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Saint Andrew Parish
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October 10, 2021
Twenty-eighth 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
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Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence
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SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

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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 9, 2021—October 17, 2021

Sat. 9	4:00 PM	Kenneth Miklus
Sun. 10	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Nello & Mary Chiatroni Robert Webb
Mon. 11	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Tue. 12	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Wed. 13	9:00 AM	No Mass Today
Thr. 14	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Fri. 15	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Sat. 16	4:00 PM	Rico Sabatini
Sun. 17	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Vincenza Pietrangeli Susan Fleetwood



**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
For those over 18 who wish to be fully initiated in
The Catholic Church**

Contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171



**Parish Office closed
Monday, October 11**



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 Dorothy Krusinski**

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 24, 2021

Envelopes at all entrances!!!

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Week of October 3, 2021

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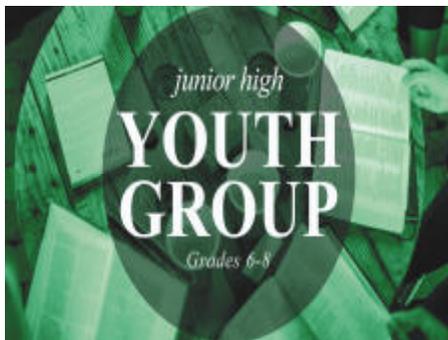
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Credit Card Donations

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, November 7
10:00 AM

Please join us!

Benediction/Adoration



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, October 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!

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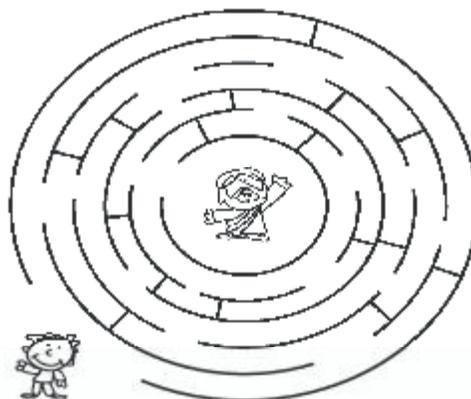
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 10:17-30

PUZZLE

Help this child find Jesus.



MISSION

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.



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A thought
TO START
YOUR WEEK

**Do your best and let Jesus
do the rest!**

October 2021

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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



respectlife.org/celebrate

GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

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

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

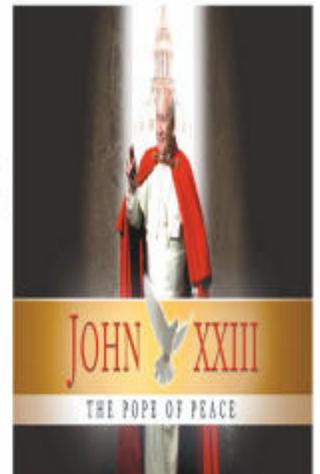
FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 10, 2021

JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an “interim Pope” who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



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Information to sign up for FORMED at all church entrances.

Twenty-eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,
and I chose to have her rather than the light,
because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all good things together came to me in her company,
and countless riches at her hands.

Psalm Response: Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us,
for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants
and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



Reading 2

Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:
Indeed the word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.
No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account.

Gospel

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up,
knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*"

He replied and said to him,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,
"You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell,
and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

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