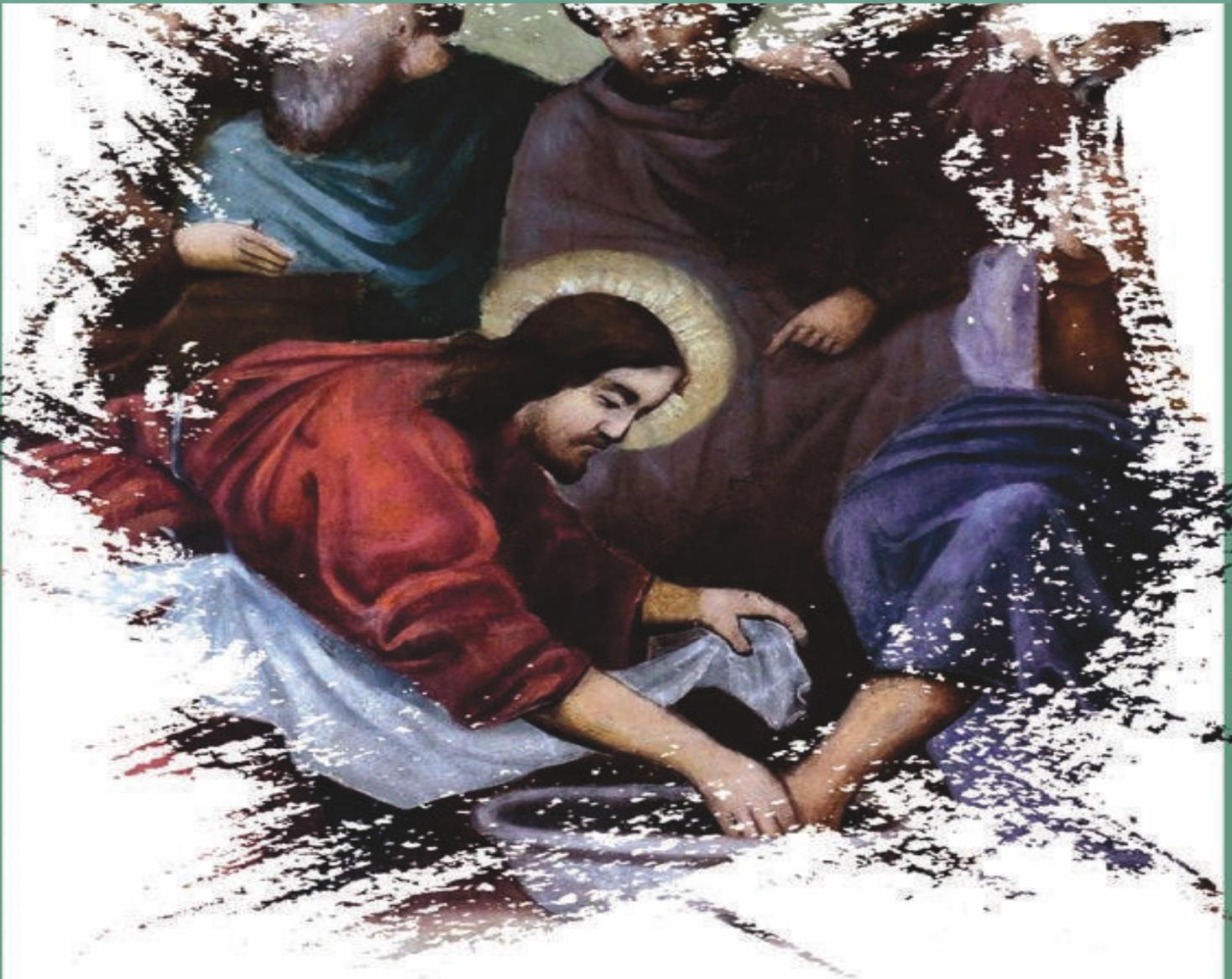


October 17, 2021



“WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU WILL BE YOUR SERVANT; WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU WILL BE THE SLAVE OF ALL.”
- MK 10:43-44

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CHURCH OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Mass Times: Saturday Anticipatory: 4 pm Sunday: 8:30 am & 11 :00 am Daily, T-F 8:30am

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

The Love We Are Called To

Jesus gave of Himself in service to others. If we are to follow Him, we must do the same.

The Eucharist is at the center of our faith lives. At Mass, we recall how Jesus humbled Himself to enter into the muck of our world. Along with the bread and wine, we offer ourselves together with Jesus as a living sacrifice to the Father. We pledge that we will give of ourselves in service to the needy, the lonely, and the desperate so that the blessings of eternal life may be extended throughout the world. When we come to Mass, we are not bystanders or spectators. Rather our lives are at stake. We are proclaiming that Christ has died to save us and that we are willing to sacrifice ourselves in service to others.

