SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." - Mk 10:26-27

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays
Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses
Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour
Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary
Monday - Friday after the 7a mass outside in the school courtyard (weather permitting).

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: **586-777-1342.**

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670.**

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone

OR

By calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Weekdays -7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)
Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses
Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses
Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Family Business: As I continue to help my mom wade through the mountain of stuff and changes that need to be accomplished since my dad died, we've started to use our Sunday family gatherings as an opportunity to exchange the mail and for me to get my mom to sign whatever needs to be signed. It's funny how it's become a new habit where I'm often bringing in a file folder to our Sunday dinners that contains things for mom to sign. The waitress at the restaurant where we usually go for dinner on Sundays must think we're always doing some significant business transactions! I'm always huddling next to my mom, shuffling a bunch of papers in front of her.

This past Sunday was no different. I showed up with the usual file folder with something to sign, sat next to my mom, and had her sign away. I could have mailed back what she signed, but she volunteered to take care of it herself. So, I checked it off my "list" and somewhat forgot about it.

On Monday morning, I got somewhat of a panicky phone call from my mom. She couldn't find the envelope with the stuff she signed. I tried to convince her that it was no big deal and that I would get another copy for her to sign. But she was frustrated she lost it and was concerned there was too much information on the sheets for them not to be found. She scoured the house but couldn't find the envelope. Eventually, my nephew J.J., who heard grandma talking to me and who heard grandma rummaging through papers in the kitchen, decided to jump on the bandwagon and help grandma find the missing envelope. They eventually found it on the kitchen counter, but it was hidden from view from a recipe that was placed upon it. I reassured my mom that this was proof that God always provides. But she was still pretty frustrated that she misplaced it even for a brief moment. "You gave me ONE task," she started to tell me, "and I almost blew it. If I were one of your employees, you'd probably fire me!" She then paused, started to laugh, and said, "But THANKFULLY, you can't fire your mom!" I'm surprised she didn't throw out the other line she's been frequently saying since her birthday in August: "I'm 80 years old now … what do you expect?"

In God We Trust. A few days ago, I was behind a police car. Most police cars these days are black with black lettering. The lettering is such that you can barely see the words of the city and the word "police" until you're almost on next to the vehicle. What caught my attention with this particular police car was that boldly labeled on the back of the car were the words "In God We Trust" in a bright yellow color. It stuck out! I was impressed to see that on the vehicle, especially in our world and current cultural climate where there is so little acknowledgment of God or any faith or belief. It certainly made a statement. Yes, those words are printed on many things in our country, but they are words often forgotten about today. It's almost as if our country has become "numb" to the words. Did you know that it was only back in 1956 that these very words replaced "*E pluribus unum*" … which had been the *de facto* motto since the initial 1776 design of the Great Seal of the United States … as the official motto of the United States.

The experience of seeing those words planted on the police car reminded me of a brochure I once found in my shopping bag after leaving a family trip up to Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth. The flyer was entitled, "In God We Trust." The reflection in the brochure was poignant, and I wanted to share it with you (from *In God We Trust* (ESV), copyright © 2012 by Good News Tracts. Used by permission. For more information, visit goodnewstracts.org):

"Printed boldly on the back of United States currency is the motto "In God We Trust." We have seen it so often that it may have lost its meaning to us. But found in these words is the secret to national and personal greatness.

"Webster's Dictionary defines the word trust as "a firm belief of confidence in the honesty, integrity, reliability and justice of another person or thing."

"When our founding fathers signed their names to the Declaration of Independence, they believed that God was the only sure foundation upon which to build a nation that would endure. These men knew that this unique experiment in freedom would only stand the test of time by God's grace.

"Reliance upon God was deeply rooted in our country's important documents and institutions from the beginning. But today confidence in God and his Word is no longer the foundation of society.

"In our schools the God of Creation has been replaced by the "god" of evolutionary chance. Truth has been replaced by relativism. Morality has been set aside in favor of "political correctness."

