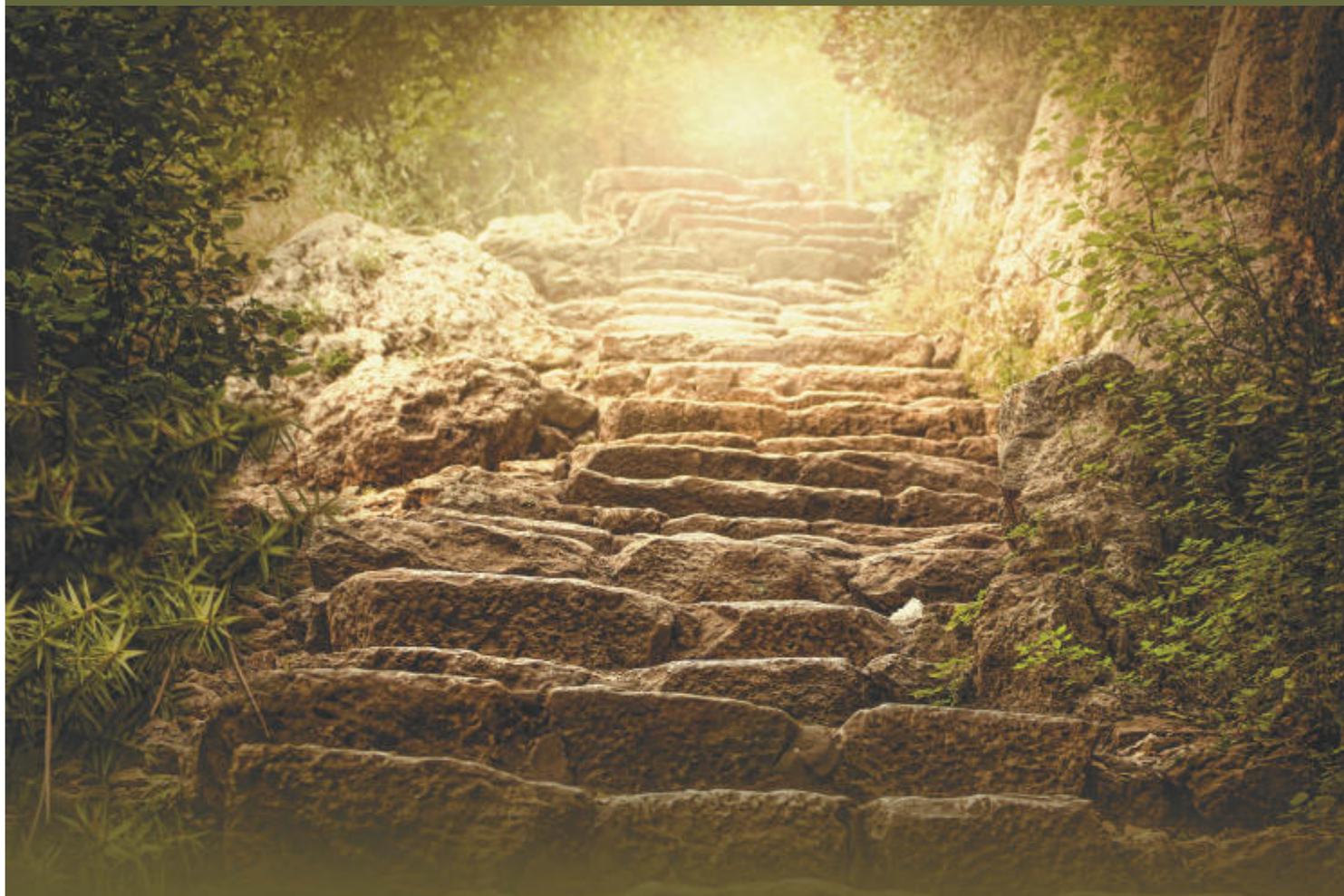


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October 23 & 24, 2021



30th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
- Mk 10:52

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Week Ending October 3
\$ 18,581.00

Week Ending October 10
\$20,335.50

Weekly October Budget
\$ 36,092.68

Difference
\$ 3,123.82

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\$ (225.75)

Weekly Contributors
134/161

Building Fund - \$520.00

First Fruits - \$510.00

Food Pantry - \$135.00

CISS Meal - \$20.00

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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

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 stsmmedia@stsdsm.com.



Bulletins



A MESSAGE FROM FR. RAPHAEL



Reflections for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Theme: **The gift of Sight**

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

A little boy was heartbroken to find his pet turtle lying on its back, lifeless and still, beside the pond.

