



St. Michael's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
10/17/2021

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - 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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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 17, 2021

Monday, October 18, No Mass
 Tuesday, October 19, 8:15 am Mass in memory of Thelma Nelson
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus in Parish Office Meeting Rm
 Wednesday, October 20, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of Ray Buman
 DYG Confirmation 6:30-8 Rosman Parish Hall
 Thursday, October 21, 12:00 Noon Mass for Carol Hansen
 Friday, October 22, 8:15 am Communion Service
 Saturday, October 23, 5:00 pm Mass for the people of St. Michael's
 Sunday, October 24, 9:30 am Mass in memory of Betty Specht and Fr. Dan Gehler

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

Masks are recommended at Mass, not required.

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:
St. Michael's Catholic Church - Harlan, IA



Rest in peace **Leo Sonderman**
 Father of Jeff Sonderman,
 of our Parish



Ministry Schedule

Oct 24-25	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 9:30
Lector	Kathy Hull	Gary Weihs
Eucharistic Ministers	Roger Bissen (T) Dea Ann Bissen Mary Tepe	Richard Lee (T) Pat Lee Jenny Moser
Servers	Cole Fahn Harlee Fahn	Joey Moser Matthew Sorfonden Foxx Argotsinger
Musicians Cantors		Darbie Argotsinger
Ushers	Lin Brinker Joe Zaccone Ethan Tepe Joe Wageman	Monte Broeckelman Russ Chamberlain Joann Miller Gary Weihs

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	

Sacrament Information

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

4:00 P.M. Saturday or by Appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

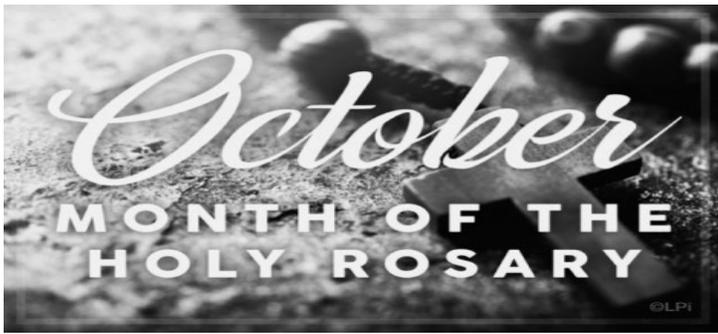
Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office to set a date

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after initial interview with Father Clement



ROSARY CONNECTION

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

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

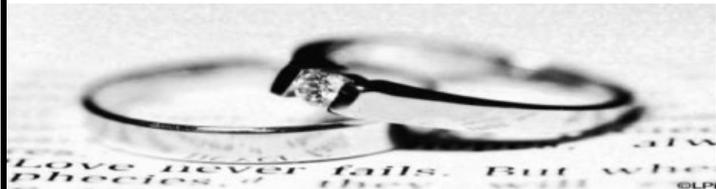
Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop William Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests from the area at the Andrew Dinner on Monday, October 18, 2021. The Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation 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@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5014.

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@dmdioocese.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 & 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.

CTO Offers 75% Tax Credits

Did you hear the good news? You'll now receive 75% Iowa tax credits on every dollar you donate to CTO! You receive amazing tax benefits while providing essential tuition assistance to families right here in our diocese! Donate or learn more at CTOIowa.org today.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be Celebrating Knighthood Sunday on October 31, at the 9:30am Mass. Joining the Knights of Columbus brings Catholic men together in a powerful way, to be a better Man, a better Husband, and a better Father. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #3900 for local information. Knights are called to protect of our families, to serve others, and defend our Catholic values.

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.



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- Mike Kruse
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- Elaine Sprague
- Michelle Mores
- \$50 Cash**
- Colleen McLaughlin
- Trudy Plagman

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Drive Thru Harvest Dinner a success. Even with the changes this year brought, we were blessed to have a great day.

Many thanks to the Circle Leaders and all those who prepared and served the meal. Knights Roger Bissen and Orlando Gil for your help to keep the serving lines running smoothly. To the fun foursome who collected donations. The Schechinger family for selling Raffle Tickets. Connie Claussen and Tonya Goeser for counting money. The R.E kids who worked as meal runners, you did an awesome job and helped things run smoothly. Brenda, Rhonda and Cindy for helping with anything that was asked of you. Courtney Thraen for all the work to get our mailings done – making signs – and everything else you were asked to do. Thank you to those who made a donation, bought Raffle Tickets, or came for a meal, your generosity has again blessed the Guild so that we can continue to provide for the needs of our church family.

Thank you and Blessings to all.
 Julie Thraen, Guild President

Sign-Up

We are 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 servers of all ages 4th Grade—adult. 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 our parish with one of these ministries.



Family Formation Encounter

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

Defenders Youth Group (DYG)

11/10 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****



***Fun & easy way to serve the less fortunate
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*Boxes of Joy are being passed out at each weekly
gathering of Defenders Youth Group this month.*

*Family Formation families received theirs at
Wednesday evening's gathering.*

*A poster with more information is in the back of
church as are some boxes for parishioners to use.
If we run out of boxes a shoe box or shoe box size
tote is acceptable, cash donations are also ok.*

*PS—we will also be doing the gift card collection
for SCCO/West Central next month. Our hope is
that St. Michael's can help to give a good
Christmas to children here & abroad.*

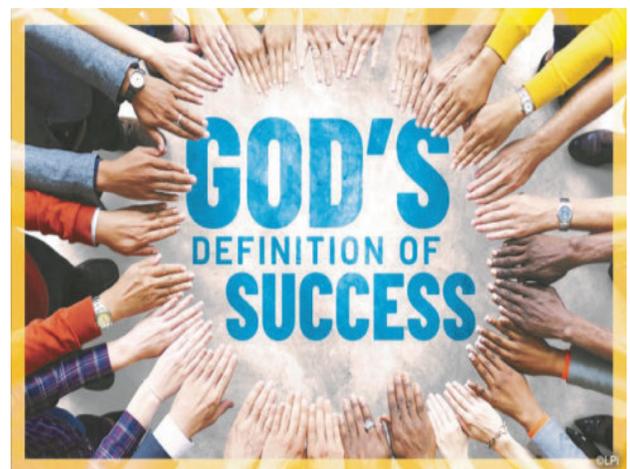
*Thanks in advance for your kindness &
generosity!*

*Call Rhonda with questions :
755-5366 or 712-404-8319*

“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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