"In our homes we nightly view things that were unimaginable on television and in movies only a decade ago. Violence, sexual perversion and obscene language spill off the screen.

"In government, God's principles of truth and justice have often given way to personal profit, and compromise.

"As we have departed from God, life has been devalued. The lives of unborn children are snuffed out in abortion clinics and the number of robberies, rapes and murders increase daily.

"It is time that we return to the values of God's Word in our public and private lives so that he will heal our people and our land. We must begin person by person on our knees, confessing our failure to trust God fully in our lives.

"Today you can affirm your trust in God if you will: 1) Acknowledge that you need salvation: The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). 2) Recognize God's love for you: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). 3) Receive Jesus and his forgiveness, the only basis for having a personal relationship with God. "But to all who did receive him [Jesus], who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

"God is calling you to put your trust in him today! Don't ignore his call!"

Yes, In God We Trust!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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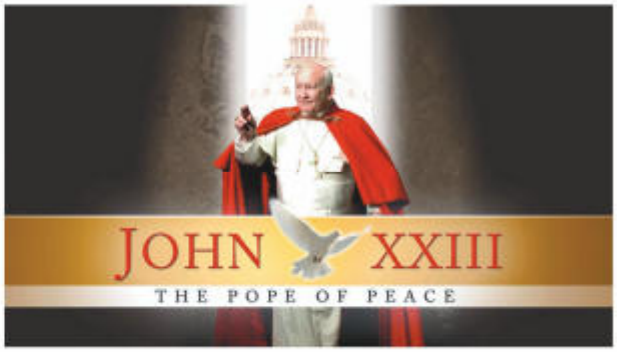
PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 10, 2021

WATCH

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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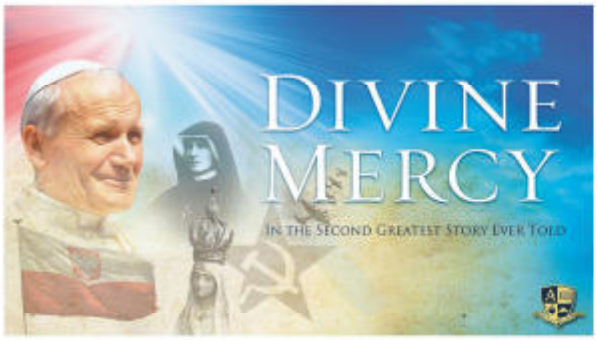
DIVINE MERCY WITH FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY EPISODE 6: FATIMA

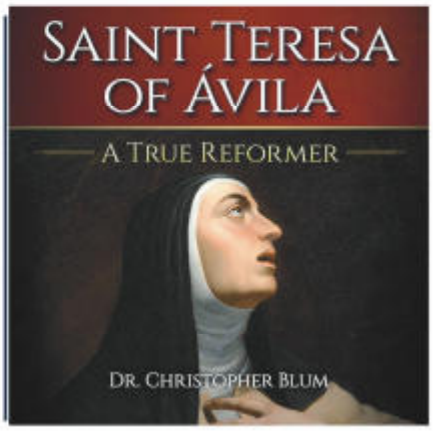


Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy in this 10-part series. Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama surrounding a small town in Portugal captures the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers alike. In this episode of learn about Pope Benedict XV and the apparitions at Fatima.

LISTEN

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A TRUE REFORMER BY CHRISTOPHER BLUM

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.