His father did his best to console him, don't cry son 'we will arrange a lovely funeral for Mr. turtle. We'll make him a little coffin all lined and silk and get the undertaker to make headstone for his grave with Mr. Turtle's name carved on it. Then, we will have fresh flowers place on the grave each day and make a little picket fence to go all around it'. The little boy dried his eyes and became enthusiastic about the project. When all was ready the cortege was formed – father, mother, maid, and child, the chief mourner, began to move solemnly towards the pond to bring in the body. But the body had vanished. Suddenly they spied Mr. Turtle emerging from the depths of the pond and swimming around merrily, the little boy stared at his friend in bitter disappointment then said, **'Let's kill him'**.

Today's readings show that, even in the most desperate moment, we can find God dynamically present, a God who pierces the darkness and offers us the grace of hope and new life. In the Gospel, the blindness of Bartimaeus' condition was made miserable by two misfortunes. In the first place he was blind and in the second place he was a poor beggar. But he was relived from his misfortune by the blessing of Christ.

The faith of Bartimaeus is something remarkable

Origin of His Faith: It was faith that brought healing to Bartimaeus. How did he come to believe in Jesus? He did not come to believe in Jesus from what he saw. Others saw Jesus work many miracles. Examples, heal lepers, cure the sick, multiply the loaves and fish, even give sight to some blind men. But Bartimaeus hadn't seen all these, for he was stone blind. It certainly was not because he traveled much, for blind men don't travel much. As he was sitting by the roadside and begging he would have heard the passers-by discussing about Jesus of Nazareth, how he healed the man born blind in Bethsaida (Mk. 8:23). As he sat there on the roadside day in and day out, he would have prayed and wished to hear the name of Jesus than with all the alms he received. He believed in Jesus from what he heard, and not from what he saw.

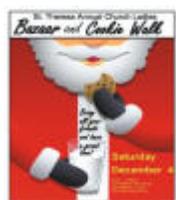
The desire of His Faith

He wanted to come face to face with Jesus and get healed by Him. But there were many obstacles for him. The crowd was large, and the noise was loud. How could Jesus hear him? But even that couldn't stop him. He said to himself, "I shall make my cry louder than the noise of the crowd." When he cried, the crowd took notice of his cry, but they considered that it was a nuisance. He was disturbing the speech of Jesus. Thus, they told him to shut his mouth. But Bartimaeus was not deterred by the opinion of the crowd. His need was greater than the desire of the crowd. So, he cried louder, "Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus heard his cry and asked what he wants. Bartimaeus replied, "I want to see again." His great desire was granted. He came into the presence of Jesus and made his prayer to him.

The Fruit of His Faith

When he came before Jesus, he asked Him to give his sight back again. And Jesus said, "Go your faith has cured you." His faith brought him sight. After his sight what did he do? The bible says, "He followed Christ." What a grateful man he was!

May the lessons we have learnt from Bartimaeus increase our faith; may his faith and experience teach us that Jesus cares for us more than anything else; may his faith and experience teach us that Jesus listen and answers any prayer that emerge from the pain of our hearts. Shalom!



STARS Christmas Bazaar

Returns Saturday, December 4, from 9 am - 3:30 pm in Parish Hall.

Wonderful Vendors - Quilt Raffle - Bake Sale.

Plan to be there.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Please join us for all-school Mass on Monday, Nov. 1 at 8:35. Mass is being planned by Mrs. Duff's 2nd grade.

Please keep the second graders of the parish, their families and their teachers in your prayers as they journey towards First Reconciliation.

Thank you, Fr. Tom McCarthy, for speaking to our students while here for the Parish Mission!

Please mark your calendars for the November 12 8:35 Mass where we will honor Veterans of the parish.

Schools throughout the Diocese of Des Moines have faculty endorsed in special education to meet the needs of diverse learners. Moreover, all faculty benefit from professional development designed to aid our schools in differentiating instruction to ensure academic growth and success for all students. Contact your specific school location for more information about diverse learner support programs. Could your child benefit from diverse learner education at Saint Theresa Catholic? Visit saintalbertschools.org to learn more and schedule your school tour today at www.sainttheresaiaowa.org.

NCYC SECOND COLLECTION

Our delegation of 34, which includes 25 youth and nine adults, is looking forward to the National Catholic Youth Conference. The conference will be held November 18-21 in Indianapolis, Indiana, for a weekend of faith, fun & friends. The cost of the trip is \$750 per adult chaperone and \$650 per youth attending. We will be taking a second collection the week of October 30 & 31 to help offset our cost for the chaperones and youth. We greatly appreciate your support of this amazing event!

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.

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.



