



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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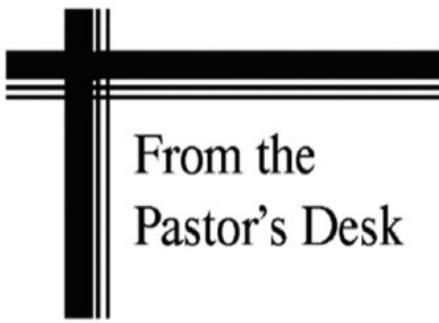
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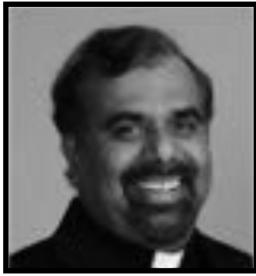


27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



## From the Pastor's Desk



### 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*

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

## 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, 4:30 pm Mass	Sun. Oct 13, 6:30 am Mass	Sun. Oct 13, 10:30 am Mass
Lectors	Terry Engelmeyer	Pete Wenstrand	Joan Bloom
Cantors	Nancy Lar- son		Jason/ Becky Stan- 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  
Helen Lewis  
Helen Castle  
Leesa Teten  
Patricia Woerth

Pam Gilmore  
Agnes Lonowski  
Coleen Norton  
Kenneth Gleason  
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.

## PUMPKIN SALE

Come get your fall pumpkins!

Join us for pumpkin treats & coffee in the Parish Hall following Mass

October 5th & 6th

FREE WILL DONATION  
Proceeds to benefit Shenandoah  
Community Food Pantry  
& St Mary's Youth  
Ministry



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



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

VINCENTIAN PARISH MISSION



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".



The logo for Miners Tree Service. It features a large, detailed illustration of a green tree on the left. To the right of the tree, the company name "MINERS TREE SERVICE" is written in large, bold, green, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, in a smaller green font, are the services offered: "Tree Trimming", "Tree Removal", and "Stump Grinding".

# WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE AN ANNUAL EXAM?

- Build a relationship with your provider
- Screen for disease & health issues
- Free with most insurance plans



**S** SHENANDOAH MEDICAL CENTER 712-246-7400

The logo for CatholicMatch Iowa. It features a blue background with the text "catholicmatch®" in white at the top, followed by "iowa" in a larger white serif font. Below this is a white heart-shaped outline containing a photograph of a smiling woman and a bearded man in profile, looking towards each other.

# Accepting New Patients

## 712-246-4391

118 N. Blossom St.  
Shenandoah, IA

Open Monday through Friday  
8AM-5PM

The logo for Mather & Sons Inc. features the company name in a large, bold, black sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the services offered are listed in a smaller, black sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a black and white photograph of a yellow backhoe loader (excavator) on a construction site.

The logo for Fareway Meat & Grocery. It features the word "FAREWAY" in large, bold, red, sans-serif letters at the top. Below it, "MEAT & GROCERY" is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a red background. Below the logo, the address "1007 S. Fremont St" and the phone number "712-246-5160" are displayed in large, bold, red, sans-serif text.

The image displays two business cards side-by-side. The left card is for 'JIM HUGHES REAL ESTATE' with contact information: (712) 527-3114. The right card is for 'MARK HUGHES CONSTRUCTION' with contact information: (712) 527-1000 office, (402) 616-4501 mobile. Both cards feature a red and white design with a house icon.

An advertisement for MDMedAlert! featuring a smiling woman on the right and a medical alert pendant on the left. The text includes 'IF YOU LIVE ALONE', 'MDMedAlert!™ STARTING AT \$19.95/mo.', a list of features with checkmarks, and a call-to-action with a phone number and website.

**Select Motors**  
Serving You from the Same Location for Over 50 Years

**Quality Used Cars & Trucks**  
**Sales & Service**

1212 W. Sheridan  
Shenandoah

**(712) 246-4268**



**MAIN STREET  
STORAGE**  
Dave & Donna  
Jauron  
**712-379-3781**  
600-602 Iowa Ave, Essex

The logo for El Porton Mexican Grill features a stylized mariachi character wearing a sombrero and a white poncho, holding a guitar. To the left of the character is a stack of tortilla chips. The text "EL PORTON" is written in a bold, orange, serif font at the top, and "MEXICAN GRILL" is written in a large, red, stylized font with green leaf accents at the bottom. To the right of the logo, the operating hours are listed: "Mon-Thur: 11 am - 9:30 pm", "Fri-Sat: 11 am - 10 pm", and "Sun: 11 am - 9 pm". Below the hours, the address "506 S. Fremont Shenandoah" and the phone number "(712) 246-3115" are displayed in a white, sans-serif font.