

# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 3, 2021



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### Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls  
5.30pm St James Saturday evening  
Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

### Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"  
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce  
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of  
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning  
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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# FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

## October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

The faithful are encouraged this month to pray the rosary often and regularly. This tradition comes to us from the year 1571. During the height of the Ottoman Empire, Turkish land and naval forces threatened Christendom with invasion. The Mediterranean islands were besieged, and on land the invading forces had reached the gates of Vienna, Austria. The threat of persecution, forced conversion, and the destruction of Christian Europe was very real.

The faithful needed hope and unity after having known only defeat and retreat. They needed a victory. A Holy League was formed by Pope St. Pius V, which consisted of forces from Spain, Portugal, Venice, Italian States, and France. The Pope proclaimed that all of Christendom (all Christian nations) ought to entrust the defenders of Europe to the Mother of God. He ordered that the rosary in particular should be prayed fervently.

From Portugal to Poland, churches were packed as desperate Christians prayed the Rosary night and day. As the ships, sailors and soldiers of the Holy League departed from their ports, they were blessed by the priests, and they consecrated themselves to the Virgin Mary.

On October 7, 1571, the naval forces of the Holy League engaged the Ottoman navy at the Bay of Lepanto. The Christian forces were outnumbered and outgunned.

The naval battle was fierce, hundreds of ships came to such close quarters that the fighting was hand to hand. As the Turks were preparing to send in their remaining vessels to defeat the Holy League, massive confusion and fear suddenly gripped the Turks, some reported seeing a vision in the sky of woman, brilliant as the sun and a host of winged creatures. The Turks were defeated and their ships sunk.

The answer to the prayers of so many Catholic people came in a seemingly-miraculous victory, one St. Pius V saw in a vision from Rome. "The Christian fleet is victorious!" he cried out in the middle of a meeting, weeping for joy.

News of the great victory spread though all of Europe and Pope St. Pius V declared October 7 the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, also known as Our Lady of Victory.

More than just a weapon, the Rosary is a healing balm, a meditation on the life of Christ that calms our hearts and strengthens our souls.

During the Penal times in Ireland, when it was illegal to be Catholic, the faithful clung to their rosaries and refused to cave. On failing to subdue them in the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell wrote to his superiors, "All is not well with Ireland yet. You gave us the money, you gave us the guns. But let me tell you that every house in Ireland is a house of prayer, and when I bring these fanatical Irish before the muzzles of my guns, they hold up in their hands a string of beads, and they never surrender." It was the power of the Rosary that kept Ireland Catholic in spite of centuries of persecution.

After World War II, many Catholics caught behind the Iron Curtain of Socialist and Communist tyranny clasped their beads and prayed for deliverance. The Soviet Union collapsed without a major shooting war.

In these times of crisis we would do well to stand beside our ancestors, who have taken up the Rosary for nearly a millennium and begged Mary's intercession for the protection of the faithful.

I encourage each of you to take up the Holy Rosary as your sword and shield in troubled times. Let us pray the rosary with full devotion and intention of heart, that just as the faithful at the Battle of Lepanto cried out to the Lord through the intercession of His blessed Mother, we too cry out with one voice, asking for help and deliverance from the forces of evil that assail us and oppress us.

May God bless you always, and may His blessed Mother, our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, our Lady of Victory, always intercede and pray for us sinners.

Father Robert Letona

## Character Builds Families

To bring character to the family we must show character.

Do we teach what we know to our children? Do we take time and show our children that we do what we preach to them?

Take a moment and sing into to Formed.org and listen to Formed NOW especial the episode "Holy Heroes and the Formation of Children "

Dr. Ben Akers welcomes Ken Davison, founder of Holy Heroes, to discuss the formation and education of children and how Holy Heroes was created in order to bring the faith alive in a new way for kids of all ages.

