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October 16 & 17, 2021

29th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:45

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STEWARDSHIP GIFTS PRAY FAST GIVE

Week Ending October 3
\$ 22,592.90

Weekly September Budget
\$ 17,772.58

Difference
\$ 4,820.32

YTD Cumulative Difference
\$ (3,349.57)

Weekly Contributors
149

Building Fund - \$89.00

First Fruits - \$115.00

Food Pantry - \$735.00

CISS Meal - \$80.00

Seminarians - \$35.00

World Mission - \$150.00

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for parishioners after the pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Baptism classes are held every other month. Call the church office to register.

Marriage

Please call the church office at least nine months prior to the desired wedding date.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - Saturdays from 8:30am to 9:30am, by appointment or after any Mass

Saturday Mass - 4:30pm

Sunday Mass - 8:30am, 10:30am, 4:30pm

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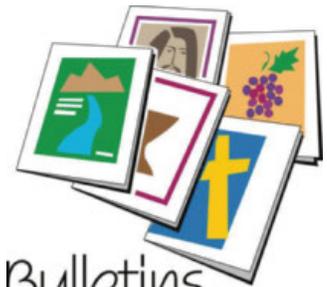
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BULLETIN ARTICLES

Bulletin submissions should be sent to the parish office by Friday, the week before you want it in the bulletin. You will need to write your own copy. If you have any questions, please call Sue Fitzpatrick at 515-279-4654 x300. Please send submissions to stsmedia@stsdsm.com.



Bulletins



A MESSAGE FROM FR. RAPHAEL



Reflections for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Theme: Authority as Service

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As you are aware, our parish mission is set to be in full gear this weekend. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel through our participation. Our readings for today regard those at the top as the position of greatest service.

The watch and the big clock

One day a watch was crossing a town square just as the big clock on the church steeple was chiming twelve noon. The watch looked up at the big clock and said, 'You think that you are better than the rest of us, don't you? You ought to look at yourself. Your face is common, your hands so clumsy, and your voice rough!' But the big clock calmly replied, 'Come up here, my little brother, and I will show you something.' The little watch climbed up the long stairs, and at last stood beside the big clock. What a view there was from there! But soon it realized that it was dangerous up here, very exposed, and ever so lonely. 'Little brother, there is a man down there who wants to know the time. Why don't you tell him?' said the big clock. 'Oh, I could not make him hear me from here or see me either,' the watch replied. 'So, you can't tell him, said the big clock. 'But I can tell him. We each have a job to do. I can do what you can't do. You can do what I can't do. Let us therefore not criticize one another. Instead, let each of us in our own way, and from our own place, tell people the time. In that way, we will not only be equal, but brothers as well.'

The Servant leader

As Christians, we tend to envy those who have made it to the top for their power and prestige. On the surface we see privilege and status, but much deeper are the obligations that come with leadership.

The servant in the first reading represents those who are willing to share in a new and daring enterprise. By accepting this call, the servant opens himself to suffering on behalf of the people. The leader's suffering will restore all to life with God.

The Gospel passage describes how James and John seek positions of honor when the Lord comes into his glory. Jesus explains that real honor is bound up with suffering. The "cup" is nothing less than the passion. Some people exercise their status in a show of power. By contrast, those who aspire to greatness in the Lord's kingdom must be servants. Genuine honor is found only in generous service.

Let us look at our own lives to see how authority or title is closely related to service. Husbands and wives provide for each other over the years. Parents who think resolutely in terms of the needs of the family deserve the name 'father' and 'mother'. People who look to the needs of their fellow humans and offer hope amid anguish are entitled to the name 'Christian'. All such people are caught up in service and reflect their titles by concerns for others. They believe that authority without service is no authority.

Let us follow the example Jesus gave by washing the feet of his disciples at the last Supper! May our leadership be of service to all. Shalom!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING HELP NEEDED

We receive our bulletins for free, because the advertising on the back is supposed to cover the expense. We currently do not have enough advertising to cover the cost of paper and printing for our bulletins. This could cause us to lose our ability to print in color and/or we could lose the number of pages that we are allowed to have.

