

October 3, 2021

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WE LOVE AND WHO
WE LOVE SHAPES
WHAT WE BECOME."**

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Tues.–Fri. 7:30 a.m. Mass • Sat. 3–4 p.m. Confessions & 4:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass & 11:45 a.m.–4 p.m. Adoration

MASS INTENTIONS

October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Bill Lynch†
Mary Lou Fleischhackert
10:30 a.m. Frank Kimlingert
Alexis Angui

October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

7:30 a.m. Rosemary Manderfeld†
Meuers family

October 6, St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

7:30 a.m. Parents of difficult children

October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parents who have lost children
Michelle

8:30 a.m. Holy Spirit students

(Students only)

October 8

7:30 a.m. Dennis Connolly†

October 9, St. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi

4:30 p.m. John Schwartzbauer†

**COFFEE
&
DONUTS**

**Stop by Howley Hall after Mass for
a sweet treat and fellowship!**

Forming Faith as a Family

Through engaging and easy to understand lessons and activities, Family Formation brings parishes and families together to grow their faith at the family level. The first session is on Saturday, Oct. 9. Register at holy-spirit.org/ktfb by Tuesday, Oct. 5.



Julia Krieger & Isaac Schwab
will celebrate the sacrament of marriage on
Saturday, Oct. 9

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers the
repose of the soul of

Marie Elizabeth Moore
whose funeral was on Oct. 1

A Prayer to Be Open to God's Will

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!
Amen.

MEN'S CLUB UPDATES

Our kickoff dinner was well attended! We posthumously honored **Carl Jaeschke** with the Rich Warec Service Award.

Our meetings are typically the first Wednesday of the month—the next one being on Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the backyard of 766 Syndicate Street South, Saint Paul at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are a great way to meet other members and get involved in helping our community! All men of the parish and school, ages 18 and up, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Food and refreshments are served.

Save the date: Turkey Bingo is on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Howley Hall. There will be tons of door prizes and several chances to win a turkey for your Thanksgiving meal (those under 18 can play bingo if accompanied by a parent or guardian).



First Communion & Reconciliation

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 1.

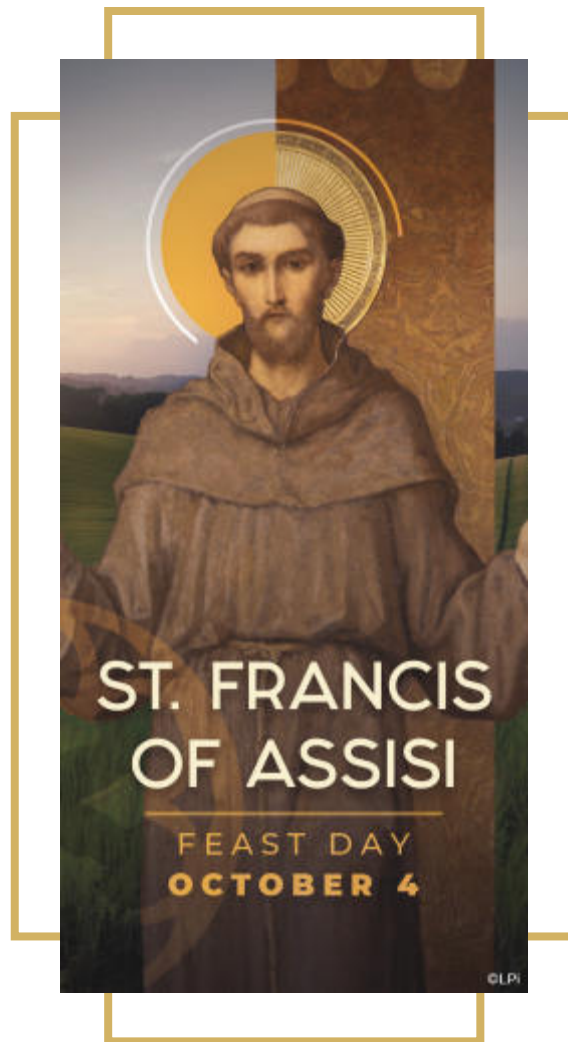
First Reconciliation will be on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Register at holy-spirit.org/reconciliation or holy-spirit.org/communion.



Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m. Register at holy-spirit.org/confirmation.



St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day Oct. 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Stand up for human life by peacefully praying, fasting, and sharing the 40 Days movement, whose purpose is to help families and end abortion.

Get involved by registering for a day of prayer at nativystpaul.org/events/40-days-for-life-fall-2021. Learn more about the movement at 40daysforlife.com.

If you have questions, would like to have a prayer partner, or need help registering, email Karen McCann at karenmccann3@gmail.com.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Cuppa Joe: Silent Witness

Oct. 5, 4 p.m., Virtual Event

In this Year of Saint Joseph, join Fr. John Floeder virtually as he explores this amazing saint in his title as *Silent Witness* hosted by Saint Joseph, Rosemount. This is part of the Cuppa Joe series: 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph. All talks are posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at archspm.org/cuppajoe.

Night of Light

Oct. 8, 6-9 p.m.

InterContinental Hotel, St. Paul

The Night of Light is the metro area's premier fundraising event providing K-8 children a chance to reach their full potential through the life-changing benefits of a Catholic education. The gala will support the Aim Higher Foundation's tuition-assistance. Visit nightoflight.info for more info.

Archdiocesan Youth Day 2021

Oct. 16, 6-10 p.m.

**Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville, and
St. John the Baptist, New Brighton**

Archdiocesan Youth Day connects youth with our Lord, our bishops and other teens. The evening will include great music, Mass, adoration, inspiring talks, conversation with the bishops and more. Visit archspm.org/ayd21 for registration and more info.

DOING THEOLOGY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Presented by Peter Phan, PhD

Thursday, Oct. 7 | 5:30 p.m. | Zoom Event

Dr. Phan's presentation will cover the purpose and process of inculturation, the function of religious dialogue, and how migration impacts our concepts of the church today. One feature of our contemporary world is religious diversity as it challenges our understanding of Jesus as the universal Savior and the Church as a sacrament of salvation.

This is a virtual event. The cost is \$20. Register at wisdomwayscenter.square.site. Once registered, participants will be emailed the Zoom link.

THEREIN LIES THE...RIB

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVE THE LITURGY

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh (Gn 2:24)

Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Ps 128)

Second Reading

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Heb 2:11)

Gospel

Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate (Mk 10:9)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.



Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless

twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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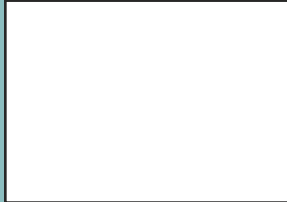
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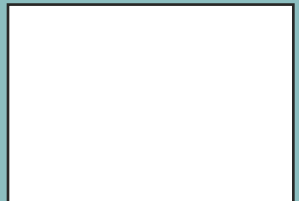
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