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To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

2022

Mass Intentions

We are now accepting Mass Intention requests for 2022 in person, over the phone at 586-777-3670 or by email at info@sjascs.org

Calling all INSTRUMENTALISTS

Come, join, share, laugh, and play your instrument to glorify the Lord! Contact Catherine Thomas if you are interested!

cthomas@sjascs.org

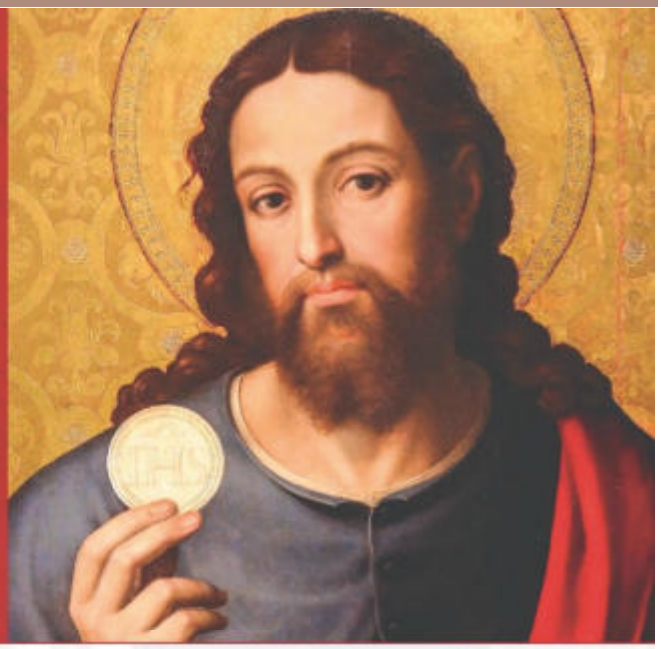
See what's new for annual enrollment for Medicare 2022

- Overview of Original Medicare A&B
- What is Medicare Advantage, Medigap/Supplemental & Part D?
- What are all the new changes?
- Expanded Financial Assistance Qualifications Explained
- Lots More & Your Questions Answered!

Annual Enrollment is October 15 – December 7

Presented By: Tammy Wilfinger, Licensed Life & Health Agent
When: Tues, Oct 12, 11am–12:30pm
Where: In the Emmaus Fellowship Hall:

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



Fr. Andrew Dawson will lead us through this engaging series in six weekly sessions.

When: Beginning Tuesday, October 26 from 7-9 pm in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall in the Sr. Carol Center.

The cost: $27 per person which includes a workbook, book, and online access to the videos for your future reference.

Learn more about the series and **register and pay online by Oct 18** at sjascs.org/walk-through-mass.

Discover the Beauty, the Riches, and the Profound Meaning of the Mass

Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

"We need to recommit ourselves to the central act of our faith with passion and joy. This marvelously written aid will help us join ourselves to the Lord as he offers himself to the Father in the Sacrifice of the Mass."

—Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

ASCENSION

Register and find our more at sjascs.org/walk-through-mass

Oktoberfest gala #15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Joan of Arc CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Silent and Live Auction & Dinner

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE GALA THIS YEAR:

- We're returning to **LOCHMOOR CLUB in GPW!** And we've shifted this year's event to the Fall.
- The Gala is our largest fundraiser to benefit the school. **Attend or buy raffle tickets** to support this event.
- **We need your donations**. Contact the School or Parish Center to learn how to donate Silent and Live Auction items.
- **There's a spot for you**. Join the Gala Planning Committee or volunteer to help the night of the Gala.

CONTACT US:
Pam Graskewicz (pgraskewicz@hotmail.com) or Matt Wyszczelski (hfd75@aol.com)

We ENCOURAGE everyone to dress in your favorite Bavarian attire for this year's Gala…
BEST OUTFIT CONTEST!

Barrels of fun for 15 Years!!!
OCTOBER 16, 2021 @ LOCHMOOR CLUB

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, October 11th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, October 12th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

11:00 am Medicare 2022 Presentation

Wednesday, October 13th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, October 14th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, October 15th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, October 16th

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Cassidy R. Andary

1:30 pm Baptism of Anthony D. Haskins

2:30 pm Baptism of Crew A. Cataldo

4:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, October 17th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

October 10, 2021 – In the Heart

When news stories are particularly sad, terrible, even tragic, it can sometimes seem like the backstory is self-evident.

