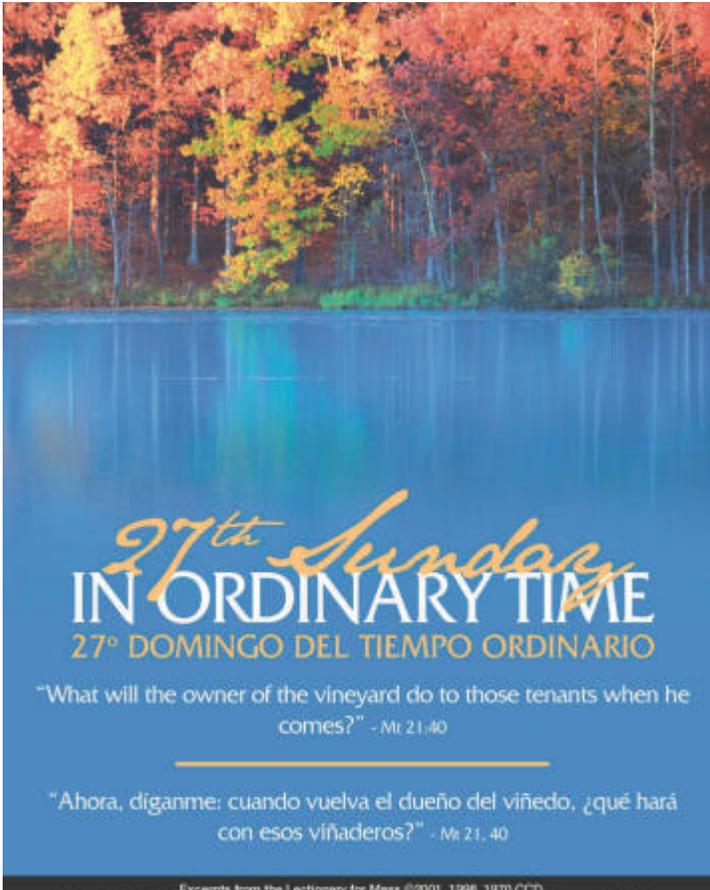




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**October 3-4, 2020 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 27<sup>o</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" - Mt 21:40

"Ahora, díganme: cuando vuelva el dueño del viñedo, ¿qué hará con esos viñaderos?" - Mt 21, 40

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**ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

**Welcome!** It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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### Musings From The Pastor.

There is a story of two politicians engaged in conversation, and one asks the other, 'But how do you know for sure you've got power, unless you abuse it?'

Of course, this story is meant to illustrate a certain image of politicians. But it also says something about how we understand what power is, an issue that is central to Christianity. For Christians preach a strange Gospel about power: that the power of God was once most visible in a naked man dying on a tree. And if that is so, then what Christians mean by 'power' must be transformed in the light of this.

What we often understand by 'power' is more the abuse of power, using it in ways we should not. For the Christian power is that capacity, that openness to love, shown in the life of Christ, not something to be understood in terms of domination, manipulation, adulation or force.

And a sign of the depth of our Christianity is how that way of looking at things has become part of our own lives and how we act.

To love freely and honestly is power because it takes a great amount to refuse to be swayed from loving by circumstance that come our way, or impulses within ourselves. It takes guts. It took enormous courage to die on a cross out of love for us. That was power. It took enormous courage for men and women throughout the centuries not to give in to inhuman forces.

History is littered with such stories. An example is that of Edith Stein, a Carmelite nun of Jewish background, who, when summoned by the Nazis and greeted by the commandant with the words, 'Heil Hitler!,' replied 'Jesus Christ be praised!' That too was power. It may even have hastened her delivery to Auschwitz, perhaps the most notorious example we have of how badly we misunderstand what power really is.

Today's Gospel is about, among other things, power and the abuse of power. The vineyard is the House of Israel, the servants are the prophets who were sent to Israel; and the sending of the landowner's son, refers to the coming of Christ. The tenants stand for those who mistreated them, Christ and the prophets, even to the point of death.

