

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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October 8, 2023

**27th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a
people that will produce its fruit."

- Mt.21:42ab, 43

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
In today's Gospel, we have the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants. Jesus tells this story to his opponents, namely the Chief Priests and the Elders of the people, to show them that even though they are God's chosen people from the beginning, they have forfeited any claim to the new Kingdom of God because of their disloyalty and disobedience to him. They were given a vineyard to cultivate, but they claimed it as their own and refused not only to give any return to the owner but murdered his son, who had come to them on behalf of his father. We could reflect on two thoughts from the parable. First, we see God's infinite goodness, patience, and mercy, and second, the depth of wickedness and ingratitude to which man can sink. Many prophets were sent to them as his messengers, and they refused to accept them and did not listen to their warnings. Finally, the landowner, God, sent His only beloved Son, Jesus, to them, saying, "They will respect my Son." Rather than believing and accepting the teachings of Jesus as the Son of God and the promised Messiah, the chief priests and the Pharisees plotted against Him and killed Him.

Today's Gospel concludes the Kingdom of God will be given to a people that produce the fruits of the Kingdom. The fruits of the Kingdom are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. As Paul tells the Galatians, they are "love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Let us embrace His Kingdom and live its values. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Fr. Babychan MSFS

"If, when stung by slander or ill-nature, we wax proud and swell with anger, it is a proof that our gentleness and humility are unreal, and mere artificial show." ~ Francis de Sales

Pastoral Council

Genevieve Flores Katie Haby
Keith Howard Brett Hutto
Ryan Lessing Rose Mary Mares
Michele Mechler

Next Pastoral Council
Meeting Oct. 19, 2023 6pm

Next Finance Council
Meeting Dec.14, 2023 5pm

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Connie Shullanberger

Attendance Sept. 30/Oct.1 576

CONTRIBUTIONS Weekly Parish Goal: \$7,000

Sept.30/Oct.1

Regular Offering \$8,602.00

Building Fund/Maintenance 300.00

Children's Offering 140.20

Redemptorist's Missions 2,018.00

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Parish Office Open M-F 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler

Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman

Custodian Tony Ortiz

Part-time Custodian Eufrasio Castillo

Religious Ed Office open M-F 9:30am-4pm

DRE Sylvia Fernandez (Tues 10am-4pm)

Office Clerk Kris Cardenaz

RCIA Director Mary Jo Peters

Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am

Sunday 10:00 am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm

Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment

After morning Mass on Thursday

PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month

2 pm Religious Education Building

Must pre-register for class

Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending RE classes and meet with Pastor.

FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz

Rene Aguirre

Heather Ahr

Steven Avila

Genaro Avila

Tommie Bradon

Chris Cole

Valerie Cole

Riley Cole

Thomas Cuellar

Trina Cuellar

Salvador Dominguez

Kimberly Escamilla

Tim Favor

Leila Fuentes

Rosa Garcia

Lupe Gauna

Marissa Ibarra

Vincent Garza Loretta

Lucy Herrera

Alleen Koch

John Henry Martinez

Tony Mendoza

Jerry Mullans

Rosalinda Alvarez

Jerry Neal

Milo Quintanilla

Lorenzo Ortiz

Roy Ramirez

Anna Reyes

Mark Reus

Jerry Robles

Lupe Sanchez

Mary Rose Sanchez

Diane Torres

Gonzalo Torres

Joe Ventura, Jr.

Darlene Wiemers

Daniel Willman

Juan & Fannir Ybarra

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list a

minimum of 3 weeks.

