

St. Michael's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
10/10/2021

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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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St. Peter's in Defiance
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Joseph's in Earling
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am
Sunday 8:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week of October 10, 2021

Monday, October 11, No Mass
 Tuesday, October 12, 9:30 am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick in memory of Cletus Schmitz
 6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Rm
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting in Parish Office Meeting Rm
 Wednesday, October 13, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of Edna C. Finken and for a Special Intention
 Jr High DYG 6:30-8 in Parish Office Meeting Rm
 Thursday, October 14, 12:00 Noon Mass in memory of Merle "John" & Therese Bolich
 9:00 am Hearts & Hands in Parish Office Meeting Room
 7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting in Church
 Friday, October 15, 8:15 am Communion Service
 Saturday, October 16, 5:00 pm Mass for the people of St. Michael's
 Sunday, October 17, 9:30 am Mass in memory of Gary Kloewer and Richard Doran Sr.
 1:30 pm Rosary for Life at St. Michael's

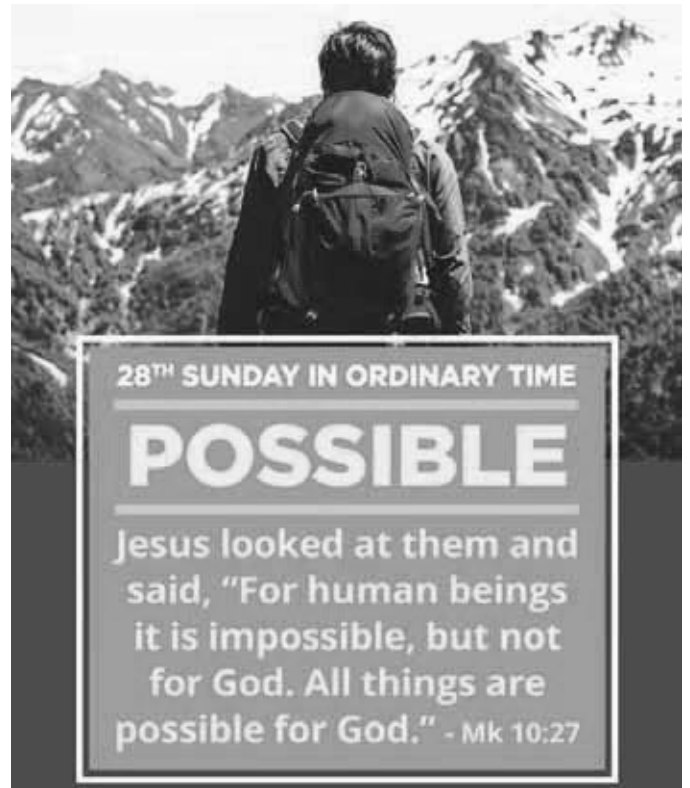


Financial Blessings Received

September 2021 Income	\$	25,554
Budgeted Income for September	\$	29,616
Difference		(\$4,062)
		<i>() If deficit</i>

Ministry Schedule

Oct 16-17	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 9:30
Lector	Sharla Rau	Dave Erlbacher
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Cavanaugh (T) Joan M. Chamberlain Cheryl Long	Julie Kesterson (T) Bob Kesterson Beth Klein
Servers	Ashlyn Rau Jackson Rau	Patrick Pucelik Lorene Pucelik Lucas Pucelik
Musicians Cantors	John Rosman Rod Carlson	John Rosman Rod Carlson
Ushers	Lin Brinker Joe Zaccone Ethan Tepe Joe Wageman	Monte Broeckelman Russ Chamberlain Joann Miller Gary Weihs



This week is Fr. David Polich next week is Fr. Clement Blessing to all Pastors helping fill in for us!

Masks are recommended at Mass, not required.

