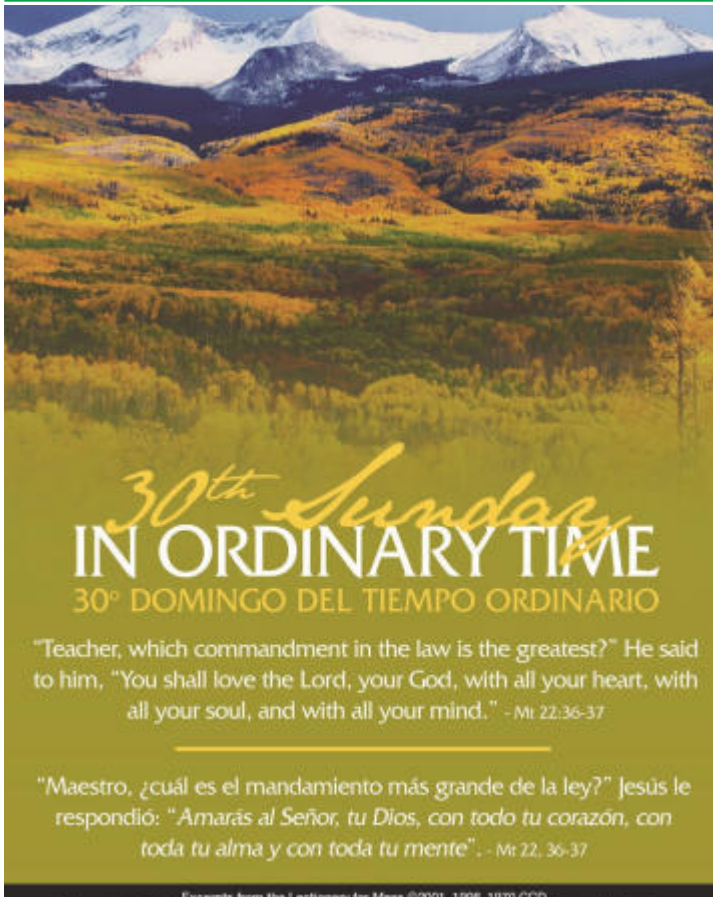




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October 25, 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
 30º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:36-37

"Maestro, ¿cuál es el mandamiento más grande de la ley?" Jesús le respondió: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente". - Mt 22: 36-37

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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.

Lust is at one end of the spectrum of popular ideas about love today, and at the other end love is spelled L-U-R-V-E.

Lurve is the subject of countless sloppy songs where real love is presented as some soppy emotion. The mood is everything. It's a totally self-centered and selfish approach. The way you feel is what is important. But, somewhere in between Lust and Lurve is love. The kind that Jesus talks about in this Sunday's gospel.

But even then we mustn't mistake it for another kind of love - the kind with which we are all familiar. That love we have for a person which makes you want to spend all your time with them. This is genuine but shouldn't be confused with the kind of love Jesus talks about. Christian love isn't the same as being 'in love'.

Lust, lurve and being in love, these three are not voluntary. If you lust after someone, there may be little you can do about the feeling. You can, of course, choose what to do about the feeling, but that's another question.

The feeling of lurve is often due to the skill of film makers and storytellers, and we respond involuntarily to that sort of stimulus too. Being 'in love' with someone is also not a matter of choice. How many times have you been in love, against your will, with a person who doesn't reciprocate?

We somehow think that if love isn't spontaneous but calculated, then it can't be love. Yet this is exactly the kind of love that Jesus talks about in the commandment we heard in today's gospel.

You can't command someone to love in the three ways I've mentioned. I can't force you to desire the person next to you - assuming you needed to be forced. I can't make you feel sentimental over a Barbra Streisand love song. And you certainly can't be commanded to fall in love with someone, no matter how willing you are to obey.

Jesus doesn't ask us to love our neighbor like this. We are asked to love everyone as we love ourselves, and one would hope that one doesn't love oneself in any of these three ways.

But Jesus makes no bones about the fact that the exhortation for the Christian to love others is a commandment. Jesus is telling us that our current ideas of love are inadequate as models for Christian love.

What then counts as Christian love? The content of Jesus' teaching contains many examples. The Good Samaritan is an obvious case. The outcast Samaritan helps the beaten-up Jew, even though he knows that if had met the injured man in other circumstances, he would probably have been reviled by him or impolitely ignored.

Jesus' own life is the prime example of Christian love. He didn't have sentimental feelings about everyone he came into contact with - or even for those he never met. But this didn't prevent him from loving them. He even gave up his life for them. Again this was an act of will - not the result of sentimental feelings about the world and the human race in general.

One would hardly die for a sentimental feeling. People

die for principles, and the principle Christians are asked to die for is that of Christian love.

