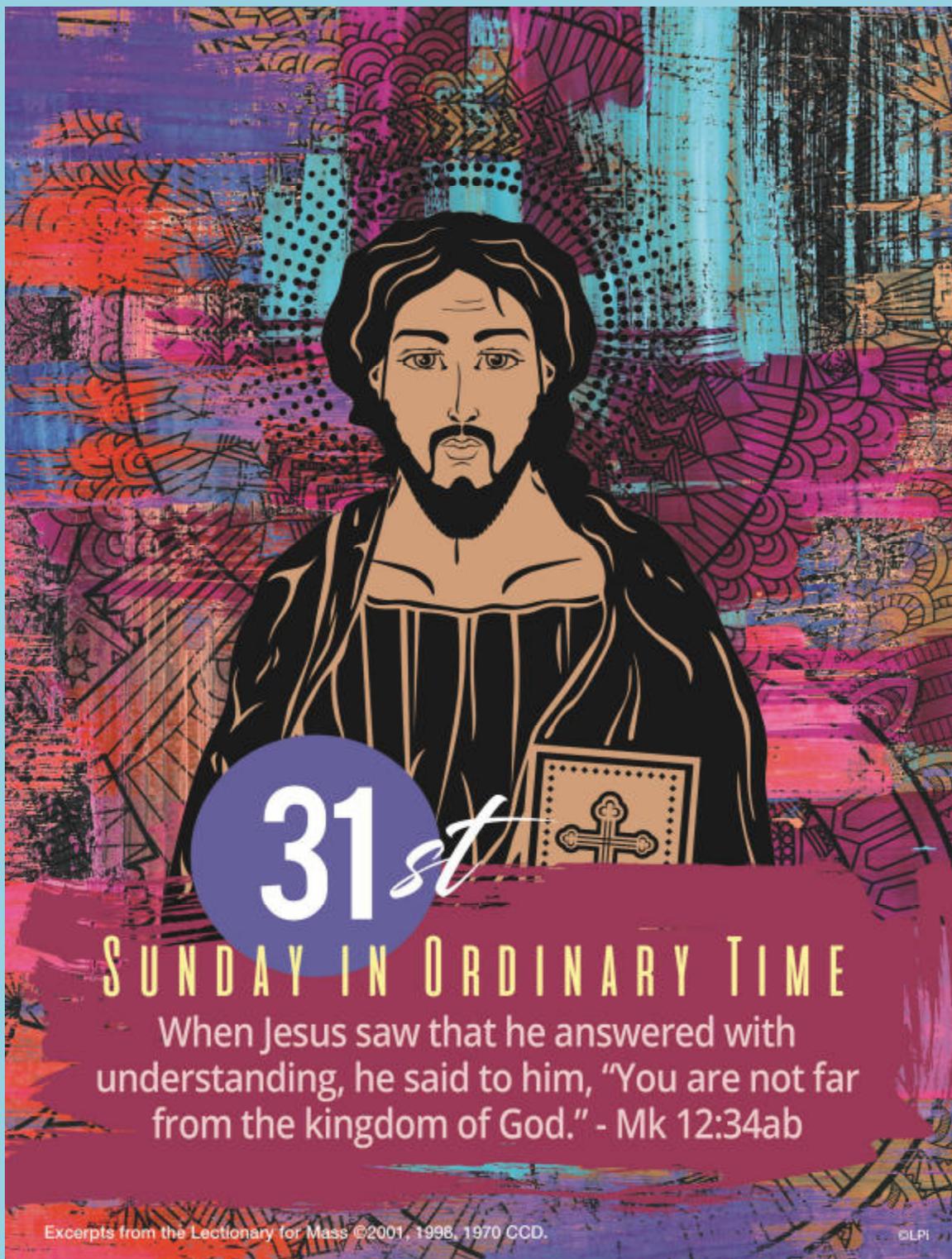


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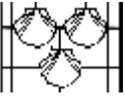
Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time ✚ October 31, 2021



31st

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab



Message from Fr. Tom

Well, I lucked out once again with weather for my two-day getaway to the north shore of Lake Superior. It's Tuesday evening and I'm back safe and sound, and warm, though tomorrow's forecast up there calls for rain. Even though I've been there before—how many times, 25?—I found some very short trails leading to incredible views. These are places I would be able to access in my 80's, should I live that long. "Palisade Head" has a parking lot 50 feet away from a cliff that overlooks the lake and other cliffs to the north. "Temperance River" trailhead lets you park about 150 feet away from the shore at the bottom of a river gorge, and the now dry lava bed of an ancient waterfall. I hiked longer than those distances, but not that much, really. I consumed a lot more calories than I burned, let's just say.