Food Pantry Collection for October
 160 pounds of food items
 & \$213.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Remember the Sick

Gary Kenkel	Becca (Kloewer) Fawkes
Charlotte Leinen	Olivia Fawkes
Tami Rueschenberg	Dawson Fawkes
Jennifer Anderson	Ethel Defenbaugh
Gay Burgod	Tyler Bruck
Fr. Glen Wilwerding	Denny Stolz
Carol Thompson	Bonnie Jacobs

Sacrament Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00 P.M. Saturday or by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

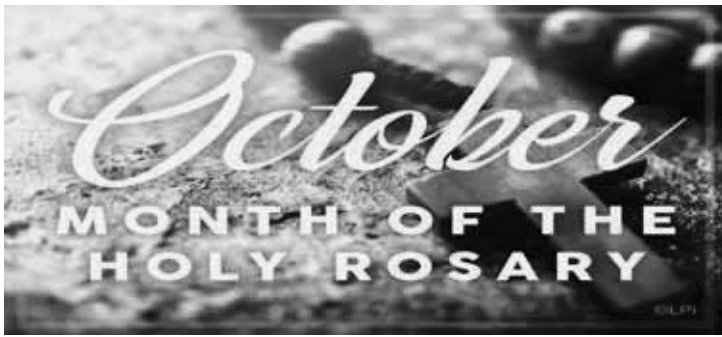
Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office to set a date

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after initial interview with Father Clement



Communal Anointing of the Sick

This Mass will be offered at 9:30 am on Tuesday, October 12, in the church. This sacrament is offered for people facing a serious illness and for people whose general health is declining. If you or a loved one fit either of the categories you are welcome to come to this Mass. Pray for those who are being anointed.

Harvest Bazaar and Luncheon

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women are hosting their annual Harvest Bazaar and Luncheon on Wednesday, October 13, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan from 11:00am-1:00pm. Ticket price is \$10 for turkey casserole, green beans, salads, dessert, and beverage. Carry out tickets are available. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Catholic Daughters of Earling

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 14, at 6:45 pm at the Earling Parish Hall. Bring a friend!! Remember to keep encouraging your friends to be Catholic Daughters!!

The Public Square Rosary

sponsored by The Catholic Daughter's Court St. Maria Goretti # 2498 will be held at 10:00 am at the Grotto by Saint Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth on October 16, 2021 for an hour of devotion. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain will be held in the church.

Are you (or someone you know) interested in learning more about a vocation to the priesthood?

Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop William Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests from the area at the Andrew Dinner on Monday, October 18, 2021. The Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation of priesthood. The evening will begin at 5:00 with a Holy Hour at the Cathedral followed by a simple dinner at the Pastoral Center. For more information, contact your parish priest, visit vocationsonline.org, or contact the Vocations Office at vocations@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5014.

ROSARY CONNECTION

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom!
Please join on your computer/cell phone.
Zoom meeting # 842 1695 2573
Passcode 112411



*Lucas Ross Schumacher &
Carver Lee Schumacher, children of Curtis &
Kylie Schumacher of our parish.*

Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage! Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three Anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Times and Locations:

Saturday, October 30th, 4 PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines, IA
Sunday, November 7th, 11:30 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church, Logan, IA
Saturday, November 13th, 5 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Red Oak, IA

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org



After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.





Family Formation Encounter

11/3 6:30-7:45 K-6
Rosman Parish Hall

Defenders Youth Group (DYG)

10/13 6:30-8:00 Jr High 7-8th
Parish Office Meeting Room

10/20 6:30-8:00 Confirmation
Rosman Parish Hall

10/27 6:30-8:00 Sr High 11-12th
Parish Office Meeting Room

****REMEMBER—ATTENDANCE IS VITAL AS
WE CAN ONLY MEET ONCE A MONTH****



Ministry Sign-Up

We are always in need of more lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, and ushers. Due to the low number of servers at weekend Masses, we are again asking for adult servers (men or women). If you feel called to any of these ministries, please sign the appropriate sheet on the table in the back of church. Training sessions will be set around your schedule as much as possible. Please consider serving your parish with one of these ministries.

Remembering The Dead

This time of year, we especially remember loved ones who have died since last November 1. The names of those who were members of the parish, or whose funeral was here, will be placed on a scroll before the altar. On Tuesday, November 2, during the 7:00pm Mass, we will read the names of the deceased and invite members of the family to come forward with a candle bearing the name of their loved one. For those who were buried from St. Michael's, a call will be made to a survivor to invite them to Mass. We also invite others who have lost a loved one this past year, but whose loved one was not buried from here, to have a candle displayed. If you would like a candle in memory of your loved one, call the office, and we will prepare one for you.



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.

Where to Watch

St. Michael's Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday & Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Sunday.) Mass is also available as **livestream** or on demand on Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4ax6z3g>

St. Michael's 9:30 AM Sunday Mass is **livestreamed** on Facebook:

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