Consider, for example, the incidents of a few weeks ago in Iosco County, near Tawas City. According to a story in *The Detroit News*, a three-year-old child was found dead, and the young mother was charged with felony murder and first-degree child abuse.

The woman, however, pleaded not guilty, and, at the time of this writing, a probable cause conference had been scheduled for the following week.

Most of the other details of the story need not be recounted here, other than the fact that the woman, when she was found by police walking along some railroad tracks, declined to discuss the baby's death.

Immediately, of course, most commentators assumed the woman is guilty, that no mercy should be shown from the justice system, and that this young mother is like others whose stories are often recounted on television and in the movies.

Speculation on the facts behind the case, the motives, the psychological states of everyone involved, and so forth, serve no real purpose. Presumably, law enforcement and the justice system will get to the heart of the matter.

It's an important reminder though, that, in the end, God knows all these things, and he is the ultimate judge, not only of the facts, but of what is in our hearts.

"Indeed the word of God is living and effective," St. Paul writes to the Hebrews in today's second reading, "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."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday October 11, 2021 Saint John XXII , Pope (Green/White)
7:00 a.m. Joan Linden and Donald Kowalewski

Tuesday October 12, 2021 Weekday Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m. Maria Cimini and Lawrence and Rosemary Schenden

Wednesday October 13, 2021 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m. Gerald Brennan and Josephine and Eugene Ziolkowski

Thursday October 14, 2020 Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr (Green/Red)
7:00 a.m. George and Lorraine McCabee

Friday October 15, 2021 Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 a.m. Elise Maes and Dorothy Guiglardo

Saturday October 16, 2021 Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 p.m. Edward and Henry Blind, deceased members of the Walsh Family, Bonnie Batche, George VanBecelaere, Special Intension for the Thomas Family, Special Intension for the J. Champine Family and Josephine Dehelean

6:00 p.m. Anna Maria Dolunt

Sunday October 17, 2021 Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Lisa Patterson

12:00 p.m. James Forrester, Christina Comito, deceased members of the Salvatore and Antonieta Urso Family, Kevin Brys, Aldo Cardosi, James LeFevre, Anna Maria Dolunt, and Salvatore Ciaravino

Daily Readings

Monday, October 11
Romans 1:1-7
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 12
Romans 1:16-25
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 13
Romans 2:1-11
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 14
Romans 3:21-30
Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 15
Romans 4:1-8
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18
Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 17
Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

Lawrence Vargo
Christine Burgess
Carolyn Casper
James Vincent Bonventre. Jr.
Loretta Washington
Timothy Fox (Brother of Fr. Joe Fox)

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."
Minnie Louise Haskins

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc

Young people today are growing up in a culture made toxic by so many pressures and distractions. Society is trying to mold them in particular ways, under the illusion of "freedom" to make them doubt and reject much of what has always been seen as virtuous and worthy. Even objective truth in seen as a myth by many people.

With such confusion now having invaded the thoughts of multiple generations, it's no wonder we hear all the time "I can't get my son/ my daughter to go to Church."

I wanted to take this opportunity to share a couple of awesome and hope-filled moments as a "shout-out" to young people, those who are striving to live out their faith. They are a credit to their families and themselves, and an example for all of us.

The first occasion that sticks in my mind a couple of years ago was when a young couple, both 18 years old, attended an evening program. Afterwards the young man approached me and asked if the Church was open. I told him I was happy to unlock it and put a couple of lights on. I thought he perhaps just wanted to look at our Church and perhaps say a prayer. But when I walked through a few minutes later, he and his girlfriend were kneeling beside each other in silence on the hard marble steps on the sanctuary, before Jesus in the tabernacle. They stayed right there for a half hour, praying together in the semi-dark. With so much negative talk about young people today, this was a beautiful and inspiring witness to faith.