I'm still planning on a February pilgrimage to the Holy Land, though of course this is uncertain given the times, the virus and such. Still, this week I'm feeling hopeful. Israel is opening up the country to all vaccinated tourists starting November 1. My contacts in the tourism industry there are cautiously optimistic. Speaking of which, we are once again selling goods from Bethlehem, where there have been virtually no tourists for the last 18 months. I'm still waiting for one more shipment from the L'Arche Community, whose woolen nativity sets we also sold last year. This is also the place from which we received the popular olive oil—and more is coming! (BTW, the NY Times ran a column about "The Best Olive Oil in the world, and guess from where it comes? Yep."). Part of the planned pilgrimage includes an olive oil cooperative where Palestinians and Israelis work together to produce olive oil—I can't wait. Also, we'll be selling ceramic and olive wood crafts from a gift shop on Manger Street. The owner was ecstatic to send his good over to us. So, stay tuned!

We have a Parish Bike Ride this Sunday, but it's not until 1:30!! This is to accommodate the priest and anyone else who might be celebrating our Outdoor Mass at 12:00. Then I have in my calendar Parish Bike Rides for November 7, and again on the 14th but that last one at 1:30 again because of what will probably be our last Outdoor Mass on the 14th. That would be three weeks in a row for bikes rides. I guess I was trying to schedule 'em before then great freeze comes to town. I'm glad to have my bicycle back from the shop where it sat for two weeks waiting for a part to arrive—supply chain issues! I had set the bike precariously against a railing when the wind blew it over and best part of the derailleur. Some mistakes have consequences, maybe all do. But so do the good things we do!

For the Holy Day of All Saints on Monday, we are celebrating one mass, at 9:00 with the school community. With the recent change in rules, this feast, because it falls on a Monday, does not carry the weight of obligation. All Saints Day, long with the Assumption and Mary Mother of God are no longer obligatory in the USA if they fall on a Saturday or Monday. We'll all get a taste of All Saints this weekend at our indoor masses, however, when we pray the beautiful Litany of the Saints together at the close of the Liturgy of the Word.

That means Tuesday is All Souls Day, the day we remember all who have died, and pray for them. So much of what happens after death, I suppose all of what happens, is uncertain to us who still live and breathe. I find it helpful to trust that friends and family who have died are now enjoying the benefit of God's mercy and power and enjoying the peace and joy of heaven. At the same time, I think it is good to pray for them as an act of love. It might seem inconsistent to both trust they are in heaven and pray that they are in heaven. So much of what is most true, however, seems to be paradoxical. God is all-merciful and all-just, for example. Selfishly, I take comfort in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, that "Consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

Speaking of Goblins, Happy Halloween. I'm tickled that again our families have banded together to offer "Trunk or Treat" on our back lawn 4-6PM on Saturday. I mentioned in my video chat this week that I learned why initially people dressed up at demons, goblins and witches. It stemmed from their belief that demons, goblins and witches came out to harm and distract human beings on the night before the Feast of All Saints, lest they gain inspiration from the lives of the Holy Ones and seek greater holiness themselves. People dressed up like demons, goblins and witches so that the real demons, goblins and witches wouldn't recognize them as humans and leave them alone! As the closing lines of Compline or Night Prayer say, "May the Lord protect us from all evil and grant us a restful night and peaceful death." Blessed All Saints and All Souls to all of you.

Oh, P.S., next week we will have the All Souls commemoration of our parishioners who died since last All Souls Day. Again, we will invite anyone forward who would like to name additional people who recently died and light a candle for them. Peace.

Jonah Report, October 2021

Jonah is a faith-based organization for the Chippewa Valley, part of both statewide and international networks, that works to advocate for policy changes that affect the oppressed and vulnerable.

The following are brief reports of what our various task forces have been involved in these past months. New members are always welcome. If you have a passion for one of these issues, you are encouraged to attend one of their meetings.