Upcoming Second Collection

October 15, 2023 - Hope for the Future, Tuition Assistance

October 22, 2023 - World Mission Sunday

MASS Intentions

October 9 - 15, 2023

MONDAY - October 9 - (no Mass):

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

TUESDAY - October 10 - 8am - Chapel:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Communion Service

WEDNESDAY - October 11 - 8am - Chapel:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Communion Service

WEDNESDAY - October 11 - 6pm - Chapel:

Neh 2, 1-8/Sal 136, 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lc 9, 57-62

- 1) † Rosa Galvan by Ernie & Eva Cortez

THURSDAY - October 12 - 8am - Chapel:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

- 1) † Jhn Melton by Theresa Gilliam

- 2) † Gail Rohrbach by Kay & Family

FRIDAY - October 13 - 8am - Chapel:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

- 1) † Olin Gilliam by Theresa Gilliam

- 2) † Robert & Patsy Graff by Bill & Bonnie Moos

SATURDAY - October 14 - 6pm - Church:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

- 1) † Rudy Guedea

- 2) For St. John's Parish

SUNDAY - October 15 - 7:45am (Spanish) - Church

Is 5, 1-7/Sal 79, 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 /Flp 4, 6-9/Mt 21, 33-43

- 1) † Rosa Corona by Corona Family

- 2) † Felice Garcia by Family

- 3) † Joe Barrios, Jr. by Family

SUNDAY - October 15 - 10am - Church

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 /Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-4

- 1) † Abran Galvan Mendoza by Maternal Grandparents

- 2) † Kenneth Bendele by Terry & Maxine Dudley

- 3) † Bobby Graff by Garland & Sally Bader

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All parishioners are invited to spend some time with our Lord Jesus in Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 10am followed by the benediction at 10:30am.

Everyone is welcome!

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnnevangelist.org
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 8:

*8:45 Faith Formation Classes

*10am Mass - Children's Liturgy

*2pm - Baptism Prep Class - RE Bldg

Monday, October 9:

*6pm - Adult Confirmation Class - RE Bldg.

*7pm - BINGO - Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 10:

*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance - RE Building

Wednesday, October 11:

*5:30pm - Rosary - Prayer Garden

Thursday, October 12:

*9am - Saturday evening Choir Practice - Church

*8:30am - Adoration - Chapel

*10am - Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

*10:45am - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - RE Bldg

Women's ACTS Retreat begins

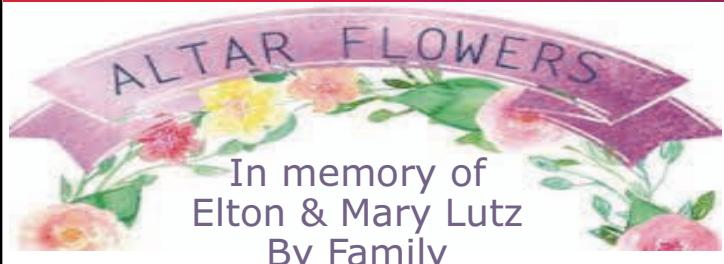
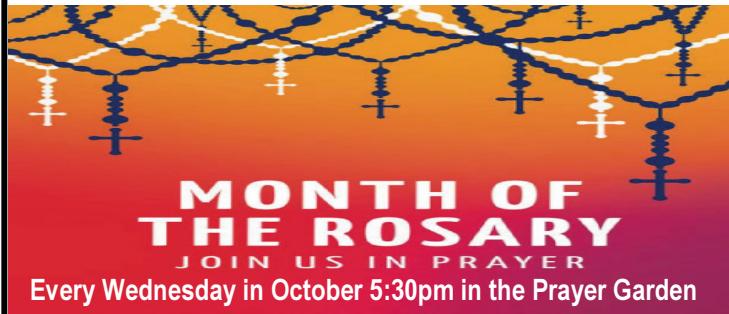
Friday, October 13:

Saturday, October 14:

* 5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, October 15:

*10am Mass - Women's ACTS Homecoming



Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday October 14, 2023 6pm

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Randy Graff,
Luis Ramos, Marcy Zerr

