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Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am
Wednesday: 6:00pm

Holyday Masses As Announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm
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30TH SUNDAY YEAR B, OCTOBER 24, 2021

(Jer.31.7-9; Heb. 5.1-6; Mk. 10.46-52)

**BETWEEN ME AND MY FAITH IN JESUS!
ANYONE STANDING IN THAT SPACE?**

Beloved brothers and sisters, the Gospel of today presents the healing of the blind man Bartimaeus who was a roadside beggar. Indeed, most of the readings of recent Sundays deal with blind people, people who look at life from their viewpoints only, so they remain totally blind to other possibilities. The eyes of the Pharisees are totally glued to the Law and the Commandments but seem blind to matters of the heart. The Rich Young man is blinded by his wealth and fails to see what Jesus is offering him. The disciples led by Peter are not much better. Their eyes are on the best places and they fail to see what Jesus is teaching them.

The blind man today although physically blind saw what others with their physical sights could not see in Jesus and so, called out on Jesus. Is it possible that I may see physically, but I am blind spiritually, emotionally or psychologically? Physical blindness is not necessarily the worst kind, but spiritual. Remember that some people try to shut him up and prevent him from going to Jesus and to follow him, but he wasn't discouraged. *He never allowed anyone to stand in between him and his faith in Jesus.* It paid off!

Have we had this experience through other people's utterances or scandals or in any way by word or example done it to others? Above all, in the story we have Jesus. The crowd is all around him, shouting, pushing. Yet look at his sensitivity who in spite of all this hears Bartimaeus shouting after him, maybe the only chance Bartimaeus will ever have. So, Jesus calls him over. Others relay the invitation of Jesus, so again Jesus uses people to pass on his invitation today too, you are one of them even as we celebrate the World Mission Day. The man doesn't delay but jumps up even throwing aside his cloak as it might hinder him and so Jesus healed him because of his faith in the Son of David.

Can I ask Jesus today, if I really want this, to show me where I am blind- of mind and heart? Blindness of prejudices? Unforgiveness? Selfishness and self-centeredness? My criticisms of others neglecting my own faults? To my own good qualities? In my faith in him, do I have any hinderance to asking for his healing?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: The World Mission Day is usually celebrated each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, and so on this Sunday, the Universal Church celebrates the World Mission Day. In his Message for the Mission Sunday 2021, Pope Francis extends an invitation to each of us in view of the theme of this year's World Mission Day – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). For him, this summons each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts.

This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for "she exists to evangelize" (SAINT PAUL VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that "even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations" (*Christus Vivit*, 239).

The Holy Father had already reminded us in the past that: all the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born 'to go forth'. World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of the young Churches in mission lands. It is a celebration of grace and joy. It is a celebration of grace, because the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, offers wisdom and strength to those who are obedient to his action. A celebration of joy, because Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, sent to evangelize the world, supports and accompanies our missionary efforts." (Vatican City, 8 June 2014, the Solemnity of Pentecost). We are missionaries because of our baptism as Christians. As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions. The prayers and financial help offered today, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay Catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a World so in need of His healing, love and peace. The message of Jesus – to love and to serve – remains the only true way to peace in the world and prosperity for all humankind. Thank you for all you have done, for what you are now doing and what you will do in the future in support of this Mission. May God bless you as you do this!

FAMILY VISITS/BLESSINGS: As I announced last Sunday, from the month of November, I will be starting our parish family visits and blessings. Please read the details below and see the sign-up sheets at the back of the church and pick a convenient date.

SJV-2021 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT: This has been published in this bulletin. See the details below.

Wishing you and yours God's blessings in the week ahead! We are one family united in the love of Christ.

FR. FREDDIE MBIERE



Home Visits by Father Freddie

Home visitation is an important part of a priest's pastoral care of the people in his charge, his flock. Father Freddie would like to start visiting the homes of parishioners beginning in November. He will visit after the dinner hour, so no worries about making a meal for the visit. Father wants to use this time to connect with you on a more personal level than the celebration of Mass allows each weekend. He looks forward to giving each home a special blessing and offering you an opportunity to share your needs with him. He has set aside the following dates in November for visits: 1st, 3rd, 10th, 11th (at 7:30pm), 13th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, and 29th. Visits are at 7:00pm except for Thursdays which are at 7:30pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or call the parish office.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect on Scripture



Enlightened Sight. The blind man will not be silenced today. Insistently he calls on Jesus by name. He asks for pity; he asks for sight. Jesus makes it happen. Instead of returning home to a renewed life, he throws off his cloak and jumps into action and follows. Even when sightless, he saw with eyes of faith. Because of this encounter with Jesus, his insight is richer.

