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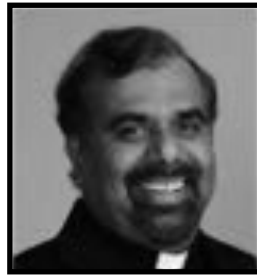
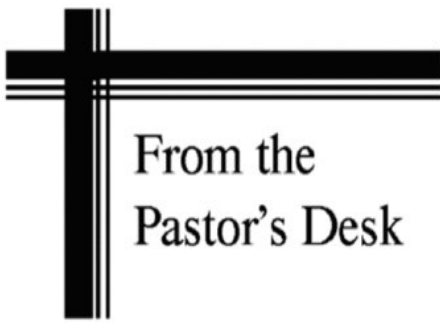
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**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

***"But from the beginning of creation, God made  
them male and female." - Mk 10:6***



## Pastoral Musings: Marriage And Discipleship



Throughout October, St. Mark narrates Jesus' journey into Jerusalem. Questions come along the way from religious authorities, potential followers, miracle seekers, and even his apostles. In today's, Gospel reading, Pharisees pose a question, rather a "test," most likely to trap him. The issue was (and still is) thorny.

Marriage matters, as a cultural concern and a religious one. Which takes priority pertains to the debate. The reality of divorce (and preaching about it), is fraught with emotional upheaval and social consequences. In Jesus' time, familial shame threatened to create bloodshed. In responding, Jesus shifts the focus. The legal fact is stipulated: Moses did permit a husband to "dismiss" his wife, freeing both of them to marry another. Being a patriarchal society, only men were authorized to do the bill of divorce. But Jesus returns the discussion to its primary objective as given in the book of Genesis. Without delving into particular circumstances, he proffers a rationale "because of the hardness of your hearts"—that envelopes even those asking questions! Hardness closes off access and outreach, encasing any heart in self-centeredness.

But as today's first reading recalls, the divine intention ("for this reason" as Jesus says in the Gospel) gives marriage an outward, other-centered focus. For a man to "leave" his family, with its attendant social securities, takes deliberateness. He decisively prioritizes over all else being "joined to his wife" as his uniquely suitable partner. Maintaining this union will require continual effort ("clinging") and faithfulness to be no longer two individuals but "one flesh". That this union divinely willed ("what God has joined together") makes marriage a vocation and a sacrament more than a social convention or a contract as envisaged by justice and peace civil practice. That this vocation is built into the creation of human life makes it far more than personal preference. Consenting to marry is consenting to God's intention, the source of all creation's goodness.

Without rebuke or contentiousness, the Word of God discloses the mystery. To be a disciple is to travel life's journey in accord with God's intention and particular calling. Doing so requires grace. Hence, today's Responsorial Psalm rightly supplicates the Lord's blessing "all the days of our lives." The good news is that we have help along the way. Today's reading from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus, the Son of God, also knows the realities of this all too human life. Choosing to become one of us who are "lower than the angels," he suffers what we suffer (and more) to lead his disciples to "their salvation" and bring "many children to glory". That is how he is fruitful and multiplying the graces of perseverance and persistence in discipleship. As Fulton J. Sheen says, "There are three to get married" with Jesus in the middle of a couple's lives, as the center and strength of loving companionship. Sharing a common origin through creation, we who are "brothers and sisters in the Lord" by faith, are uniquely set apart (consecrated) for the adventure of the disciples' journey to wholeness and fullness of redemption. That is every disciple's destination. "If a man and a woman marry in order to be companions on the journey from earth to heaven, then their union will bring great joy to themselves and others" (St. John Chrysostom (347-407 AD)).

Let us pray for all married couples and those who have gone through the excruciating pain of divorce, and keep them through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, whom we honor during October as the month of the Rosary. Those who pray together stay together, as Mother Teresa reinforces the power of prayer in living out the vocation of marriage with grace and joyfulness.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Tom

# Mass Intentions

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Saturday<br>3:30 pm<br>4:30 pm | Oct. 5th—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Reconciliations<br>Paul Aust+                                |
| Sunday<br>6:30 am<br>10:30 am  | Oct. 6th—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Phyllis Ketcham+<br>Mary Ann Berning+                        |
| Monday                         | Oct. 7th—No Mass<br>Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary<br>Pray the Rosary                                |
| Tuesday<br>12:00 pm            | Oct. 8th<br>Larry Young+  |
| Wed.<br>12:00 pm               | Oct. 9th<br>Phyllis Ketcham+  |
| Thursday<br>12:00 pm           | Oct. 10th<br>Linda Laughlin+  |
| Friday<br>12:00 pm             | Oct. 11th<br>Sr. Faustina Lightfoot—blessings on her<br>Profession of Perpetual Vows                  |
| Saturday<br>3:30 pm<br>4:30 pm | Oct. 12th—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Reconciliations<br>Ken DeBaere+                             |
| Sunday<br>6:30 am<br>10:30 am  | Oct. 13th—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Marlene Graham+<br>Bob & Nancy Larson—50th Anniv. Blessings |