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 2 – Developing Baby – “I’m dancing!” Spiritual Adoption Program

Your baby is making progress developing all of her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days. Her mother can hear her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. The central nervous system is functioning and 40 muscle sets begin their first exercises. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body. But everything she needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. She is now called a “fetus,” a Latin word meaning “little one”. Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring, flip and jump – her first dance steps!

Virtual Work of Human Hands Sale!

For over 25 years, St Theresa has offered Fair Trade/Work of Human Hands items during the holidays. Last year because of the pandemic, we held a **virtual** Work of Human Hands sale! This virtual sale proved to be so popular that we are once again offering this option for you to pick out what you want and still receive a great discount and no shipping charges!

Go to <https://www.serrv.org/> to browse the lovely selection of gifts and useful items or look at the online catalog that gives you many gift ideas.

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Most items are eligible for **25% off with no shipping charges**. Fair Trade scarves, baskets, crafts, kitchen linen, soups, jam, chocolate, tea, and olive oil are available with the 25% off discount! What a deal and what a great way to do your Christmas shopping! Give the perfect gift that gives twice--to both the maker and to the recipient. Your purchase of fair trade items is an easy way to change lives for the better. When you shop Fair Trade you stand in solidarity with over 8,000 artisans and farmers in 24 countries through Fair Trade programs that provide fair wages, a sustainable income, safe working conditions, community improvement projects, and allows children to go to school instead of working for a pittance.

To take advantage of this offer, go to our online order form <https://forms.gle/Ar6DACi3wqgNSiCD9> and fill in the items you would like to order. Orders must be placed by **November 14** and will be available for **pick up on December 8 (payment due at pickup)**. Once you submit your order, you will receive an order confirmation email with your discounted order total. Early in December you will receive an email with pickup details for December 8.

If you prefer not to use the online order form, you can email your order of desired items to anitah@mediacombb.net
Questions? Call or text Anita at 515-216-0908.



WOMENS CONFERENCE 2021

Hosted by Iowa Catholic Radio Network

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



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Please join us on Saturday, October 30th, at 10:30 am for our annual Mass of Remembrance. This is a time to remember the members of our parish who have died in the past year. Family members will have an opportunity to carry up a candle during Mass in memory of their loved one and place it on the altar steps in front of their loved one's memorial tile. Once again this year we will be having a luncheon following the Mass in the Parish Center. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for our beloved dead and all parishioners are welcome to attend. Please contact Deacon David Schmidt, 279-4654, extn 308, for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN

Council 5389 annual Tootsie Roll Campaign to raise money for organizations that work with People with Intellectual Disabilities will have a Tootsie Roll distribution after weekend Masses on October 30-31.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW MEMBER DRIVE

St. Theresa Knights of Columbus Council 5389 (Elizabeth Seton Council) will be hosting a regional New Member Exemplification Ceremony following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass on October 24, 2021, in the church. Men 17-1/2 years old who are practicing Catholics are invited to join the council by participating in this event. Pre-registration is required, by visiting: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>. Family members are welcome to attend the ceremony!

First year registration fees have been waived for the remainder of the calendar year, so there is no cost to join the council in 2021! Join with over 200 other men who are members of our council in helping to meet the needs in our community through prayer and service.

If you have questions about the event, you are welcome to call Brian Tingleff, 515-720-8982 before October 22, 2021.

YOUNG CATHOLIC NETWORK

All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, November 9th! Join us at 6 PM for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth. Dan Kinsella, Managing Partner at Deloitte, will be our featured speaker. He consults with businesses and Fortune 500 companies on how to manage their risk to seek rewards and avoid pitfalls. There's risk when it comes to sharing your faith in the workplace. What's the reward for sharing the Word? And how can prayer help us avoid pitfalls? Dan explains! Attire is business casual. Free childcare is provided. If you need childcare, please register by Nov 1st at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn.

October 24 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

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 next weekend and place them on the steps in front of the altar.



Mass Intentions



Monday, 6:30 am	October 25 Communion Service
Tuesday, 6:30 am	October 26 † Angela Santoyo † Delores Pagliai
Wednesday, 6:30 am	October 27 † Cathy Leo
Thursday, 6:30 am	October 28 † Evie Olson
Friday, 6:30 am 8:35 am	October 29 † Deceased Members of the Tigges & Gladfelder Families † Bob Miethke
Saturday 4:30 pm 4:30 pm	October 30 † Chuck & Livie Werner † John Pogemiller
Sunday, 8:30 am 8:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm	October 31 † Jim Durbala † Mary Lou Weuve † Craig Hand † Dennis Ashby † People of the Parish

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 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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GOAL	\$124,979.00
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