- ◆ What do I need to beg of Jesus? For myself? For someone else?
- ◆ How can I keep listening for Jesus already active in my life? In the lives of others?
- ◆ What “cloak” that holds me back will I throw off to follow Jesus?

SJV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Volunteers Needed!

Classroom Aids: for children with special needs who need help with scissors or a craft or staying on task.

Games & Activities Leader: plan and/or lead Kindergarten through 5th Graders in games and activities.

Adults, High School Students, and Recent High School Grads are welcome and needed!

If 18 years or older, volunteers will need Protecting God's Children Training and Background Check.

Please contact Jennifer Grebner or Stacie Henderson at psr@sjv.dio.org with any questions.

2021-2022

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF!



High School Youth Group (grades 9 - 12th) Kickoff

October 24th from 4:00 to 5:30pm

Come for Faith, Fun, and Food!

Dress for the weather, we will be outside.

Please let Molly know if you have any questions at (217) 416-1246 or email at mnh82@hotmail.com.

SJV – 2021 First Quarter Financial Report

Envelopes, Online Giving, and Loose Collections began the first quarter of the fiscal year trending below budget. However, thanks to a generous bequest received in late September added in with these donations, the total received in regular church support closed the first quarter of the fiscal year are slightly above budget.

This is great news as this means that we are funding day-to-day operating expenses without dipping into the parish's savings, especially when donations to the Capital Improvement Fund (savings) closed considerably below the budgeted amount. Additionally, donations to the Building and Maintenance Fund closed Q1 at just above half of the budgeted amount. Donations to these two funds are critical to enabling not just maintenance of the parish complex, but also to building the parish's savings needed for the new church roof.

Total expenses, including payroll, utilities, supplies, repairs and maintenance, and the Parish Community Tithe, closed Q1 just under budget. This too is great news and is due in a part because nearly all the September parish workday materials and labor were donated. Also, rectory services (phone, internet, cable) were reconfigured resulting in a monthly savings.

The bottom line is that SJV is starting to trend in the right direction in both income and expenses. Looking at the results of the first quarter of FY21-22, as a parish, we need to maintain steady weekly donations to the general fund and substantially increase donations to the Capital Improvement Fund. A most sincere thank you for your generosity with your time, talent, and treasure to make the first quarter of FY21-22's a financial success!

Update on Parish Savings:

\$103,715.52 - On deposit with the diocese as of July 31, 2021 (no contributions were made in FY20-21)

\$45,394.18 - Capital Improvement Fund donations made in FY20-21 and that remain in SJV Operating Account

\$3,410.00 - Capital Improvement Fund donations made in Q1 of FY21-22 as of Sept. 30, 2021

\$152,519.70 Total Capital Improvement/Savings as of Sept. 30, 2021



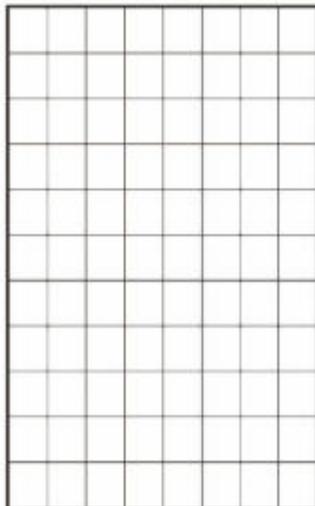
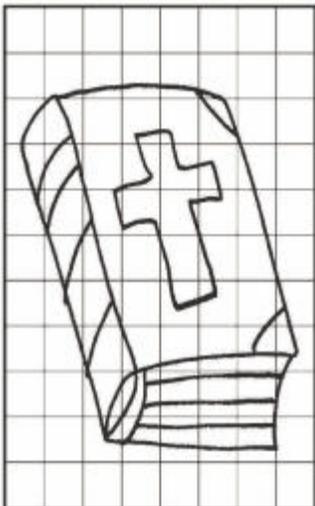
GOSPEL

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was—the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind—even his coat—just to follow Jesus.



PUZZLE

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MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

Monday, October 25

Weekday

8:00am— Evelyn Sweeney †

Tuesday, October 26

Weekday

8:00am— All Souls †

Wednesday, October 27

Weekday

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

Thursday, October 28

Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:00am— Bill Camille †

Friday, October 29

Weekday

8:00am— Bill Collins †

Saturday, October 30

Vigil

5:00pm— Cyril Schutzbach †

Sunday, October 31

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)



Sun, Oct 24: 4:00 - 5:30pm High School Youth Group

Wed, Oct 27: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration

5:30pm Rosary

6:45pm Bible Study

Sat, Oct 30: 3:00 - 5:00pm Trunk or Treat

6:00pm Fall Parish Weiner Roast

All Saints' Day 2021: Because the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1st, falls on a Monday this year, it is **not** celebrated as a holy day of obligation this year, though it is still to be celebrated as a solemnity.