Jesus makes this very clear to His disciples in today's gospel

reading. Though He was the most powerful man to ever walk the earth, Christ did not become human to dominate others. He came to seek out the sick, the suffering, and the sinners. He came not only to instruct and heal us, but He suffered the cruelest death imaginable to open up heaven to those who would believe. Jesus was not in it for the glory. And anyone who follows Him must be willing to live as He lived. To be like our master, we must make ourselves the slaves of others.



As members of a community of faith, we can relate to the bickering that went on among the disciples. We all love our church and many of us give long hours of our free time to support it. Many of us are generous when it comes time to give to special collections or help out with fundraisers. However, it happens more often than we would like to admit that generous people get overlooked and feel slighted. We can feel bitter that others get the recognition we believe we deserve. We can resent that we are giving so much and others are giving so little. Or we can get so frustrated and offended by the pettiness and gossiping of others that we want to give up altogether.

While it is natural to want to be recognized for our work, it is not what the follower of Jesus is called to seek. All the great saints prayed that they would be overlooked and taken for granted even as they spent long hours in service of others. What they wanted more than anything was to be recognized by God for their work. So, they continued on even when they were made fun of because they wanted to be like Jesus who gave without counting the cost and who did everything not for the glory but out of pure love for others. Each of us who calls Jesus "Lord" must do the same.

At every Mass, we gather to recall the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us. Are we willing to give of ourselves for others? Are we willing to go without so that we can give more generously to the needy? Are we willing to risk injury or even death to protect the helpless? Are we willing to take on the thankless jobs no one else wants out of pure love for Jesus? Are we willing to go without being recognized because we set our hearts on the reward that only God can give? Above all, can we do all this with

a spirit of joy and thankfulness because we are blessed to be able to know, love and serve our Lord?

Douglas Sousa



The mission of the Parish Council is to act as an advisory body to the Pastor, assisting him with specific tasks in establishing his goals for the parish, and supporting him in his role as shepherd. You will find the current council members listed

on the website. From the Home Page select Who We Are/ Staff And Councils for our names.

The council meets next week, on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30PM. The Pastor and chairperson will be assembling the agenda items for this Parish Pastoral Council meeting taking into account the input from other council members as they gather pertinent information from parishioners. If you have something to share for the agenda that is being prepared, or at anytime, please send us an email at parishcouncil@blessedsacramentsp.org.



During the month of October you are encouraged to write in our "Book of Life" names of all family members, friends and parishioners who have died, whether long ago or recently. The "Book of Life" may be found right inside the main church doors. The "Book of Life" will remain in church throughout the month of November to help us remember to pray for all our faithful departed.

We are in the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary. Let us make use of this month to grow in our filial love and devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary, our Heavenly Patroness. Following her example, let us also try to experience her maternal love and turn to her at every moment of our lives for the true wisdom and guidance in our spiritual journey. I strongly encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary for the whole month October. I also invite you to consider making a commitment to be part of our 24/7 rosary chain. Let us reactivate this wonderful pious practice offering the Holy Rosary for the establishment of peace in the world, end of abortions and the pandemic, Covid-19. Please make a commitment and sign up to pray the rosary for the month of October. Thanks for your consideration and let us complete the chain.



55 Club Luncheon
We will be hosting our monthly 55 Club Luncheon on Tuesday, October 19 at 12 Noon. They will be serving spaghetti, meatball and salad. We will be playing Bingo for our entertainment!!

FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

THANK YOU

I wish to thank the staff for having successfully livestreamed our Holy Mass over the past 18 months. We made the decision to no longer record Mass since the dispensation has been lifted and everyone is welcomed back to Mass in person. It was a learning curve to learn the technology and receive the permits, etc. to be able to record the Mass for as long as we did. Our limited number of staff stepped up and were successful in accomplishing this task so our parishioners would always be able to be in the virtual front pew! Expect blessings.

Additional Lighting in the front parking lot

We are in the process of gathering competitive bids to add more lighting in the front parking area as a means to increase the safety and security for our parish. When more information is available, we will share the news with you. In the meantime, please continue to exercise caution when walking or driving in our lots during both the daylight hours and in the evening. There are still too many distracted drivers out there, so please be careful! Watch out for others and remember to properly secure any valuables you keep in your vehicles.

Homecoming Funfest Financial Recap

Our Homecoming event held in September was a huge success. It met our primary purpose of getting our parishioners back inside our doors. Besides that, we also netted a profit of approximately \$6,000 after all of the expenses were paid. It truly brought much joy to so many people, and we are blessed to have such dedicated staff and volunteers to pull this off within a very short timeframe. A number of people donated both their time and treasure for us to have this kind of outcome. God bless our parish of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

SOCIAL CONCERNS FOR OCTOBER



In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted **World Mission Sunday** for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the

local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. Please remember that we are all called to be missionary by our baptism and support those who are serving as missionaries by offering prayers and financial gifts during World Mission Sunday (Oct 16 & 17) in the parish collection.

