society citizens
 choose whom they vest with authority
 for the common good. A choice for
 one person over another for public office can significantly
 affect many lives, especially the lives of the most
 vulnerable persons in society, such as children in the womb
 and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic
 citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their
 right to vote, whether on the national, state or local
 level” (Bishops of Kansas, “Moral Principles for Catholic
 Voters,” August 15, 2006).



For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

PSALM 91:11

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Angels

Question: *I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?*

Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time. ©LPi

"Did you hear about the body builder who went to Confession?"



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

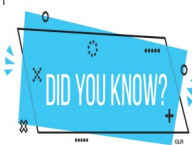
Do You Truly Know Jesus

My oldest son is named Nathanael. We used the biblical spelling of his first name, and he has spent his entire life of 20 plus years having to correct people who try to spell his name. Those who have not met him before have no idea for sure how to spell his name. Of course, when we named him, we gave him a name that not only his friends would know him by, but by which God would know him.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells Nathanael that he is "a true child of Israel." Nathanael wonders how Jesus knew him. Jesus knows him before he even speaks to him. Jesus knows us and calls us to believe in him. However, do we know him enough to be willing to follow him?

Many of our sons and daughters believe in Jesus. We believe in Jesus. He knows us all better than we know ourselves. But do we truly know him? Do we have a genuine relationship with him? Have we allowed him to transform our lives? I know my son believes in Jesus. I believe in Jesus. I hope and pray we both can grow to know Jesus at least half as much as he knows us.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many archangels are officially recognized by the Catholic Church?

Answer: Seven. Three are biblical and four are from tradition. ©LPi

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses, children walking and on bikes, harried parents dropping off their kids before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and save a life!



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