And this shouldn't be onerous for us because it is a liberating kind of love. We don't have to feel guilty that we don't 'love' everyone - that is, feel sentimental and loving towards them. The kind of love that is Christian has nothing to do with feeling but everything to do with action. And action is something we can force ourselves into.

And this is what Jesus asks of us. As he says, It isn't those who say, Lord, Lord, who will inherit the kingdom but those who hear my Father's will and do it.

In other words, it's not the people who feel well-disposed towards others and who can whip themselves into a frenzy of sentimental charity who grow nearer to God, but those who put their action where their heart is - firmly into the gospel and into obeying the great Christian commandment.

Having a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE-10/09/2020

Pledges \$2,525.00
Pledge Payments \$2,325.00

Pledge Balance \$ 200.00 # of Donors 45
Gifts \$19,507.00

Parish ADA Goal \$28,121.00

Current Amount Due/Refund Due) \$ 7,961.00

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-Pledges \$ 2,525.00
-Gifts \$17,635.00

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-around to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of the World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Thank you to all who helped with clean up yesterday.

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!

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

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

October/November Schedule:

October 28 - Advent Family Work Night/Service Project – details below

November 11th YDisciple Session students/leaders

December 9th – YDisciple Session students/leaders

Thank you everyone who attended the October Family Formation, Confirmation and YDisciple meetings. Family Formation packets are in the back of church for those who could not make the meeting. There are videos and schedules on the St. Mary's Faith Formation website giving information about these meetings. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so.

October 28th we will be for preparing for the Living Nativity and for Los Pasados. We ask all k-12 parents and students to be watching for Flock note and emails and to plan on helping out on Oct 28. Thank you all!

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!

Any questions please call Alan @ 712-303-2680.

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BOX OF JOY

We have put out the information and boxes for our Annual Box of Joy drive. Every year, thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. Burdened by poverty, their parents are simply too poor to provide anything but the most basic necessities. There are children who may have never held a picture book, never worn a new shirt or never owned a new toy. Be thinking what you may want to put in a box to send to a boy or girl to help give them the joy every child should experience at Christmas. Call Connie Sampers if any questions. Thank you.

**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS-
"CIVILIZE IT" CAMPAIGN-ENGAGING WITH CIVILITY**

The purpose is to invite Catholics to model civility, love for neighbor, and respectful dialogue.

There are three elements to the "Civilize It" campaign:

CIVILITY. Recognize other's human dignity, treat others with respect.

CLARITY. Stand up for your convictions while seeking to understand others. Root my viewpoints in the gospel and a well-formed conscience.

COMPASSION. Presume other's best intentions and listen with empathy. Strive to understand.

As Catholics, we should rather be criticized for too much charity than too little. The language we use is important.

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40; St. Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17; St. Peter of Alcantara
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21; Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16; Sts. Simon and Jude
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35; St. Narcissus of Jerusalem
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6; St. Alphonsus Rodriguez
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11; St. Wolfgang of Rebenburg
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PORK LOIN DINNER-NOV. 5**

We have decided to go with a drive-by operation for our annual Pork Loin Dinner. The menu items will be the same: pork loin on a bun, beans, and coleslaw. We will provide a sealed plastic container with Kevin's surprise BBQ sauce, as well as packaged plastic eating ware. We are appealing to all the parish bakers for a dozen of their favorite cookies, since with the COVID guidelines our usual pie options will be unusable. Cookies, it was decided, would be easier to package and distribute with the meals. Thank you again for all your generosity in helping us make this year "an event to remember"!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- November 4-Pastoral Council Meeting
- November 3-Knights of Columbus Meeting
- November 5-Knights of Columbus Pork Loin Dinner

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-October 31

Lector: Robin Connolly
Altar Servers: Xavier & Brie Ross
Min. of Communion: Hank Latus
Greeter/Usher: Joe & Nancy Nealon / Matt Ross / Kevin Naser
Musician/Singers: Cindee Hays / Ann Ross & Jim Kearney
Sacristan: Nancy Nealon

Sunday-October 25

Lector: Joan Smith
Altar Servers: Elly & Jameson McDonald
Min. of Communion: Judy Podliska
Homebound: Judy Podliska
Greeter/Usher: Tim Schmid / Bill Drey / John McDonald
Musician/Singers: Charla Schmid / Patti Wetterlind & Mary Fields
Sacristan: Joan Smith
Money Counters: Jim Kearney / Steve Gray

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

AA meetings are held 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
Teresa Williams



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

NEXT SUNDAY, DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK TIME!!



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 24

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

Sunday, October 25

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Roger Kirby+
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass-Bernard Bruning
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Monday, October 26-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 7:00 p.m. AA meeting

Wednesday, October 28

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish

Thursday, October 29

- 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 30

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

Saturday, October 31-Happy Halloween

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

Sunday, November 1-Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Fr. Tom Kunnel
- 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting



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