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**October 3, 2021**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor  
Rev. Hyginus Agu  
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence  
Deacon Alix Africot  
Deacon Roland J. Blier  
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate  
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister  
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

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#### **MASSES**

Saturday vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am  
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

#### **BAPTISM**

Call the parish office to schedule.

#### **MATRIMONY**

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

#### **SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



**October 2, 2021—October 10, 2021**

Sat. 2	4:00 PM	The Lawson & Lynch Families
Sun. 3	9:00 AM	Pierino Lisi
	11:00 AM	Francesco & Regina D'Onofrio
Mon. 4	9:00 AM	Lea Magno Domino Happle
Tue. 5	9:00 AM	Giovannina Verrelli
Wed. 6	9:00 AM	Leo Maia
Thr. 7	9:00 AM	Margarita Ortiz
Fri. 8	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Sat. 9	4:00 PM	Kenneth Miklus
Sun. 10	9:00 AM	Nello & Mary Chiatroni
	11:00 AM	Robert Webb



We remember all those we have been asked to pray for during their time of illness.

We remember all those who have gone home to the Lord.

We especially remember all those listed in our Prayer Request book.



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of Margarita Ortiz**



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**Register for our new and exciting program, "Family Life, Unending Faith Formation"**

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**Society for the Propagation of the Faith**



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**October 24, 2021**

**Envelopes at all entrances!!!**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Week of September 26, 2021**

Offertory — \$ 3186.00

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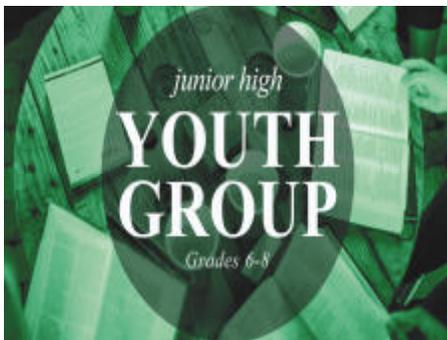
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**Credit Card Donations**

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.

***Thank you for your generosity!***



First Meeting  
Sunday, October 3  
10:00 AM

Please join us!

**Benediction/Adoration**



**Saturday**

October 9 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday**

October 17 9:00 AM

October 24 11:00 AM

Please stay for a few extra minutes for some quiet time with Our Lord.



**SAVE THE DATES!!!!**



**Silver Rose Mass**

**St. Andrew Church**

**Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 PM**

**Back to School Halloween Dinner**

**St. Andrew Church**

**Saturday, October 23, 6:30 PM**

**Buffet dinner**

**Children invited to wear costumes!!!**

**Christmas Dinner**

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

**More information to follow**



**Rosary Group**

**Monday evenings, 7:00**

**Please join us!**

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:2-16

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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|-------|---------|---------|
| Jesus | husband | divorce |
| Moses | wife    | papers  |
| Law   | married | joined  |
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## MISSION

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.



# KID'S CORNER



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## October 2021 RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*St. Joseph,  
defender of life,  
pray for us!*



[respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)

A thought  
TO START  
YOUR WEEK

**In the center of every sin is  
the letter "I."**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**October 3, 2021**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

## Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

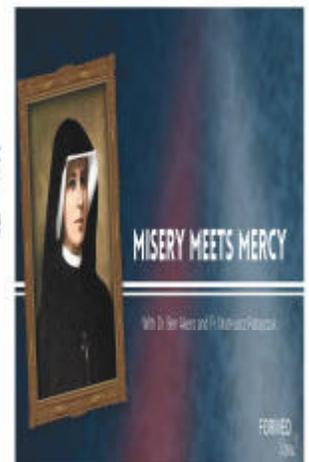
FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 3, 2021

### MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA

Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church.



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## Twenty-seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

### Reading 1

### Gn 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name.

The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called 'woman,'  
for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother  
and clings to his wife,  
and the two of them become one flesh.

### Psalm Response: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

### Reading 2

### Heb 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters:

He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."



### Gospel

### Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

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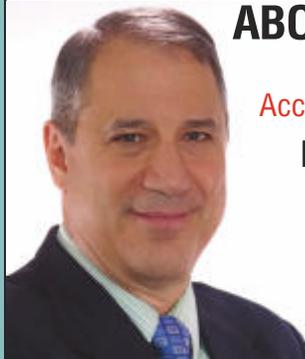
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