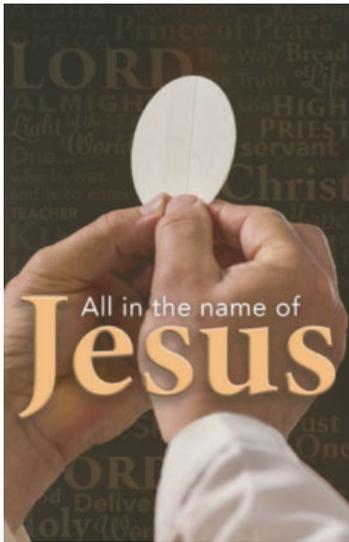


OCTOBER 10, 2021

# Saint John *the Baptist* CATHOLIC CHURCH

502 NORTH MONROE  
CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727



## ADA 2021

### Pastor

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### Parish Staff

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Parish Trustees ..... Francis Jackson  
Becky Wisher  
PPC President .....Bill Spencer

### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am

### Baptism

Parents must be registered members



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



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

# MASST INTENTIONS

## Monday, October 11th

8:00 am St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart  
Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, October 12th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

## Wednesday, October 13th

8:00 am + Phil Schmid

Thursday, October 14th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

## Saturday, October 16th, 29th Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm + Mary Cameron

## Sunday, October 17th, 29th Sunday in Ord. Time

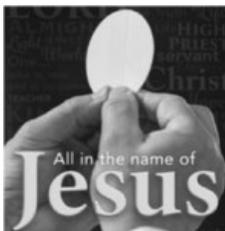
8:30 am + Wilma Buraglio

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone we has made a pledge to the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal so far. **To date we have received 61 gifts/pledges totaling \$29,415.00.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Those who have not yet made a gift to the ADA will be receiving a mailing this week encouraging you to help us meet our parish goal. There are pledge cards/envelopes available at the church entrances. **Remember, every dollar raised over our Parish Goal will be returned to us to help with our own parish projects. Please make your check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.** Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit or online. Again, many thanks to those who have pledged.

**Parish Goal - \$31,654**  
**Gifts/Pledges to Date - \$29,415**



Collection Counters this week are  
**Mike Rakers and Pat Sartie.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.



Weekly  
Offering

**Saturday, October 2nd 4:00pm  
and  
Sunday, October 3rd 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes .....	\$2,752.00
Loose .....	\$259.00
<b>Total Collection .....</b>	<b>\$3,011.00</b>

# October

**CCD K-8 Classes** - CCD classes resume today, October 10th in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am Mass.

**Altar & Rosary** - Will meet this Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All women are invited.

**Confirmation Class** - Classes begin Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



**Reminder ...** Confirmation classes for St. John's and Sacred Heart will begin on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30pm in St. John's Parish Hall. We had a very good turn out at the parent meeting last Sunday with 11 students and their families in attendance. If all goes well, we anticipate celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring 2022. We strongly encourage you to make every effort to attend these weekly classes.

### Altar and Rosary Craft Night

Get ready to start your Christmas shopping early, or simply join us to craft up something for yourself while enjoying each other's company.

Ladies  
Craft  
Night

The Altar & Rosary has partnered with The Flower Corner for a night of sign making fun on **Wednesday, October 27th.** There will be 4 size options available ranging from \$25 to \$55 per person/piece. This price is all inclusive and covers supplies, time and space.

The A & R will provide light snacks and drinks. This event is limited to 10-12 guests, but if we have more sign up we will move to a larger location.

Please RSVP to Krista Jackson (309)310-3027 by Friday, October 15th if you would like to attend. Once closer to the date we will share more information on options, deposits required, time and location.

### **Holy Water is Coming Back!**

After over one and a half years, we will finally see the return of holy water at the church entrances. On Sunday, October 17, Father Jim will bless water so that the fonts can be filled. Catholics dip their fingers in holy water and make the sign of the cross when they enter the church. Why? This use of holy water and making a sign of the cross when entering a church reflects a renewal of baptism and provides protection against evil.





The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form with the Papal Bull, *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices*. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be to the Father" at the conclusion of each mystery.

John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)



On **Sunday, October 24**, Catholics worldwide will participate in the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday. In prayer at Mass

and through the contributions to this special collection, the faithful support the Missions and missionaries who build up the Church in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe. There will be a second collection on October 24th.

## WHAT DOES THE EYE OF A NEEDLE MEAN IN THE BIBLE?



The understanding of today's passage is not universally agreed upon. Some will say that it refers to a specific spot in the wall that surrounded the City of Jerusalem. In order to enter through this "gate" it would take a great deal of effort.

Some scholars suggest the passage implies that whether we are rich or poor, whether we are good or bad, etc., it is impossible to be saved. Just as impossible as it would be for a camel to go through the eye of a sewing needle. But, God could get a Camel through the eye of a needle if He wanted to do it. With God everything is possible, even our salvation.

According to one tradition, the "eye of the needle" referred to a gate in the wall of Jerusalem. During the day, there was a large gate that was open through which a camel could easily pass. But at night, the larger gate was closed and there was a smaller opening in the center of the gate that allowed people to pass through. A camel, however, could not pass through that smaller opening unless it got down on its knees, had its load removed from its back, and then crawled through. In referencing this story, Saint Anselm states that "the rich should not be able to pass along the narrow way that leads to life, till he had put off the burden of sin, and of riches, that is, by ceasing to love them".

Yet another theory is that the Aramaic word for camel can also mean rope and was thus just mistranslated. It has the same basic meaning as with the camel theory, though. The rope must **strip away all the excess threads to be able to fit through the eye of a needle**. Either way, though, the point is that we have to remember that our material treasures in this lifetime will not carry on with us to our eternal life. Drop the extra baggage or peel back some of those extra strands so that you may fit through the "eye of the needle".

So why does Jesus use this image? Although it may not be easy, it is not impossible to get to heaven! Our God is a merciful God and only He can see into our hearts. "Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.'" (Mk. 10:26)



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