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### Please remember our Military and their Families

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Sgt Ethan McKay	Maj. Barbara Schulz
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Lt Col. Todd Walton USAF	EM3 Joseph Haske Navy
SSgt. Jayne Miller USAF	A1C Stephanie Wright USAF
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Luca Stromberg-Windau	A1C Ethan Jasinski USAF
MSgt Douglas Cody	PFC Jacob Haske, Army
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### FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

Karen Caple	Laura Wagner	Marty Gillan
Sam Pesta	Christi Lewis	Dave Pearson
Harry Guzak	Mary Barnharst	Denise Doering
Dorothy Zilinski	Maggie Sage	Ron Schaub
Sue Georgeson	Dorothy Jensen	Barbara Fry
Elizabeth Kuzdas	Joel Rivera	Bill Pfaff
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Bob Herriot	Mike Ollendick	Arlene Lindstrom
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Michael Kuzdas	Pat McCullough	Steven Blaskey
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Cade Haschke	Dawn Bader	Virginia Brickl
Gayle Mecikalski	Terry Benson	John Conrardy
Dave Lewis	Pat Wyss	Helen Wiora
Michael Haske	Leonard Blondeau	Ruth Frohmader
Troy Lewis	Fr Clayton Elmhurst	Bruce Quist

### For our Deceased

Clayton Hansen	Frank Machnik	Ellen Henthorne
Marcella Hirt	Wilda Paulson	Walt Weber

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

### Secretary's Corner

So many saints to think about, reflect on their lives and how they lived them in according to God's will. This week we also have Our Lady of the Rosary Oct 7th. Let us pray the rosary this week for Mary and her intention.

## The Purpose of life according to J.R.R. Tolkien

A little girl once wrote to the distinguished author with a difficult question -- and his answer has been preserved.

In 1969, when J.R.R. Tolkien had grown into an old man, he received a letter from a little girl named Camilla. Children, as I've learned over many years of teaching catechism classes, will ask disconcertingly difficult questions if an adult is reckless enough to allow it. This particular letter is no exception. Camilla had one, simple, incredibly-difficult-to-answer question for the author of Lord of the Rings -- "What is the purpose of life?" Tolkien answered her with his own letter, and his response has been preserved.

Sometimes, when a child asks me a question during catechism class like When God died, did the animals cry? I have to take a moment of stunned silence to gather my wits before responding with something resembling a wise answer. Tolkien clearly also needed some time to think, as he begins his letter, "I am sorry my reply has been delayed." But then, after marveling at what a difficult question she has asked, he gives it his best shot to answer her seriously.

### So, according to Tolkien, what is the purpose of life?

He starts small. From there, he builds a long chain of thought with each next step logically and easily connecting with the one before. The question is a massive one, so the answer must encompass all of our experience. In other words, it cannot be purely theoretical. It must make sense. It must be practical. It must be acceptable to the relentless logic of a child. Only in this way can we begin to grasp the hidden purpose of our existence that vexes us all so much.

Tolkien begins with human beings. This makes sense. After all, the question is about human purpose. He writes, "I think that questions about 'purpose' are only really useful when they refer to the conscious purposes or objects of human beings." In other words, this is a question about us and about how we interact with the world, why we are here and how we should interact with everything else.

Human beings are peculiar for the fact that we even ask this question at all. Our desire to know our purpose reveals that we have a mind that works differently than any other creature. After all, ants and butterflies and wolves never question the meaning of their existence. They simply burrow and fly and hunt. In fact, to the extent that animals have a purpose to their existence, Tolkien says, it is because our intellect reveals their purpose. We are the ones who are so fascinated with what it means to be an ant, and what separates an ant from a spider. We watch them and study their actions. We classify them and write poems and morality tales about them. Without us, flora and fauna merely are. With us, they have a dignity proper to themselves.

(continue next week)

(aletea.org)

### Family Builder Idea:

Sing in to Formed.org and explore what they offer for you as a family and your children.

Watch or invite your children to watch "The Saints and Heroes Collection."

For older children enjoy an episode of Bishop Fulton Sheen and his talk on Angels.

For your faith journey partake in the exploration of "The Case for Jesus" by Dr. Brant Pitre

Talk with your children about reason to watch good entertainment.