Our LPI salesperson, Bert, will be coming in a few weeks to sell bulletin advertising. He will be visiting and calling on businesses in the area. If you own your business or work for a company that would be interested in advertising in our bulletin, please email Sue Fitzpatrick at sfitzpatrick@stsdsm.com or call her at **515-279-4654** with the contact information and she will pass it on to Bert. THANK YOU!!



CATHOLIC SCHOOL



There is no school on Monday, October 18. Teachers will spend the morning either at Christ the King or St. Francis working on literature or related arts' standards and continuing work with FAST/MAP data. The afternoon will be spent at STCS working on several things as well.

Get your smile on! School pictures are Thursday, October 21.

At St. Theresa Catholic School, daily exposure to our faith-based mission and a caring culture enables students (Catholic and non-Catholic) to learn about the divine teachings of Jesus Christ and freely discuss the compatibility of faith, science and reason without government restrictions or interference. We invite you to discover the Catholic School difference at St. Theresa. Schedule your visit today at www.sainttheresaiaowa.org.

We had special guests on Friday, October 8, who came bearing gifts. The Bishop Drumm van with a few residents on board brought gift bags that they had made for our teachers. It was a wonderful surprise! Another surprise was that St. Theresa parishioner Chris White was on the bus. We truly are grateful!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Save the date for our STCS **Trunk or Treat** hosted by the PTC on **Friday, October 29th**, starting at **6:30 pm** in the STCS/Church parking lot. Costumes are encouraged! If you are interested in helping or registering your car please use the link to sign up. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0949afac2aa1fb6-stcs>



Join the Kindergarten Girl Scout Troop Today!

First troop meeting is Tuesday, October 26, right after school dismissal in the Parish Hall. Contact Naleesa at 515-720-6597 for more information!

FALL 2021 CLEAN UP....is upon us again the CLEAN-UP PROJECT is scheduled for Saturday,

November 20th for members of our parish who need a little help with yard clean-up or minor home repair. Please, Please, Please help us volunteering on November 20th so that we have a successful day again. To maintain social distancing, we would like to split the teams into smaller teams, therefore, we do need at least as many volunteers as in past years. If you or someone you know could help this year, please call or text Sergio Loch at 515-707-6172, or 263-2922; sloch@grandview.edu; Paul Chicoine at 515-979-3822, pcchi-coine@gmail.com. Our Fall Clean-Up is now in its 16th year of service to the needs of our parishioners and we thank all those who have been involved in past years and welcome them back again this year! All volunteers please be in the church parking lot on November 20th at 8:00am to begin our day. If you are able to contribute to this project in any way, large or small, please call us. Thank you.



The St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul Conference is resurrecting the 5th Sunday care collection. We will be donating the personal care items you bring on the 5th Sunday to our pantry right here at St. Theresa and to the SVdP pantry on 6th Ave. in Des Moines. Please bring your items on the last weekend in October and place them on the steps in front of the altar. Most needed items are: Lotion, 2 in1 Shampoo, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Body Wash, Razors, Deodorant Male/Female, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, Bar of Soap



GOD IS GOOD SLOGAN

**GOD IS GOOD – ALL THE TIME
ALL THE TIME – GOD IS GOOD
AND THAT IS HIS NATURE**



YOUTH MINISTRY



Megs Howes, Youth Minister

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Edge meets from 6:30-7:30 in the Community Center in the school
November 3 & 10

Lifeteen meets from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall
November 3

Confirmation Prep Sessions

The next Confirmation Prep Session+ for C1 (9th grade or older) and C2 (10th grade or older) will be on Wednesday, November 10th, 6:00-8:00pm in the parish hall. Contact Megs if you have questions or still need to register your student! Check out the Youth Ministry website for more Information.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH 1 – Developing Baby – “My heart is beating!” Spiritual Adoption Program

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage!

Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

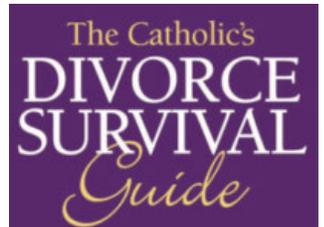
Time and Location:

Saturday, October 30th, 4 PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines, IA

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org

DIVORCED? *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide* 12-week group begins November 8th at Holy Trinity Parish, 2926 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Meetings are from 6-7:30 PM. Cost of \$30 per person includes a “Personal Survival Guide” and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilysm@gmail.com. For more information visit www.catholicdivorce.com.



