

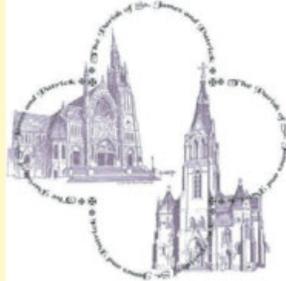
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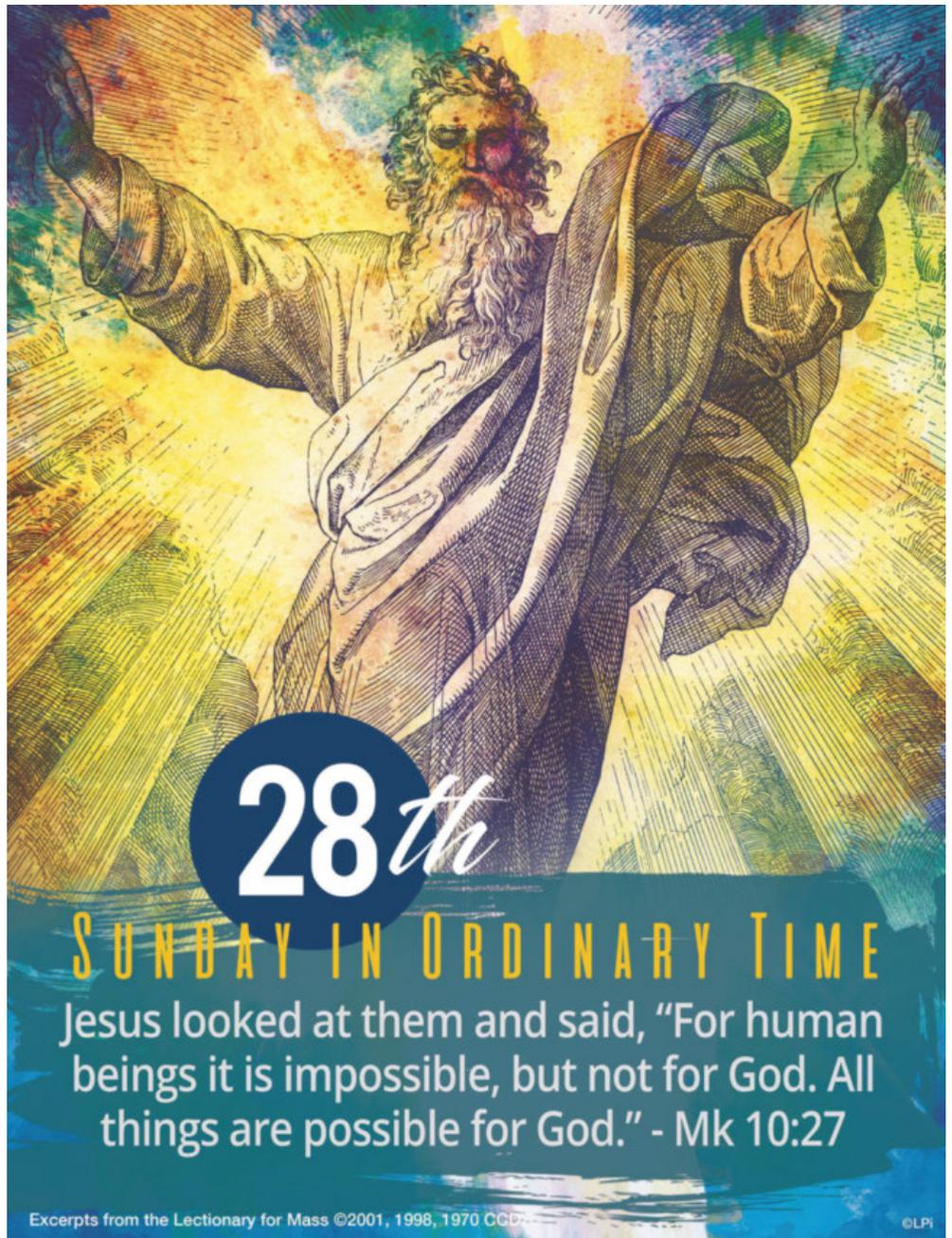
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Scott Hahn's Reflection on the Readings

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see [Revelation 1:14](#)).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."



