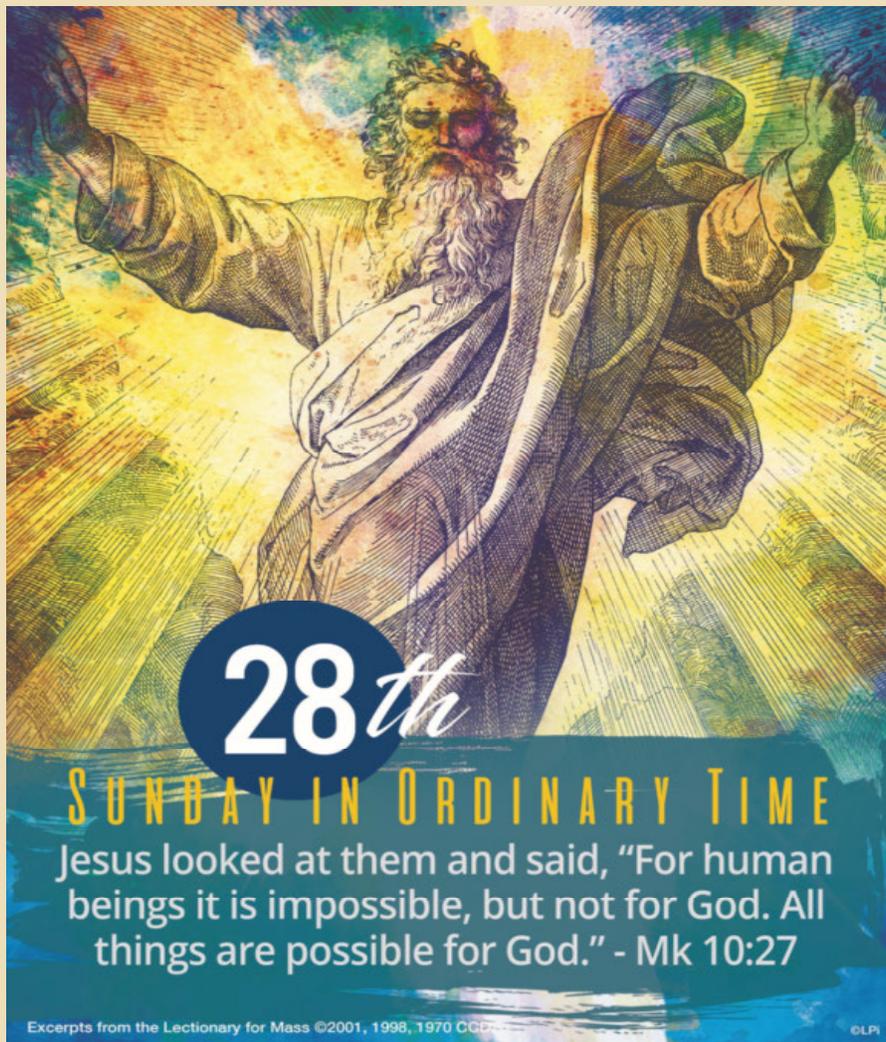


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St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



October 10, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
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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
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Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

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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 10, 2021

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS + Cy Sipe by Penny Sipe
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS + Harold Bartholomew by Lillian Bartholomew
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS Ron & Jean Neitge by Sue Wallace
Friday	8:30 am SFdS
Saturday	4 pm SJ Parish Cluster 6 pm SFdS + Kenwood Paffel by Kathleen Paffel
Sunday	8 am SC Pete & Joan Neururer by Troy & Corinne Berg 10 am SFdS + Bob Kantor by Family

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

Observances & Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Sun: Wis 7:7-11 / Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 / Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Mon: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
Rom 1:1-7 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Lk 11:29-32

Tue: Rom 1:16-25 / Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 / Lk 11:37-41

Wed: Rom 2:1-11 / Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 / Lk 11:42-46

Thurs: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Rom 3:21-30 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Lk 11:47-54

Fri: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Rom 4:1-8 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 / Lk 12:1-7

Sat: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;
BVM
Rom 4:13, 16-18 / Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 / Lk 12:8-12

Sun: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 53:10-11 / Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / Heb 4:14-16
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

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Thank You from Sr. Dominica

What a wonderful farewell gathering on Sunday, September 26th! Many thanks to those from the Parish Cluster who planned it and all those who attended.

I appreciate your warm well-wishes, prayers, and generous gifts. A special word of thanks to Mike Luedeke and his moving crew for moving me to my new home in Ladysmith. I miss all of you; you will always be close in thought and prayer! I will be ever grateful for your loving support and many kindnesses over the past 52 years I spent with you. You are a wonderful blessing in my life!

I will keep you in my prayers. May God's blessings be always upon you and your loved ones!

With my gratitude and love,
Sister Dominica

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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Word of Life Series

October 10

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

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