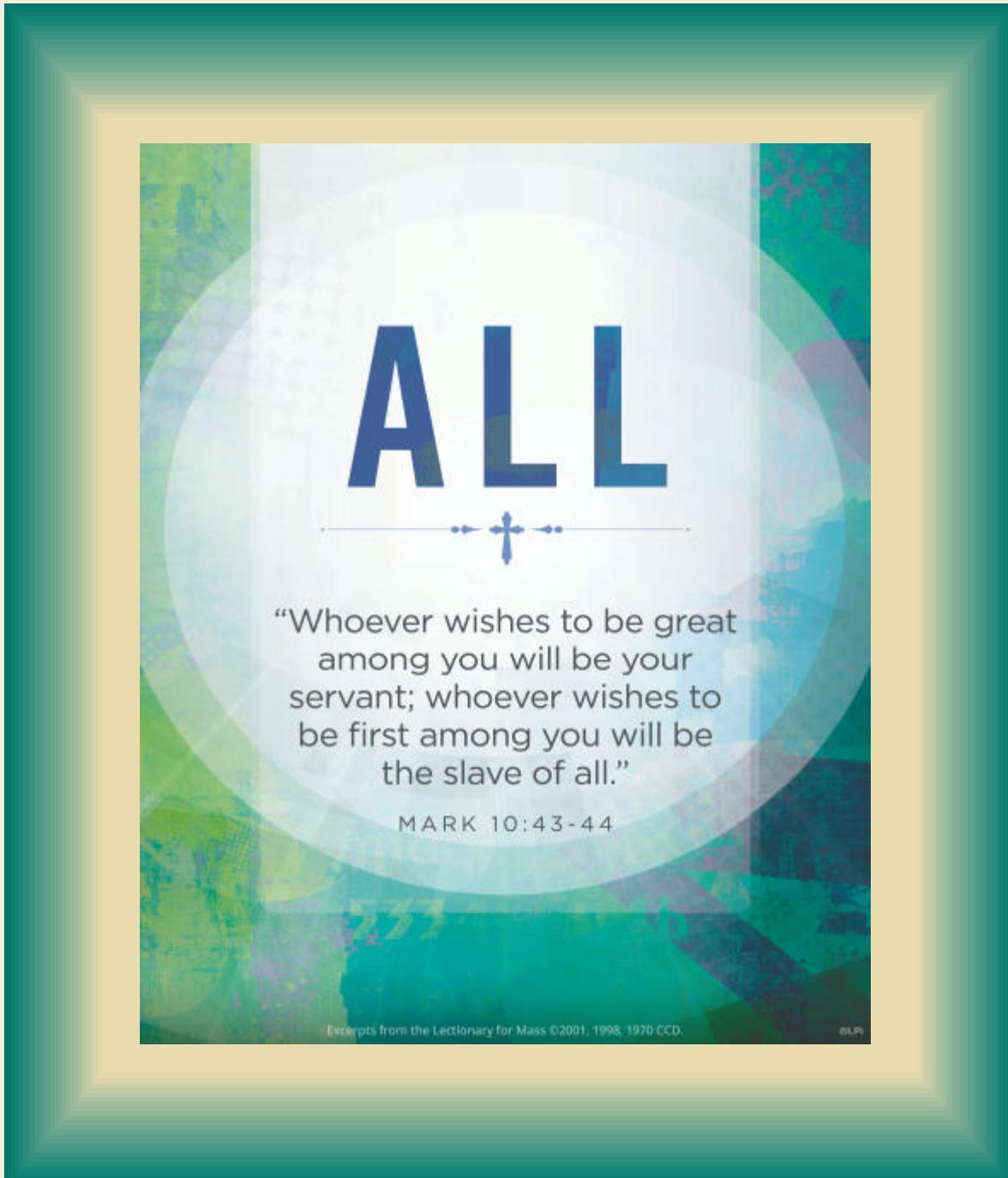


Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



October 17, 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

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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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SFdS: Carlene Hansen 715-635-3823

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 17, 2021

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS + Harold Bartholomew by Lillian Batholomew
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS + Fran Masterjohn by Masterjohn Family
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS
Friday	8:30 am SFdS
Saturday	4 pm SJ + Andy Wejneroski by Karen Ek 6 pm SFdS + Living and Deceased members of the Cluster
Sunday	8 am SC + Joni Sweeney by Barb Logue 10 am SFdS + Wayne Stevenson 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 17, 2021

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

Mon: St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17 / Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 / Lk 10:1-9

Tues: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues; Priests and Companions, Martyrs
Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21 / Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17
Lk 12:35-38

Wed: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Rom 6:12-18 / Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 / Lk 12:39-48

Thurs: Rom 6:19-23 / Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / Lk 12:49-53

Fri: St. John Paul II, Pope
Rom 7:18-25 / Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 / Lk 12:54-59

Sat: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
Rom 8:1-11 / Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Lk 13:1-9

Next Sun: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Jer 31:7-9 / Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 / Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

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Psychics and Mediums Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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Word of Life Series October 17

"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

"USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life", respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph



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