Attend in person

**6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas**

**8am St Michael's Indian Creek**

**10 am St Paul's New Lisbon**

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time with

**Father Letona 10:00 am**

Readings

Gn 2: 18-24

Ps 128: 1-6

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10: 2-16

**Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's**  
**Tue—Fri 8.30 am**

#### On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
  - Like our parish page on Facebook
- Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes**
- [www.mjpcatholic.com](http://www.mjpcatholic.com)
  - In person for private prayer
- Sunday 11am—7pm**  
**Monday Noon—7pm**  
**Tuesday—Saturday 9am—7pm**

### St James Schedule Oct 9

**Lector**

**Loretta Connor**

**We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135**

### St. Michael's Schedule Oct 10

**Lector**

Penni Zabinski

**Offertory**

**Suspended until further notice**

### St. Paul's Schedule Oct 10

**Lector**

Adrienne Baumgart

**Ushers**

Tom Heindl

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

**Money Counter**

Ruth Schroeder

**Ushers**

Rick Phillips/Bob Conant

**Money Counters**

Marge Shie/Kevin Quist

**Eucharist Minister**

Jim Nicksic

**Money Counter**

Donna Wyss/volunteer

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## FORMATION IN FAITH:

### Saint of the Day for Oct 6

#### Saint Bruno

Saint Bruno had a great love of silence and solitude. He received a vision from God showing him a hermitage where he should spend his life growing closer to God. Along with friends, St. Bruno opened a hermitage in Chartreuse. Their order became known as the Carthusians. In this busy and noisy world, St Bruno teaches us the value of times of silence and solitude, where we can retreat from daily concerns and listen to the voice of the Lord. Set aside some time of silence each day, unplug from phones, computer, internet, tv, music, read a verse from the psalms, or the gospels, let the Lord speak to you and you will find a little peace.

#### Reflection

"In the solitude and silence of the wilderness.. for their labour in the contest, God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." St. Bruno

# Announcements for Tri-Parish

## Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

Oct 5 **Blessed Francis Xavier** *Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure*

Oct 4 **Saint Francis of Assisi** *Francis: The Knight of Assisi*

## St Paul's

### **White Elephant Sale**

### **Bake Sale**

### **Country Store**

**Saturday Oct 2nd beginning at 9.30 am**

**Sweet rolls & coffee with Brats starting at 11am.**

Accepting clean, reusable items, no clothing, electrical appliances, computers ect. Shed open off drop offs until Thurs Sept 30th

For more information call Janet 608-562-3995

Donations and volunteers appreciated.

### **Food Pantry** in New Lisbon

We are asking for donation of non-perishable food items for the month of October in preparation for the holiday season. Please donate in the narthex of church where there is a hamper for collection. We have a list of the most needed items on the hamper.

For more information or questions please call

Barb Haske 608-427-3316

## General Announcement

### **Faith & Formation Adult Study Group**

We will be resuming our study of **Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Light**

**Thursday October 7th @ 6pm** in the St Paul's basement.

We are working on session 8

**40 Days of Prayer for life** starts Sept 22nd thru Oct 30th

October is Respect Life Month Let us prayer the Memorare for forty days.



### The Memorare

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.**

**Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.**

**O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.**

**Amen.**

## ST. PAUL

### Intentions for our Tri-Parish

**Saturday Oct 2 First Saturday Mass @ 8.30 am, St Paul's**  
Special Intention Pat Wyss by John & Laura Wyss

**@ St James 6pm**

For the People

**Sunday Oct 3 (Prolife Sunday) Stand at your local Prolife March**  
**8 am @ St Michael's**

+Clayton Hanson

**10.00 am @ St Paul's**

Living & Deceased members of Bunker & Wyss family by Pat Wyss

**Monday Oct 4**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday Oct 5**

Special Intention for Josh Saylor family by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

**Wednesday Oct 6**

Living & Deceased members of Connor & Quist Families by Marge Quist

**Thursday Oct 7**

Special Intention for Gayle Lassen family by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

**Friday Oct 8**

Special Intention for Kris Saylor Family by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

**Saturday Oct 9**

**@ St James 6pm**

Dorothy Wallace by the Strohmeyers

**Sunday Oct 10**

**8 am @ St Michael's**

For the People

**10.00 am @ St Paul's**

Special Intention for Pat Schroeder by her family

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Sept 26, 2021

Offertory \$ 115.00

Envelopes \$ 1525.02

**Total \$ 1640.02**

## St. James

**Saturday Oct 2**

For the People

**Saturday Oct 9**

Dorothy Wallace by the Strohmeyers

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Sept 18, 2021

Offertory \$ 149.00

Votives/improvements \$ 55.00

Envelopes \$ 265.00

**Total \$ 469.00**

## St. Michael

**Sunday Oct 3**

+Clayton Hanson

**Sunday Oct 10**

For the People

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Sept 26, 2021

Offertory \$ 66.00

Envelopes \$ 350.00

Improvements \$ 450.00

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