However, the merest reflection should be enough to remind us that the themes of this story of violence and abuse of power remain very much part of our present day world. Part of this contemporary story are the power struggles going on across the globe, as well as the violence we encounter in our country and towns.

But we must also look within, at our own tendencies towards the abuse of power. It is so easy to shift the attention onto others, as though these issues are not part of our lives. They are. All our lives are littered with the consequences of this: broken and damaged relationships, a loss of ability to hear what others are saying to us, and a deafness to the voice of God in our lives.

This might sound somber, but is in fact a story of the

greatest hope. It only seems depressing when we forget what power really is. When we do this, we think of the tenants in today's Gospel as powerful. In the light of the Christian understanding of power, what gives hope is that they are not really powerful at all, but woefully weak. They practice the abuse of power, not its exercise. And if the consequence of their actions is destruction, then the Christian must respond by proclaiming that the consequence of real power is a victory of the deepest kind.

This is to turn upside down our expectations. But Christianity does that. For at its core is the story of a man whose death made it seem that he was a failure, but who was vindicated by his Father raising him up. And if that is true of Jesus Christ, "the first-born of many brothers and sisters," then it is true for us too. We look at the life of great people like Edith Stein as a kind of victory, not only because we admire her courage, but because we see in it a powerful overcoming of what is wrong with our world, and with ourselves.

And what makes this victory an ultimate one, an example of real power, is that we believe that this overcoming will prevail eternally. That is our Christian hope, and just one example of how the world looks very different, and for the better, when seen in the light of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Have a Blessed week: Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.*

#### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE-9/11/2020

Pledges	\$2,525.00	Total # of Pledges	5
Pledge Payments	\$2,325.00	Total # Pledges	
		With Balance	3
Pledge Balance	\$ 200.00	# of Donors	45
Gifts	\$17,135.00		

**Parish ADA Goal \$28,121.00**

**Current Amount Due/Refund Due) \$ 8,661.00**

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Expected Shortfall (Overage) \$ 8,461.00

#### EVERY FAMILY EVERY MONTH

The Catholic Mirror diocesan newspaper is mailed to every registered Catholic household every month. Our paper has been instrumental in sharing guidelines, stories of hope and spiritual guidance during this unprecedented time of pandemic. Please consider taking a subscription to The Catholic Mirror to support our work of keeping you up to date on what's going on in our diocesan faith community: [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving).

#### FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop William Joensen shares his gratitude to the faithful for their patience and prayers when public worship was suspended in a video. He also explains the changes they'll see when they come back to church. The changes are intended to minimize the spread of the coronavirus. Please watch this video if you have the time. Thank you. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSUrDA82m5l&feature=youtu.be>



**FAITH FORMATION  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR  
Blessings to all!!**

Thanks to all who attended and helped with our Confirmation, YDisciple, and Family Formation meetings!

I realize much is changed but these are real opportunities to improve our programs. Please know that the St. Mary's staff, volunteers, and especially myself will always be there to help!

I am putting information on Facebook, including schedules and plans. Please look at our Facebook page. You do not have to belong to Facebook to look at the page. Any questions please call Alan @ 712-303-2680.

Thank you to all who attended the Pizza Night Sunday. It was nice to have a face-to-face with people.

Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

**HOLY LAND OLIVE ART**

St. Mary's once again has the opportunity to have Holy Land Olive Art for sale at our church. They will be here October 11 and set up in the front of the church with items for sale. You may preview at [www.holylandoliveart.com](http://www.holylandoliveart.com) and see the beautiful items they have for sale. The olive tree is an ancient symbol of peace, wisdom, glory, power and pureness. Please see the letter on the board. Holy Land Catholics are known worldwide for their olive wood carvings. Families have taught their children to carve religious figures from olive wood by hand for two centuries, and been able to support their families by selling these unique carvings to pilgrims who visit. But with all of the conflicts in the Middle East and fewer people visiting they are now blessed to be selling hand carved olive wood items to Catholics worldwide. Thank you for your generosity.

**SAFE HARVEST TO ALL**

Be safe this harvest season! Watch out for all of our husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, moms, dads, grandparents and all of our harvest workers driving ALL equipment on the



roads!