The second incident was when a first-grader stopped me in the hallway on my way to mass one morning. I had already said "good morning" and walked past the students, when I felt a tug on my sleeve. I turned around, and the student held out a single penny and said, "Fr. Andrew, for telling us about Jesus, this is for you." I thanked her and said that was a very kind thing to do, and I asked if I could give it to the parish office to give to someone who might really be in need. She thought that would be okay. That made my day. So I actually kept the penny, and wrote a check (for a little more than that to the St. Vincent de Paul collection). I still have the penny as a reminder of the innocence and hunger of our young people to know Jesus.

Young people need people who are prepared to act as adults for them, who will tell them "no" when that should be the answer. They need adults who believe in them and affirm them, but who will also challenge them to grow in virtue and will correct them when they're out of line. They want adults who will be sincere and "real" with them, who will tell them the truth. They want adults and peers to call them to a higher standard, rather than be accepting of mediocrity. We all need that. But just as importantly, young people need to be affirmed when we see them acting virtuously and going out of their way to be an example of the faith to others. These moments are happening all the time, but perhaps we don't see them or we're just not remembering to encourage them.

Just the simplest of acts: an 8th grader caring for a younger student or sibling; a student helping adults to clear-up at the end of the school day; a young adult attending daily mass frequently; a teenager who makes use of the Sacrament of Confession regularly without to being "brought" by parents. The culture tells our youth that a higher standard is idealistic, and they probably won't be able to do it. The culture looks at the moral teachings of the Church and often considers them unattainable. We need to challenge young people; we need to challenge each other and say, "I believe that you can do it!" We need to not be unrealistic and we should acknowledge that to be a disciple is not easy. To always make the right moral choices is challenging and left to our own resources, who can live this way? But by the grace of God, by continually placing ourselves in Jesus hands. The Christian life of discipleship was never promised to us to be easy. Jesus Himself recognizes this in our Gospel today: "Jesus looked at them and said, 'For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.'"

When I look back at the world I grew-up in, it's almost unrecognizable today. And I know even more so with every generation we go back. But our faith, though perhaps under more pressure today, is the same and it always was and as effective and true as ever.

Encourage a young person in their faith today. Affirm them, recognize their virtue. The culture has already stolen too many vocations from our Church. Let's not let it take any more.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child" (PC 5).

> Dear St. Joseph, help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him "an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble" (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were "able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence" (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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St. Joan of Arc

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 17 B

Reading One – Is 53:10-11

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

Responsorial Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Reading Two – Heb 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Alleluia – Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Wis 7:7-11 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

