

Saint Paul Catholic Church

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Rev. Donald Lawrence Meuret, Pastor

October 17, 2021

ALL



“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

MARK 10:43-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 18

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 19

5:30 PM † Rev. Arthur Redmond

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 AM † Jene Kutchmarek

Thursday, October 21

8:00AM † Robert & Mable Krzmarcik

Friday, October 22

8:00 AM † Charlene Bailey

Saturday, October 23 Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:55 PM Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:30 PM † Delphine Gabrielski

Sunday, October 24 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:55 AM Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM † Clara Schanen

CANDLES

CANDLES will burn for the following intentions:

Sanctuary In Memory of Francis Riedel

Marian In Memory of Helen & Jerome Maguire

*St. Joseph In Memory of Robert Kowalchuk
In Memory of Joe & Hattie Domagola*



To schedule a candle intention,
please contact the parish office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

We are called to seek greatness in our lives, but how and why are the keys to the Gospel for this week-end. James and John approach Jesus asking that He give them the two places of honor in the Kingdom. In another Gospel it is their Mother who asks (which is bad form.) The right and left sides of the throne are the seat of authority (right side) and the seat of affection (left side). That is a lot to ask for. Jesus tells them that it is not his to give. The other disciples get angry, maybe because they had not thought of it before James and John. Jesus used this incident to teach that it is in service that one becomes great in the Kingdom of God, not by demanding it. Demanding things you think you are owed because of your position of what you think you have done is the way of the world not the way of the Kingdom of God. At another time Jesus reminds His disciples to build up their treasure in heaven, not on earth. Time on earth is a short time compared to eternity in Heaven. In a new parish I once had someone introduce themselves and added that " you don't know how important people we are!" I answered: no more than anyone else, no less, but no more." That was when they joined another parish. Jesus came to lead us to Heaven, not to stroke our egos here on earth. This Gospel is a good reminder for all of us to seek greatness not so much in this life but for the life to come and that is done only one way - in service to God through service to one another.

Fr. Don

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Observances for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Luke, Evangelist

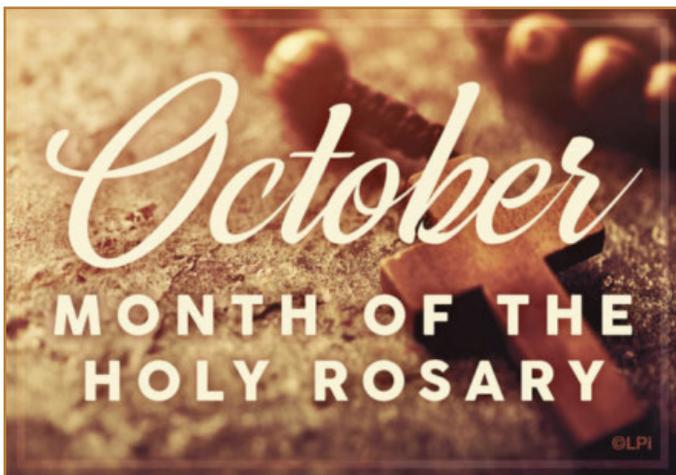
Tuesday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Friday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Saturday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



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Next weekend we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday.**

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 next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - World Mission Sunday.

Please make check payable to St. Paul Parish, and the Parish will issue a check for the contributions to the Mission Office. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR/NEWS

Sunday, October 17

4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Parish Dinner/Dance

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Gr. 1-8

Thursday, October 21

6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Friday, October 22

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration



Come Unto Me

*Sympathies and assurance of our prayers are extended to the family and friends of **John Brown** and to Marie Rosenau, Lorraine Wilke, and Francis Schilling on the death of their brother, **Michael Schilling.***

May they rest in eternal peace and joy with the Lord.

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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AREA EVENTS

Porkie & Pancake Breakfast - Bevent Lions, Oct. 17, serving 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Moving Meditation Retreat presented by Elizabeth Lewis - St. Anthony Retreat Center. October 30-31. Visit sarcenter.com or call 715.443.2236.

Christmas Wreath Sale - St. John the Baptist, Edgar through Monday, October 25th. The delivery date will be Saturday, November 20th. Accommodations can be made for deliveries. If you are interested in purchasing a Wreath, Swag, Cross, or Candy Cane please contact the Parish office at 715-352-3011.

Additional information on area events are posted on the bulletin boards in the Church entrance.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

We are very excited to invite you to join us for the Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, we have a seat for you at the table to, not only join us for the day, but to develop friendships with Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse. While this will be a great day for prayer, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and food, it will also be an opportunity to talk about action steps Catholic men can take in their own parishes and communities to minister to other Catholic men throughout the year. You will hear from nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and Monsignor Joseph Hirsch. The day will also include a time of Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will end the conference with a Eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan. And there is more exciting news! Dads, you can bring your high school and college-age sons with you at no extra charge (Free spots are limited)! What a great experience for fathers and sons to have together! We hope you will not only register for this awesome day but spread the word to other Catholic men! To Register, please visit menofthecross.org.

Wisconsin Bishops Address Vaccination and Conscience Protection

Wisconsin's bishops have issued a statement in which – while urging Catholics who are eligible to seek vaccination as a means to protect themselves and others – they address the ability of individuals to seek exemption from COVID-19 vaccination mandates based on conscience objection. To see the statement and accompanying press release, visit www.dioc.org/social-concerns.



J.F.K. Council 5488, Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program winners: Caleb Ziebell, Amanda Stubbe and Ethan Proulx. Alternates: Bailey Matis, Macy Stepan and Tanner Miller. Thanks to all who participated.

October 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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St. John Paul II | Feast Day October 22

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

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Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

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Baptism

Parents presenting a child for Baptism are required to be registered members and expected to attend Mass regularly. Please email Fr. Don to make arrangements.

Marriage

Couples anticipating marriage should email Fr. Don to make arrangements, one year prior to the desired wedding date. Practice of the faith is expected.

Homebound

Notify the Parish Office any time someone is unable to attend church due to age or prolonged illness. Arrangements will be made for regular visitation, Communion and the Anointing of the Sick. Also, inform the Parish Office when a family member enters a care facility.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are over 22 years old and worship with us regularly and are not registered, please call or email the Parish Office for a registration form. It is our Christian duty to share the gifts of time, talent and treasure.

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