**IA. CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES**

**Human Life and Dignity:** Human life should be protected from conception until natural death as a basic requirement of a just and moral society. It should be recognized that God created each person as male and female. Every person is entitled to basic human necessities, such as food, housing, clean water and air, education, health care, and productive work for fair wages.

**Education:** Parents have the right to choose the kind of education best suited to the needs of their children. Public policy should assist parents in exercising that right.

**Racism:** Racism, both individual and systemic, is an evil which endures in our society and should be condemned. Policies should be promoted that will combat racism and its effects in our civic and social institutions.

More principles to be listed each week.

**Readings for the week of October 4, 2020**

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/ Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43; St. Francis of Assisi  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37; St. Maria Faustina Kowalska  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42; St. Bruno  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4; Our Lady of the Rosary  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13; St. John Leonardi  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26; St. Denis  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28; St. Francis Borgia  
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**BRING YOUR MASK**

If you're coming to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



We will be having our Tootsie Roll Giveaway October 10-11. Sign up sheets are in the front of the church. We appreciate all the help we can get. COVID guidelines will be enforced.



We would also like your input, opinions and thoughts about how to handle the Annual Pork Loin Dinner. With the COVID guidelines we have to figure whether we can even have the dinner, have dine-in, or drive thru, or take out only. Please help and tell us what you would like to see happen. Thank you to everyone for your support in the past, present and future projects.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- Oct. 6-Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Oct. 10-11—Tootsie Roll Drive
- Oct. 11-Holy Land Art Sales



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Saturday-October 10-No Mass

### Sunday-October 11

Lector: Bruce Swanson

Altar Servers: Jameson & Elly McDonald

Min. of Communion: John Pruss

Homebound: John Pruss

Greeter/Usher: Bob Johnson & Joan Smith / Matt Ross / Ken Podliska

Musician/Singers: Linnea Wemhoff / Pete Wemhoff

Sacristan: Kevin Naser

Money Counters: Kim Robinson / Connie Sampers

**A ceremony honoring the Holy Eucharist is available on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 6, WOW TV, Omaha.**

### AA MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL

Starting October 4th, there will be AA meetings in the Church Hall on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning

Josh Watson

Homebound Parishioners Patricia Menendez

Noe' Sanchez Flores Len & Fran Ross

Margarita Vasquez Ken Steffen



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

### IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

Attached to the bulletin in the front of the church is information on Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. 1-800-532-1275 There is also information regarding Flood Recovery from Iowa Legal Aid in English and Spanish if someone is needing help.

### RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit [www.211iowa.org](http://www.211iowa.org).

### HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

**RCIA:** Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

**CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 3

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Vera Kusleika+

### Sunday, October 4

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Lois Schmid+
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

### Monday, October 5-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Tuesday, October 6

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting
- Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Wednesday, October 7

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ray Buman+
- Pastoral Council

### Thursday, October 8

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

### Friday, October 9

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish
- 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Saturday, October 10-TOOTSIE ROLLS!!!!

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

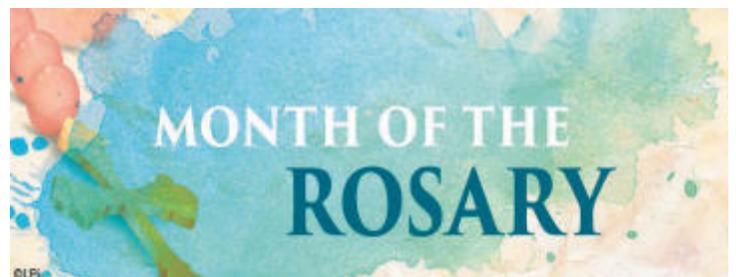
### Sunday, October 11-Holy Land Art Sale

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ernest Mischler+
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Spanish Mass will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

We are looking for a Web Site Designer for our Parrish! WOULD YOU BE interested in helping or do you know of ANYONE WHO WOULD like to do this FOR OUR PARRISH?

Please contact the office or Fr. Lazarus. We would love to have the help!! Thank you!!!



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