

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TOGETHER

*“From the beginning
of creation, God
made them male
and female.” - Mk 10:6*

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October 3, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
Spooner, WI 54801
Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
Shell Lake, WI 54871
Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

W5262 Catholic Lane
Sarona, WI 54870
Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact Fr. Phil at the cluster office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:

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Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis de Sales
Friday 2 pm
Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9:30 am
St. Joseph - Saturday 3:30 pm
St. Catherine - Sunday 7:30 am

Mass Intentions for the week of October 3, 2021

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS Infant Jesus of Prague by Mike & Mabi Plisky
Friday	8:30 am SFdS
Saturday	4 pm SJ + Pat Haremza by Bill & Jackie Smith 6 pm SFdS + Harold Bartholomew by Lillian Bartholomew
Sunday	8 am SC + Joseph Logue by Barb Logue 10 am SFdS Parish Cluster

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on Thursday and Friday from 1 pm until 3pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday.

Observances & Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sun: **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday**

Gn2:18-24 / Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5,6 / Heb2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Mon: **St Francis of Assisi**

Jon 1:1-2:2,11 / Jon 2:3,4,5,8 / Lk 10:25-37

Tue: **Bl Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 130:1b-2,3-4ab,7-8 / Lk 10:38-42

Wed: **St Bruno, Priest, B Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

Jon 4:1-11 / Ps 86:3-4,5-6,9-10 / Lk 11:1-4

Thurs: **Our Lady of the Rosary**

Mal 3:13-20b / Ps 1:1-2,3,4 & 6 / Lk 11:5-13

Fri: JI 1:13-15;2:1-2 / Ps 9:2-3,6 & 16,8-9 / Lk11:15-26

Sat: **St Denis, Bishop & Martyrs: St John Leonardi, Priest**

Jl 4:12-21 / Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 / Lk 11:27-28

Next Sun: **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 7:7-11 / Ps 90:12-13,14-15,16-17 / Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30 or 17-27

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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?

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DOES GOD FORGIVE ABORTION?

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Word of Life Series

October 3

October 3rd "St. Joseph's 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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St. Joseph, Defender of Life, respectlife.org/reflection-joseph

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