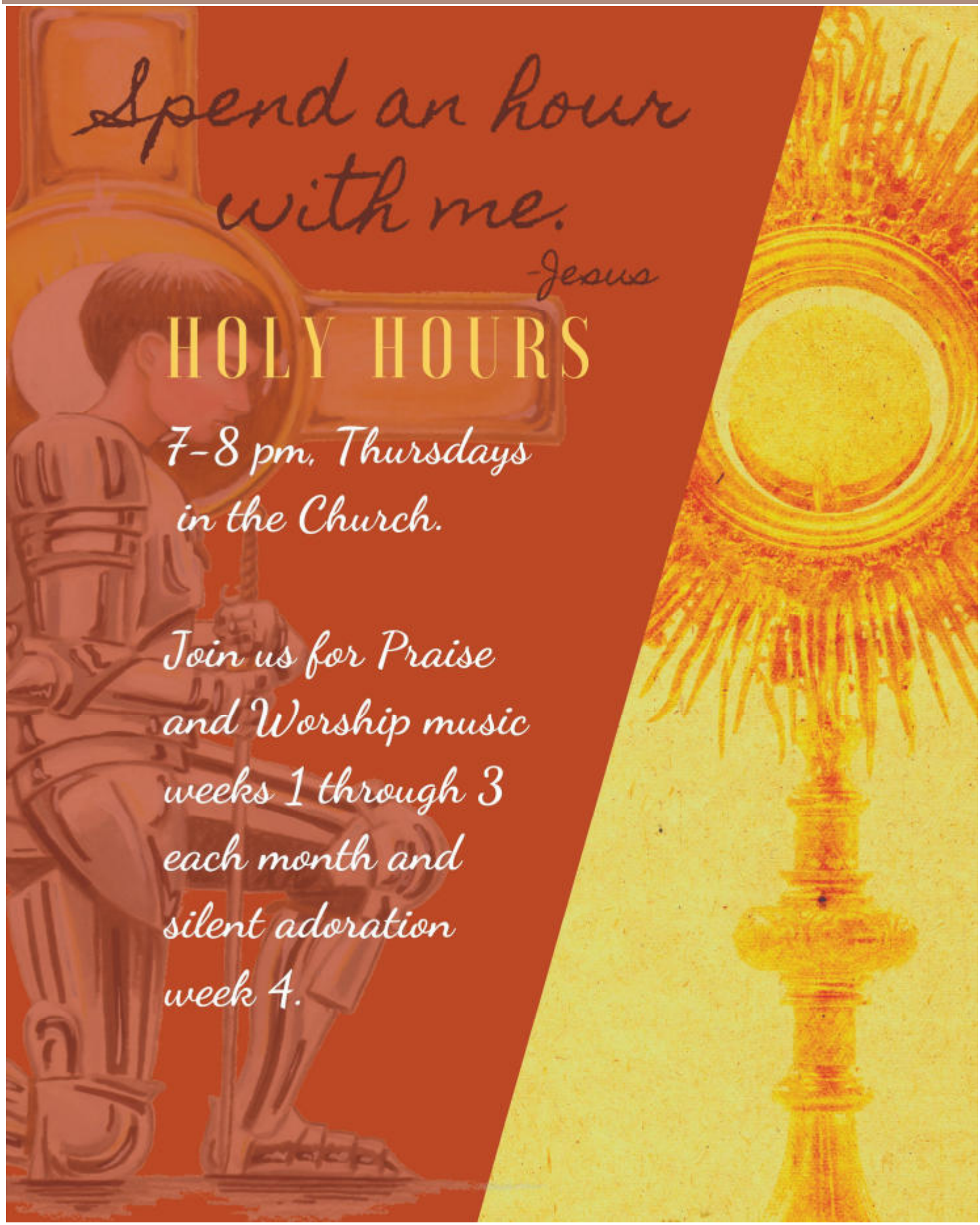
In the Old Testament, wealth was considered a sign of God's favor. So imagine the rich young man's surprise when he approached Jesus, only to find out that he would need to sell what he had and then give to the poor in order to follow Jesus. His face fell and he walked away. His demeanor highlights the fundamental error of equating what we have, and what we do, with salvation – of relying on earthly things, rather than God, for our deepest comfort and security. In contrast, the Book of Wisdom speaks of the richness and worth of divine wisdom over that of any precious gem or gold. We understand that divine wisdom to be manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, true wisdom means having faith in Jesus rather than in our own efforts and whatever we might have earned in our lifetime. Otherwise, we are like a camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle. Jesus truly offers us the only way. I like to think that the young man came around eventually. After all, as Jesus says, "all things are possible for God." As we reflect, we can ask Jesus what we need to "let go of" to turn our sights, our minds, and our lives over to God, knowing that following his will is the surest path to the Kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Just a few days ago, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The behavior of the rich young man in today's Gospel – daring, enthusiastic, confident – brings the young Francis to mind. Born into wealth, he relished his carefree lifestyle and sought to become a knight. His dreams of glory, however, quickly became a nightmare as his comrades fell and he was imprisoned in a dank cell for a year. After his release, he fell seriously ill, and God spoke to him. Francis cast aside the trappings of wealth, choosing instead to seek God's will in all things. His example invites us to pray about our priorities: What things or attitudes get in the way of our relationship with God and one another? What is the Lord asking of us and how can we respond? How can we give witness to our belief that all things are possible with God?