We celebrate **World Mission Sunday, this Sunday, October 24.** Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 30 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Carol Shehorn

Eucharistic Minister: Andy Krug

Server: Will Brumleve

Sunday, October 31 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Terry Willis

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hahn

Server: Allison & Samantha O'Neill

SOCKTOBER

Sock-tober Plus Final Week!

The Sherman KC is collecting socks, gloves, scarfs, blankets, and stocking caps to distribute to the homeless this winter. Donations can be placed in the laundry basket in the back of the Church or in the lobby of the AC. Items will be given to Deacon Mick Palazzolo for his ministry to the homeless on the streets of Springfield distributing food, clothes, and prayers to the homeless.

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING October 16 & 17, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,515.00
WeShare Donations	\$1,195.00
Loose Collections	<u>\$373.00</u>
Total	\$7,083.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	\$2,294.54
Capital Improvements	\$2,125.00
Building & Maintenance	\$30.00
World Mission Sunday	\$85.00
All Souls	\$20.00

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.

Parish Pastoral Council News

We Need You - Join the Council

The PPC is looking for three active Parish members to serve on the council to fill spots that have been vacated.

The role and purpose of PPC is to be a consultative body to the pastor to "help in fostering pastoral activities".

Please contact a PPC member, Father Freddie or the parish office for more information.



JOIN US FOR SOME FALL FUN!

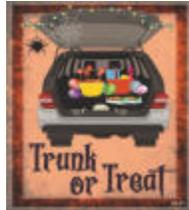


FALL WIENER ROAST

All are invited to a **Fall Wiener Roast on Saturday, October 30, starting at 6:00pm.** Hot dogs, buns, tea, and lemonade will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish to share and chairs or a blanket to sit on. So we are able to plan for the number attending, **RSVP** using Sign-up Genius Link posted on the SJV Website or the Sign-Up Sheet at the back of the church by Friday, October 29. **Sign-up at**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4EA9AD2EA1FB6-sjvfall>



TRUNK OR TREAT

Bring the family to SJV's first-ever **Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 30, from 3:00-5:00pm.**

Costumes are welcome, but not required (if your family is planning on attending 5:00 Mass). Volunteers wishing to pass out candy will need to have completed the Protecting God's Children training required by the Diocese. If you would like to volunteer, please email Stacie Henderson at psr@sjv.dio.org or text her at 217-899-2087.

If you are not able to participate but would like to donate candy for the event, you may drop it off at the back of the church at daily masses, in the lobby of the Activity Center on Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:30, or at the church office during regular office hours.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

~Tracy Earl Welliver

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SJV WOMEN'S SOCIETY COOKIE WALK

The SJV Women's 21st Society Cookie Walk has been scheduled for

Saturday, December 11th starting at 8:30am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Set Up/Tear Down, Undecorated Cut-Out Cookies, & Cookie Decorators!

Please deliver cut-out cookies to be decorated to the Activity Center by early evening on Tuesday, December 7th. We will decorate cookies on the evenings of Wednesday, December 8th through Friday, December 10th. We will provide pizza and beverages for the volunteers.

COOKIE WALK RAFFLE

This year the major raffle prizes (donors are listed in parentheses) are **iPad Wi-Fi 64GB** (anonymous), **\$200 cash** - (SJV Women's Society), **\$200 cash** - (Rick Gatschenberger), **\$200 Humphreys Market gift certificate** (anonymous), **Bunn My Café Single Cup coffee maker** (anonymous), **The Muni - 2 season tickets** (The Muni), **Northfield - 1 night stay, king suite** (Northfield). Many other prizes including: Fit Club 3 month team training (Fit Club), Cooper's Hawk - 3 month membership + 1.5 liter bottle of wine (Cooper's Hawk).

Raffle tickets will be available at the back of church the weekend of November 6th and 7th. Parents with children in Faith Formation classes: We will be sending tickets home with your oldest child. Your package will include 25 tickets to sell or purchase. The ticket price is \$1.00 each. Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets and payment can be returned to the Parish Office or by the Sunday Collection Basket. We appreciate your continued support of the Women's Society.

Thank you,

Michelle Campbell, Raffle Chairman & Cindy Trainor, Cookie Walk Chairman

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