FR. CHRIS' COLUMN

October is the month of the Rosary. It is a powerful way to pray and meditate on the lives of Jesus and Mary. Our world is in dire need of prayer. You could pray for the end of our Covid pandemic, the end of abortion, or many other things. There are pamphlets at the doors of our Churches if you need help to pray the rosary. If you need a rosary contact the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY!

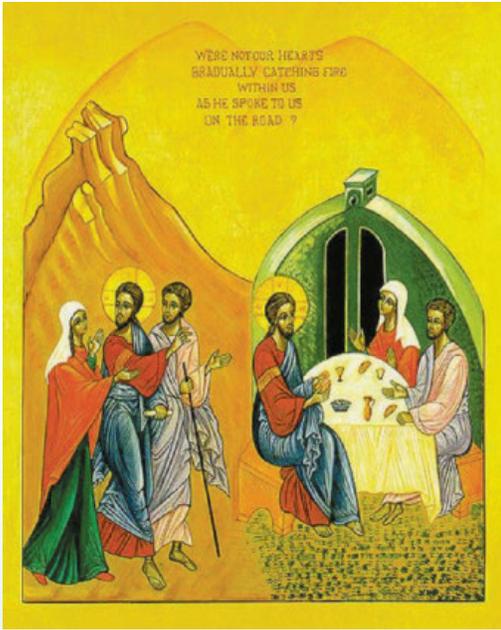
Featured Saint

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Oct. 16)

Mary Margaret is a 17-century saint who entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24. In December 1674 she received the first of her revelations, and during the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her. She frequented Holy Communion and prayed a vigil every



Thursday night. Some parents, theologians, and fellow sisters thought she was delusional and unorthodox, but Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of those around her. After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, she died at the age of 43. She said, "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."



MASS INTENTIONS

Tabernacle Candle
In Memory Of

St. James: Keck family deceased members

St. Patrick: Tina Gurley

Monday, October 11

8:00 am at St. James
Joseph V. Keck

Tuesday, October 12

8:00 am at St. Patrick
Doug Veach

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 am at St. James
Bob Bauer

Thursday, October 14

No Mass

Friday, October 15

11:15 am at St. Patrick
Don Sebok

Saturday, October 16

4:00 pm at St. James
All Parishioners

5:30 pm at St. Patrick
Mike Smethers

Sunday, October 17

8:30 am at St. James
John Buzan

10:15 am at St. Patrick
Charles Butler

BAPTISM

Before an infant may be baptized, the parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms generally take place on a Sunday, the day of the Resurrection.

MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made six months in advance with the Pastor.

PENANCE (Reconciliation) Anytime by appointment or:

at St. James:

Monday 7:30 - 7:45am
Wednesday 7:30 - 7:45am
Saturday 3:15 - 3:40pm

at St. Patrick:

Friday 10:30 - 11:00am
Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

Ill or Hospital Bound?

Please call the office so Father can anoint you if you have not been anointed recently. When you go to the hospital please register as a parishioner of Ss. James and Patrick. If you have not been visited by a priest within two days, please call the office.

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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation: (217) 321-1155.

Welcome New Parishioners: Please register at the office during the week.

Rest in peace: May Sharon Johnston, parishioners, family, and friends who have died be embraced with God's love forever.



Daily Marriage Tip:

It's usually easy to pray for your own children; their needs are so apparent. October is Respect Life Month. Pray today, not only for your own children, but for all children in our world, especially the unborn.

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Long may you live, but please remember our parish in your will.

Parish School News

www.decaturstpatrick.org

And on Facebook through the school website

EPIC youth group - The city-wide youth group will hold meetings at Holy Family Parish Center at the following times:

Junior High - Oct 17, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 12

High School - Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 5, Dec 19

For more information, please contact Deena at 217 855-9845 or Ivy at 217 412-5188.

Dealing with Loss - Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one often find healing and support by sharing with others who have similar experiences. Our parish is hosting a grief session on Tuesday, October 12 at 5:30pm at the parish house at St. James. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Donna at (217) 422-4534.