ADORATION CHAPEL NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration offers to our people the opportunity to join those in religious life to pray for the salvation of the world, souls everywhere and peace on earth. We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world.

Mother Teresa

As we expand the hours our Adoration Chapel is open, we are pleased to announce that we have now filled our Wednesday mornings hours. We are always in need of prayer partners with a special need for a prayer partner for Fridays at 9 pm. Please call Kathy at 651-247-5185 or the parish office, if you are interested.



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- BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.
RECONCILIATION— Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; after 8:30 am Mass on Friday or by appointment on other days
MATRIMONY- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.
LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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- Blessed Sacrament Adoration, M-F, Please see signage for hours.
- The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.

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- Sunday, October 17**
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
 8:30am † Bernard Bearth
 11am Parish Mass
- Monday, October 18**
Saint Luke, Evangelist
 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday, October 19**
Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs
 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
 † Daniel Schauer
- Wednesday, October 20**
Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest
 Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
 Art Heutmaker Family
- Thursday, October 21**
Weekday
 Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
 † Joan Miske
- Friday, October 22**
Saint John Paul II, Pope
 Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
 † Claudia Carlson
- Saturday, October 23**
Weekday/Saint John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
 Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9(Morning Readings)
 4pm † Bernhard Drutschmann
- Sunday, October 24**
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
 8:30am † Art & Anne Peisert
 11am Parish Mass

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

October 17– October 24

Sun, Oct 17:	9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Faith Formation Classes 11:00am Doran Baptism
Mon, Oct 18:	6:30-7:30 Movement & Christian Meditation 7-8:00pm E Team Meeting/ Room 3
Tues, Oct 19:	9:30-11am CGS Noon-55 Club Luncheon
Wed, Oct 20:	9-11am or 6-8pm Synod Small Group Mtgs
Sun, Oct 24:	9:30-10:45am Coffee & Donuts

FINANCE

Gifts of Treasure

October 9/10 2021

Sunday Envelopes & Plate	\$ 3,253.11
Building/Utilities:	\$ 120.00
Additional Operations	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,393.11

FAITH FORMATION

- ✠ We have grown to 40 students enrolled in Faith Formation with 16 preparing for first sacraments. Praise the Good Shepherd! The Educational Wing has been busy on Tuesday and Sunday mornings. Parents are active as catechists, monitors, nursery leaders, and hospitality. How beautiful it is to work together to pass on our Catholic faith to our children.
- ✠ This weekend kids will have the opportunity for a “Church Search.” They make the connection between what they see at Mass and what they work with in the classroom. In addition to learning new vocabulary, students are memorizing prayers and cultivating love for the Good Shepherd, who gives us so many gifts, most especially Himself in the Eucharist.
- ✠ In the fall children receive Personal Safety Lessons called “Empowering God’s Children.” Learn more by visiting our website on the “Faith Formation” tab.
www.blessedsacramentsp.org/faith-formation.
- ✠ Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is such a blessing to families attending 8:30 am Sunday Mass. Thank you to our adult leaders and assistants. More are welcome!

**No Faith Formation classes on Sunday,
October 24.
Enjoy your MEA holiday break.**

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD UPDATES

Synod Small Groups this Week

Connect with others in a small group. On October 20, the topics are "Parents as primary educators" and "Helping the youth encounter Jesus." The morning session is 9:00 am to 11:00 am and begins with continental breakfast. Come as a family to the evening session. Dinner is served at 5:45 pm. Activities for kids of all ages and Synod discussion for adults from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Families, please RSVP to Connie in the office for the evening sessions on October 20 and 27.

Pass on
the Faith
to your kids.

October 20 and 27
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Dinner served at 5:45 pm

All ages invited. Come as a family.
Aligned with the Archdiocesan Synod.
Contact Connie to learn more and RSVP.



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to Mike and Sue Conners!*



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Lord bless you
with many more
years together of
happiness and
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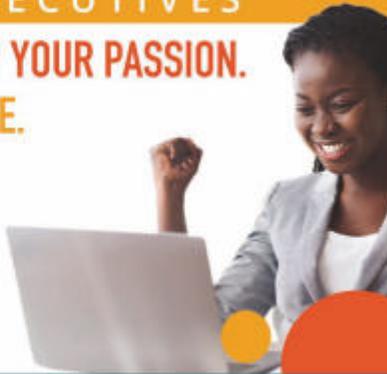
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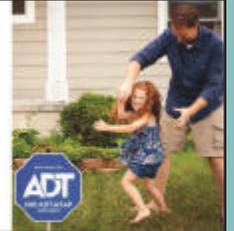


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