



St. Michael's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
10/24/2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

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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 24, 2021

Monday, October 25, No Mass
 6:30 pm Shelby County Catholic School Board Meeting in Harlan
 Tuesday, October 26, 8:15 am Mass in memory of John Assmann
 Wednesday, October 27, 8:15 am School Mass in memory of Greg Taylor
 DYG Sr High 6:30-8:00 Parish Office Meeting Room
 Thursday, October 28, 12:00 Noon Mass in memory of Joe Kleffman
 9:00 am Hearts & Hands, Ministry & Fellowship
 Friday, October 29, 8:15 am Communion Service
 Saturday, October 30, 5:00 pm Mass for the people of St. Michael's
 Sunday, October 31, 9:30 am Mass in memory of Jean Elder-Ethridge,
 Frank Elder, Grady Elder, & Lyle Elder

Thank You. 

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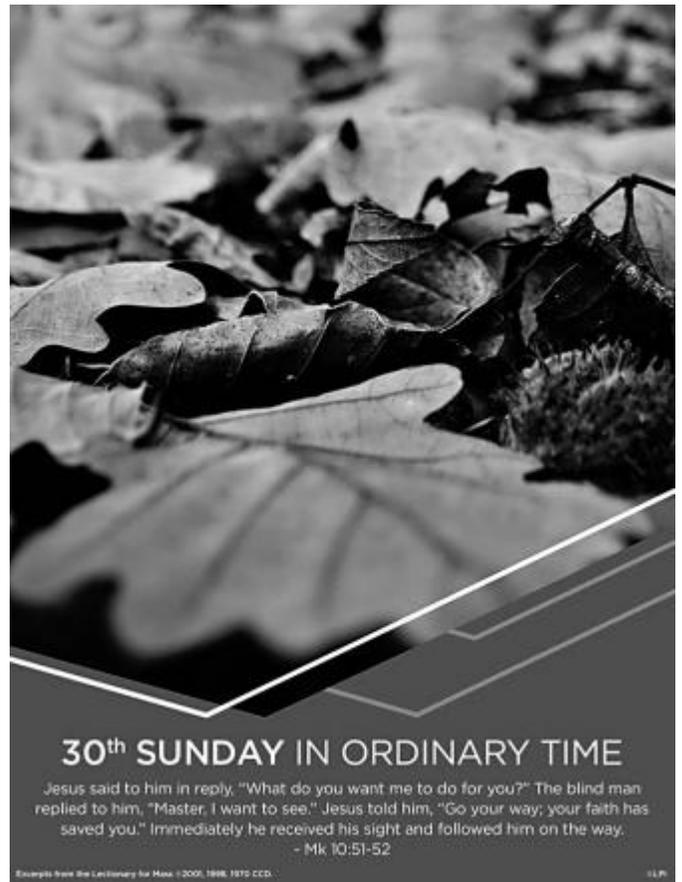
Where to Watch

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

Ministry Schedule

Oct 30-31	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 9:30
Lector	Mary Tepe	Knights
Eucharistic Ministers	Jane Klein (T) Joe Klein Kathy Hull	Knights (T) Knights Knights
Servers	Tim Goeser Ellie Gross Joseph Gross	Knights Knights Knights
Musicians Cantors	John Rosman Rod Carlson	John Rosman Rod Carlson
Ushers	Lin Brinker Joe Zaccone Ethan Tepe Joe Wageman	Knights Knights Knights Knights



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
 - Mk 10:51-52

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

***Masks are recommended at Mass,
 not required.***

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	Harry Kloewer

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



Natalie Rose
Sheehan
daughter of
James & Laura Lee
Sheehan
was Baptized last
weekend!



Catholic Home Missions

The envelope attached to this weekend’s bulletin is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ROSARY CONNECTION

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

Anniversary Masses

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

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.

Fr John Frost is having knee replacement surgery October 29. If you would like to send a card...
6121 NW 49th St., Johnston, IA 50131



Staley’s Chicken Dinner!

Come to the **Corpus Christi Parish** (Queen of Apostles Church) Annual Chicken Dinner, 3304 4th Avenue, Council Bluffs, on Sunday, November 7, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Drive-up or pick-up only. \$15 per dinner. Dinner includes: Staley’s Flavor Crisp Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans and Cookie. Raffles & gift baskets to purchase onsite.

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.

Book Of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be placed on the podium in the front of church during the month of November. Please enter any names of those you would like remembered who have died since last November. Names entered from past years are still in the book. We will pray for these people during the November Masses.

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.

THANK YOU!

The family of Leo Sonderman would like to express our gratitude for the many thoughts and prayers during dad's illness. He loved this community and found joy in so many Shelby County activities. In lieu of thank you cards, we will be making a donation to the ALS Association Iowa Chapter. In addition, we would like to thank Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Father Clement, Father Gubbels, St Peter's Parish and all his friends and family.

The Leo Sonderman Family
Skip and Steph Adams family—Jeff Sonderman and Betts Jones and boys
Mike and Stacie Frederick family—Josh and Sara Smothers family



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

11/17 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
happening NOW!!*

*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.*

*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*



GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 24, 2021

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.



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