Tour Our Beautiful Churches - Come learn through slides of pictures of the building of our churches, a walking tour of each building, and 'tour guide' information of specifics in the churches, including the sanctuary, windows, sacristy and sacramentals. Learn more about our parish churches, the truths of our faith what they represent and the faith and devotion of those who built them. St. Patrick Church – today at 3:00 pm. St. James Church – Sunday, October 24 at 3:00 pm. Each event with slides and tour will last about 1 1/2 hours.

Rosary Rally - The Legion of Mary will be holding a nationwide rosary rally on October 16 at noon on the front steps of St. Patrick Church. The rally is to pray for the end to abortion and for sinners. You are welcome to bring a chair to sit while praying. For questions, please call Tim (217) 454-7967.

St. Teresa High School Open House - St. Teresa welcomes all 7th and 8th graders, transfer students from other high schools, and their parents to visit us during our Open House on Tuesday, October 12th from 5-7pm. This is an opportunity to meet with our faculty and staff, explore our facilities, and learn about our college-prep academic programs and extra-curricular activities. A drawing for free registration will take place. For questions, please call the St. Teresa Advancement office at (217) 875-7950.

Tradition and Teaching on Catholic Funerals - Join Fr. Chris on Sunday, November 7 at 3pm in St. Patrick Church to learn about our Catholic teaching and belief on funerals, the wake, burying the dead, cremation, and the journey of grief that follows a loss.

Illinois Right to Life Action cordially invites you to the 48th annual banquet which will be held on Friday, November 12th at 6pm at The Carlisle in Lombard. Rep. Avery Bourne will serve as master of ceremonies and former Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Thomas will be our keynote speaker. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/actionbanquet/> or call (312)-422-9300. For questions, please contact Sarah Brown at sarah@IllinoisRightToLife.org.

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3. A notification pop-up will appear on your phone. Click the link to be taken to our online donation page.



New Life Pregnancy - Thank you for your generous support of New Life Pregnancy by participating in the *Change for Life* baby bottle campaign. Saints James and Patrick Parish donated \$1540.73. Your partnership in this campaign is a tremendous blessing to our ministry.

Volunteers Needed - The Southside Improvement Association (SIA) project is looking for volunteers to work on revitalization around St. James Church. People will work in teams to contact home owners about needed repairs or clean ups. There will be a stipend for those who help.

For more information, contact Jeremy at 217 474-5007 or Jeremy@jmorrisenterprises.com

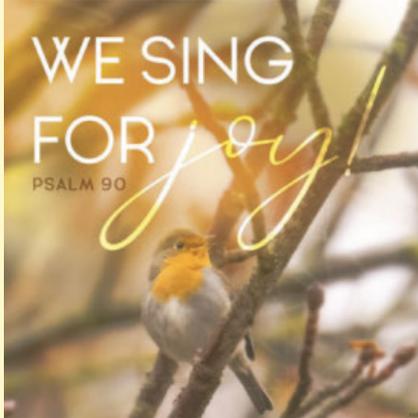
Faith in Action is in need of those with a serving heart to volunteer in the following ways: driver, shopper, friendly phone caller/visitor. For more information, please contact Sarah (217) 428-0013 or ssanchez_dec@cc.dio.org



at St. James

Tuesday, Oct. 12 - Dealing with Loss

5:30pm @ St. James Parish House



at St. Patrick

Sunday, Oct. 10 - Tour of St. Patrick Church

3pm @ St. Patrick Church

Saturday, Oct. 16 - Rosary Rally

12pm (Noon) on St. Patrick Church Front Steps



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 October 2021

Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17. Hebrews 4:12-13. Mark 10:17-30.

Living for Eternal Life. Let us put ourselves into the gospel story today. All of us want to “inherit eternal life.” All of us strive to do what God commands, to do what is right and just. All of us strive to not let the things we have possess us. But it is hard going – impossible without reliance on God. This eternal life for which we long, this Kingdom of God in which we live now, is begun already in us and is fulfilled in completeness when we see God face-to-face for ever.

What gets in my way of gaining eternal life – things, attitudes, behaviors?

What mercy work will I do that lets me share what I have with someone in need?

How will I follow Jesus more closely this week?

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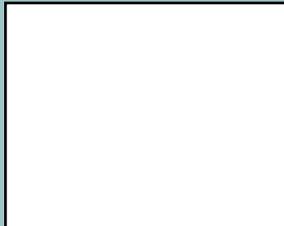
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