WOMENS CONFERENCE 2021

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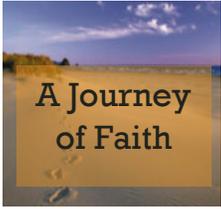
Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Des Moines Embassy Suite. Ladies, please join us for “*Spiritual Protection for Such a Time as This*”. The conference begins with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by a day of powerful national, and local speakers who will give you the tools to protect yourself and your loved ones. \$30 tickets on sale now. For more information, go to www.iowacatholicradio.com or call 515-202-3176.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Welcome to RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



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RCIA is a process to form people in the Catholic faith and prepare adults to receive the sacraments of the Church.

RCIA is a parish process. It doesn't work unless the parish is involved. We are now looking for hosts for Sunday morning at 9:30am, storytellers and sponsors. Is anyone in the parish ready? Call Barb

Highway to Halos: Prepare for All Saints Day! Packets are available at the entrances of the church or call the Parish Office.

If you have a packet, you have a rock. If you didn't take a packet, find a flat rock. Please decorate that rock and place the name of a loved one who has passed. Bring the rock back between October 16 and November 1 and place it in the rock garden in the sanctuary. Your loved one will be remembered in prayer. If you have more than one person, find a rock in your yard and add it to the collection.



our Parish Mission is here: What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today? Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Dates: October 17, 18, 19, 2021 from 7-8:15 pm.

Fellowship to follow.

Come and be renewed in spirit!

Babysitting available as well as childcare below 1st grade. RSVP to Barb or Megs in the Parish Office.

Don't forget Cards and Games this coming Thursday, October 21, from 2-4pm in the East Meeting Room. Bring a snack to share and a friend. Come and enjoy fellowship and fun!



ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BLESSING OF MUSICIANS

Musicians, liturgists, pastors and guests: Please join the Des Moines Diocese Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) at a Mass and Reception on **Sunday, November 21, 2021, 3:00 p.m.** at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309. Come "make a joyful noise" during the Mass, which will include a blessing of musicians. Following Mass, enjoy light refreshments and networking opportunities during a reception at the Pastoral Center. Contact Sarah Graf, desmoinesia@npm.org for further information.



October 17 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

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Mass Intentions



Monday, 6:30 am	October 18 Communion Service
Tuesday, 6:30 am	October 19 † Mary Ellen Gase & Barta Jenn † Tim Furey
Wednesday, 6:30 am	October 20 † Evie Olson † Rita Deuchar
Thursday, 6:30 am	October 21 † Linde Mar & Benno Loch † Victor Hageman
Friday, 6:30 am 8:35 am	October 22 † Jim Durbala † Josephine Douglas - Living
Saturday 4:30 pm 4:30 pm	October 23 † Frank DePhillips † Virginia Judge
Sunday, 8:30 am 8:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm	October 24 † Bob O'Neill † Rose Koenigsfeld † Judy Chase † Cindy Green † People of the Parish

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

GOAL	\$124,979.00
GIFTS/PLEDGES	\$139,078.03
REMAINING ON GOAL	\$14,099.03
PERCENTAGE OF GOAL MET	111.3%
NO. OF GIFTS/PLEDGES	324
AVERAGE GIFT	\$429.25

I LIFT UP MY NEEDS IN PRAYER

Joseph, with Jesus and Mary, you knew hunger, uncertainty, and illness. You turned your heart to God to lift up your needs and those of your family. In faith you accepted the Father's response as events unfolded. Be with me today as I offer my requests to the Father. Joseph, let me recognize God's will as I open my hands to accept what God bestows in loving kindness. With tenderness, God fills creation with life and love. Open my eyes to the wonders that God works without ceasing. Let me learn the true intention behind my request so that I may discover within myself the lowly one that God commends. Amen.



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



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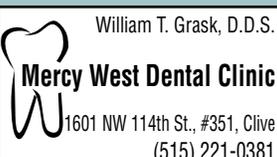
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