Immigration Task Force: Meets 4:30-5:45 via Zoom, 3rd Monday of the month

Developed a fund helping our immigrant neighbor during the pandemic. Partnered with UWEC, Eau Claire Public Health, Eau Claire Police Department, City of Altoona, Hmong Association and Black community, Chippewa Valley Bridge Builders. Hosted the Mexican Consulate, developed a Reader's group, participated in statewide efforts, organized a Cultural Festival, sought sponsors for asylum seekers, raised funds for Latino Student Association, met with Kathy Bernier about Drivers Cards for the Undocumented

Environmental Task Force: Meets 7PM via Zoom, 1st Monday of the month

Worked with state legislators and Plastic Free Milwaukee on plastic use, other area groups on composting. Hosted presentations promoting pesticide/herbicide free lawns and pollinator gardens. Is creating a curriculum on climate change for school age groups such as Scouts, 4H and school clubs, and is planning to host a forum in early 2022 on how to reduce our daily living on plastic consumption

EXPO-FREE—expowisconsin.org or *nycki@expowisconsin.org* for information

Collaborated on supporting changes around jail and prison issues. Participated in the nursing student project to create a series of questions to ask formally incarcerated people, typically highlighting the trauma they have been through. Gathered and presented information on housing needs for those reentering with a conviction history. Held listening sessions with the Department of Community Corrections to highlight difficulties people on probation and parole face when returning to the community.

Chippewa Valley Transit Alliance—*chippewavalleytransitalliance@gmail.com*

Updated the Chippewa Valley Bike Map, purchases bus tickets for people living at Sojourner House and working towards making transit free for anyone experiencing homelessness and to explore ways for K-12 to ride for free. Working on transitioning to electric buses, offered free bus rides on Earth Day, and advocates on the regional, state, and national level for passenger rail service.

Child Poverty Task Force/Coalition—Meets 4:30 PM via Zoom, 4th Tuesday of the month

Promotes awareness of child poverty. Working with the BRAIN Team and EC Children's Museum to establish exhibit on the importance of early learning on a child's brain development. Working with the Family Resource Center to provide support to their Parent Partner's Program. Studied research that shows the impact on how the trauma of poverty results in chronic disease, reduced life spans, and high public costs to repair the damage to individuals. Advocates for the American Families Act which is estimated to reduce child poverty by more than 50% almost immediately.

Affordable Housing Task Force—Meets 5:30-7 PM via Zoom or Grace Lutheran in person using the Tenant Landlord Resource Center, 1st Thursday on the month

Received a \$59,000.00 grant from the Pablo Foundation to open the Tenant Landlord Resource Center at Grace Lutheran. Met with local, state and federal lawmakers to discuss the affordable housing crisis. Advocated for funding for Affordable Housing Fund in the city of EC. Collaborated with UCP, Community Table and City of EC to create a Landlord Support Program, including risk mitigation and Ready to Rent Classes for tenants. Collaborated with other non-profits to discuss how to provide daytime resources for unhoused individuals. Working to connect local developers with area service providers to implement affordable housing venture.

You can also learn more about JONAH by going to their website or Facebook page. There are many articles, a calendar of upcoming events, meetings and short videos.

Jonahjustice.org

Submitted by Jacky Miller

Trying Something New! St. James is going to send care packages to our college freshmen this November. Confirmation students will put them together with positive messages and they'll get mailed off before the students have finals! If you would like to sponsor a care package, please send your donation into church or donate on-line on the website. THANKS!

Lima's Famous Fish Fry

Friday Nov. 5, 4:30-7:30 PM. Drive thru only. \$10 meal includes baked or fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, bag of chips, famous tartar sauce.

Holy Rosary parish, N6235 County Road V, Durand. Sponsored by the Holy Rosary PCCW.

What's happening at St. James Elementary for November:

Tuesday, Nov. 16: Lifetouch School Pictures - Retakes

Tuesday, Nov. 16: Jeans for Jesus - Toys for Tots

Friday, Nov. 19: Kindergarten & 1st Grade Hearing Screening

Wednesday, Nov. 24-26: No School - Thanksgiving Break

Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope

(JONAH) will be hosting Quaker musician Carrie Newcomer in a concert at Grace Lutheran Church on **November 6at 6:30 PM**. Tickets will be \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 on the day of the concert, with no more than 300 tickets available. Watch this space for information about ticket purchasing, or contact Mark Helpsmeet for more information.