Commentator: Wayne Stein

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Patti Graff

Extraordinary Ministers: Rose Mary Mares,
Yvonne Stein, Paul Tschirhart

Altar Servers: R. J. Knight, Marinda Knights

Sunday Oct. 15, 2023 7:45am

(Deacon Sam) Rosary Leader: Ruben Medina

Ministers of Hospitality: Henry Torres
Gabriel Rodriguez, Ray Ybarra

Commentator: Ruben Medina

Lector: Refugio Herrera

Sacristan: Efrain Rodriguez

Extraordinary Ministers: Carolina Trujillo
Eva Cortez, Diane Ybarra

Altar Servers: Gabriel Rodriguez,
Isabella Rodriguez, Cooper Pittman

Sunday Oct. 15, 2023 10am

(Mark Urby) Rosary Leader: Renae McNeil

Ministers of Hospitality: Jack & Michele Rothe,
Daniel Guedea

Commentator: Aurora Crooks

Lector & Responsorial Psalm: Cindy Jones

Sacristan: Judy Williams

Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Melton,

Diane Cheney, Michelle Hutto, Mary Jo Peters

Altar Servers: Hilario Garcia, Isabella Rodriguez,
Bryson Howard, Brynlee Howard

Thank You to our Volunteers!
 September Altar Care: Aurora Crooks, Gloria Bendele
 Lihens: Rita Vance, Patti Graff

BINGO - Linda Fillinger, Gizmo Freeman
 Ernest & Lorraine Garza

Hospital Visitation: Marlene King & Karen Koch



St. Vincent de Paul

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. Help us bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am-12 noon.

Medina County Food Pantry will have food distribution each Monday from 10am - 12pm (or while supplies last) — no vouchers needed. Closed Tuesday. They will also continue with the Voucher Food Box Distribution on the last Friday of each month.

The Medina County Food Pantry could use donations of canned goods, jelly, peanut butter and cereal. *Thank you!*

Youth Ministry

Youth Meet on Wednesday, Oct. 18
 Praise and Worship/Choir Practice At 7:00 pm

Youth Ministry invites all Youth grades 9-12
 Check us out on Facebook at St. John's Youth Group Page

Teen ACTS January 4-7, 2024
 Join us for Youth Mass on October 22, 2023



Junior High grades 7th & 8th

Meet on Wednesday October 11

At 7:00 pm in the Youth Annex

For an evening of fun faith filled activities with friends.



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VIRTUS.... Not one person, not even one Archdiocese, can protect all children / vulnerable adults. Abuse is an epidemic problem in our entire society but we intend to do everything we can to stop it. We are offering *Child/ Adult Safety* instruction to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults. We will also educate parents who have a responsibility to safeguard the children in their care. *Children / Vulnerable Adults cannot protect themselves from a predator.* We know they need trusted and loving adults in whom they can confide any concern or fear. You are that person and we want to work with you for the good of all children/ vulnerable adults in this Archdiocese. Spanish and English classes will be offered. This is a responsibility we cannot push off on someone else. This is our responsibility. You may call the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or toll free 1-877-700-1888, or call Fr. Babychan at the parish office at 830-741-2236.

Happy Birthday!

10/9 Jaryn Hernandez, Joseph Huesser, Annabelle Lopez, Alma Puente, Joshua Sumy, Darlene Wiemers

10/10 Kiara Gutierrez, Norma Jasso, Belinda Resendez

10/11 Jalyce Aguirre, Gabriel Brooks, Jonathan Flores, Herbert Guevara, Osmat Lopez, Dora Rodriguez, Paula Ybarra

10/12 Danielle Alvarez, Lamar Cabrera, Jose Covarrabias, Tiffany Garcia, Emma Log, Andrea Luna-Martinez, Rosa Moreno-Garcia, Tanya Olivarez, Humberto Rocha, Jonathan Rodriguez

10/13 Ava De Leon, William Freeman, Jonathan Garcia, Lucy Lara, Koehler Ruiz, Senida Torres, Stephanie Ybarra, Laura Zuniga Ramirez

10/14 Sarah Brooks, April Carmona, Richard Correa, Robert Cuellar, Mariah Flores, Raful Hinojos, Brady Hutto, Marlene King, Javier Lopez, Oralia Martinez, Lindzy Rincon

10/15 Vicente Camacho, Tristan Hernandez, Wilbur Sierra, Frances Tapia, Roselyn Villarreal

St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator

Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator

Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.

Lorraine Lopez/Pat Gonzales - Communications Coord.

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