## St. Mary's Church Support—Tithes and Offerings

September 29th Tithes                      \$2,892.60  
September Online Tithing                 \$ 825.00

*Thank you for your generosity and gifts!*

| Schedule | Sat. Oct 12,<br>4:30 pm<br>Mass | Sun. Oct 13,<br>6:30 am<br>Mass | Sun. Oct<br>13, 10:30<br>am Mass |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lectors  | Terry<br>Engelmeyer             | Pete<br>Wenstrand               | Joan Bloom                       |
| Cantors  | Nancy Lar-<br>son               |                                 | Jason/<br>Becky Stan-<br>brough  |

# What's Happening

**Knights of Columbus** Council 1479 meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meal @ 6:00 pm followed by meeting in St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

**Legion of Mary** Group meets @ 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Contact Cristina Hansen for more information @ 515-450-1169.

**St. Mary's Ladies Guild** The next Guild meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th following noon Mass. All ladies of the church are invited!

**Bible Study** Meets every Monday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**Men's Faith Formation** is now meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

**Adoration** will be the first Friday of every month from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Sign up sheet is at the back of church.



## Food Pantry Items Needed 1209 5th Ave.

**Top Ten:** Chunky style soups, canned fruit, vegetables & beans, boxed Hamburger Helpers, non-sugared cereals,

spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned tuna & chicken, boxed and flake potatoes, stuffing, jelly

**Healthcare Needs:** Shampoo, toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, Kleenex

Open Tuesday: 9:15—11:30 am, Wednesday: 4:00—5:30 pm, and Friday 9:15 am—11:30 am.

# PRAY THE ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th). It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. The Legion of Mary will lead the Rosary before the weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am.

## **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

### **October 6, 2024**

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



### **Keep them in your prayers**

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Bill Hayes      | Pam Gilmore           |
| Helen Lewis     | Agnes Lonowski        |
| Helen Castle    | Coleen Norton         |
| Leesa Teten     | Kenneth Gleason       |
| Patricia Woerth | Darene Gutschenritter |



Our "Knights of Columbus" will again be participating in the "Coats for Kids" campaign. We are asking for good clean coats of all sizes for both children and

adults to help those in need. Coats can be dropped off in the box located in the Church entrance.



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| Ava O'Rourke           | 1  |
| Justin Trowbridge      | 3  |
| Terri Simpson          | 3  |
| Stephanie Whitt        | 5  |
| Regina Loehr           | 7  |
| Molly Roberts          | 7  |
| Jason Stanbrough       | 10 |
| Levi Rystrom           | 13 |
| Aubrey Weinrich        | 13 |
| Agnes Brunetti         | 18 |
| Henry Mather           | 19 |
| Isabella Trilles Danao | 19 |
| Dana Wenstrand         | 20 |
| Leroy Vrbsky           | 22 |
| Nancy Larson           | 23 |
| Delilah Doyle          | 23 |
| Aurora Trowbridge      | 23 |
| Marvin Feller          | 23 |
| Doug Hobbie            | 28 |
| Victoria Adkisson      | 29 |



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|-----------------------|----|
| Dick & Lucille Hunt   | 9  |
| Doug & Melissa Hobbie | 14 |
| John & Heather Mather | 17 |
| Jack & Kate Reed      | 19 |

## **PUMPKIN SALE**

Come get your fall pumpkins!

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October 5th & 6th

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# OCTOBER 7-9

## 6PM MASS

### DINNER TO FOLLOW

WHAT IS A

## PARISH MISSION

*A Parish Mission is a special time when the community gathers together to gain further insight into a faith filled life. It is a time for grace and renewal of the parish through services and talks filled with stories, examples, and meaning during the Homily of each Mass.*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

TOPIC: WHY GO TO MASS? I  
GET NOTHING OUT OF IT.

ST. MARY'S-RED OAK



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

TOPIC: GREATEST  
MIRACLE...FORGIVENESS

ST. PATRICK-IMOGENE



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**

TOPIC: WE ARE EASTER  
PEOPLE

ST. PATRICK-IMOGENE

## FATHER RICHARD GIELOW

Father Richard Gielow is the Director of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center in Kansas City, Missouri. He is also the National Spiritual advisor to the Ladies of Charity of United States of America.

Father Gielow holds a B.A. in Philosophy, a Masters of Divinity (M.Div.) in Theology from DeAndreis Institute of Theology and a Masters of Arts in Religious Education from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He is listed in the Midwest and Religious sections of Who's Who in America as a "well known preacher and retreat director".





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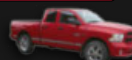
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