This event will be a fundraiser for JONAH. Carrie's music will be available for purchase with proceeds going to JONAH. JONAH task forces will also be present to share more about their work in Affordable Housing, Child Poverty, Criminal Justice, the Environment, Immigration, and Transit.

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE! [https://](https://volumeonetickets.org/events/carrie-newcomer-11-6-2021)

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NOTE: Masking is required, as is COVID vaccination or proof of negative test.

Ruby's Pantry

Volunteers are welcome and needed at Ruby's Pantry the first Thursday of each month between 2-6 PM. Volunteers are outside until we cannot be, so dress warm, have closed toe shoes, and join us for whatever time you can.

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Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9:00 AM Tuesday-Friday.

Wednesdays are school masses.

Rosary and Adoration are available after the Tuesday Mass until 10:30 AM.

Sat.	Oct. 30	4:30 PM Ron Hunter
Sun.	Oct. 31	8:00 AM People of St. James
		10:00 AM Charles Martenson
		NOON Mass on the Grass
Mon	Nov. 01	All Saints School Mass
Tue.	Nov. 02	William Keegan
Wed.	Nov. 03	Larry Hagens
Thu.	Nov. 04	Marie Zurbachen
Fri.	Nov. 05	Hugh Joseph Nowak
Sat.	Nov. 06	4:30 PM Jim and LaVonne Kelley
Sun.	Nov. 07	8:00 AM Jim Connolly
		10:00 AM People of St. James

Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Tuesday Nov. 9. If you have any parish concerns or feedback, please contact a member of the council, who will share it with the group. A list of council members is posted on the bulletin board the left of the school entrance

Card-Making Party

A group is meeting to create 90 cards on Nov. 8 at 9 AM in the Gathering Space. These cards used in the PCCW Poinsettia project—giving a poinsettia to the homebound and elderly in the parish. If you would like to help make cards for this worthwhile project, contact Carol Murray at 715-292-8272

Sermon on the Amount

October 17, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (166)	\$21,269.50
2020 same week (166)	\$18,024.50
Students	\$0.00
Plate	<u>\$145.00</u>
Total	\$21,414.50

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through Sept. 30, 2021:

Actual (July 1-Sept. 30) \$162,534.00

Budgeted (July 1-Sept. 30) \$163,483.29

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and *Past*Present*Future Campaign* income for Oct. 17 was \$1,325.00 for a total since July 1, 2021 of \$9,990.00.

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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.



St. James Social Concerns group is partnering with Habitat for Humanity

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St. James Social Concerns Committee invites you to be a part of READING/ PREPARING a HOME for a family on 710

Eddy Street. What a great way to HELP. Just volunteer a few hours, a day or when you can. There is so much need in the Chippewa Valley and this is a place to start. IF you are interested in helping prepare a HOME. For more information you can email kolstadmary@gmail.com or call Mary Kolstad 715 -577-6678 OR go to: [Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity \(cvh4h.org\)](http://Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity (cvh4h.org)) I will put you on the active helpers list in order to receive the weekly schedule of when and where they will be working.



Italian Dinner!

All made from scratch!
5-cheese ravioli with red sauce, Homemade Italian sausage, Breadsticks, Tiramisu
\$15 a dinner.
November 7 11 AM-1 PM pickup time.
Preorder via our website, Facebook page, or by calling the parish office.



Snow Removal Person Needed!

St. James needs someone to clear sidewalks during the winter. This is a paid position. Must be available when it snows, whether weekday or weekend. We have snow removal helpers, but we need a primary person. Won't you please consider helping out in this critically important role? If interested talk to Anne in the parish office.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, Nov. 1, NOON to 6 PM. Please call 1-800-73392767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St. James to schedule an appointment, or call Anne at the parish office.
Give something that Means Something.
Give Blood.

Music Musings: Thank you for your continued support and appreciation of the people and music @ St. James. It wouldn't happen without your love of Liturgy!!!



One of the songs from last week: "Christ in Me Arise" with the text: *Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness. Christ in Me arise with your power and your strength. Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing. Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you*". We the people of St. James have Christ present in each of us. With his strength and love, we can do so much good! Please continue DOING – Please take this with you as you move through the weeks of Covid, find strength in the WORD and MUSIC
Submitted by Mary Kolstad



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