ACTION Perhaps try a "consumption fast" for the next couple of weeks, purchasing only what you need – food and other necessities. Use time and energy you may have spent shopping to deepen your relationship with God and others by participating in Eucharistic adoration, going to confession, visiting an elderly relative, or contacting an old friend.


Spend an hour with me.
-Jesus
HOLY HOURS
7-8 pm. Thursdays in the Church.
Join us for Praise and Worship music weeks 1 through 3 each month and silent adoration week 4.

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK - PARISHIONERS

Sharon Adams
Geraldine Atkeson
Ellen Bindek
Geri Beaugrand
Theresa Bertelsen
Lori Cardosi
Rose Marie Carroll
Alex Chapp
David Clinchoc
Ed Cole
Mary Ellen Cooper
Victoria Cornwell
James Czech
Steven D'Arca
Joan DeDene
Sharon Deller
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Nick DiCresce
Julie Doty
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Marie DuPont
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Louise Fetherolf
Taylor Fisher
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Sylvia Gentile
Pamela Gervasoni
Mary and Don Godfrey
Jane Gora
Larry Graham
Geoffrey Greve
James Gutowski
Rich Hanselman
Alleyn Hunt
James Kammer
Bruce Kaselitz
Marilyn Kiefer
Pat Kohlitz
Charlie Kolodziejski
Catherine Konen
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Christopher Manning
Joan Mannino
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Doreen Saur
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Terri Smigels
Kathleen Smith
Cathy Spindler
Robert Stasak
Virginia Stieber
Beverly Taylor
James Thompson
Maxine Uniewski
Audrey VanBecelaere
Eileen Wallace
Audrey Weekley
Joseph Whalen
Marilyn Wicker
William Woodruff
Chuck Wolschlager

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for the Sick List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Kevin Conley
Maria Marable
Hector M. Martinez
Jacob Milatz
R. Connor Montgomery
Martin Rodriguez
Dave Russell

Army
Tom Barrett
Samuel Baur
Richard Brown
Nathan Dickerson
Greg DeMoss
Brian C. Ellis
Thaddeus Kapuscinski
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Michelle Kuznia, DDS
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Chris Listilla
Daniel Meagher
Kyle Richardson
Christopher Scholz
John C. Tramazzo
Dan Travis
Joseph VanDusen
David Weise
Edward Williams
Samantha Williams
Timothy L. Wilt III

Marine Corps
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Arthur J. Barron
David Chute
Kyle Cichowski
John DuBay Jr.
David J. Kennedy
Daniel Klein
Paul Koss
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Jeffrey LaTour
John Lewins
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Nick Lienemann
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Lee Michael
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Frank Schuster
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Tom Stevenson
Christopher Venditti

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Jason Gaidis
Joseph Goeddeke
Fr. John Kaul
Frankie Kocis
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Coast Guard
Michael Franklin
Judy Knox
Christopher Rogers
Norma Ray Smihal
Nan Wise

National Guard
Robert Douglas III
William DuBay

Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
October 10, 2021

The Wisdom of the Cross

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Book of Wisdom is attributed to King Solomon, son of David. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom rather than longevity or power. To be a good ruler, he desired to know the truth, to have depth and understanding. He knew this was the strongest foundation a ruler could have. Even if he were a king appointed by God, he would one day have to render an account at his own judgment.

The Roman Emperor Constantine also learned this truth. Giulano Romano's fresco in the Vatican, *The Vision of the Cross,* is dedicated to a vision of Constantine's. The historians Eusebius of Caesarea and Lactantius tell us of how—ahead of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in which Constantine would attack Maxentius to reunite the empire under himself—he had a vision of a cross in the heavens and heard these words: "In this sign, you will conquer."

Constantine was not a Christian, yet he had this sign emblazoned on the breastplates and shields of his soldiers. They won that battle against great odds. Archeologists have uncovered shields, helmets, breastplates, and coins with this symbol, attesting to the truth of his vision.

Eventually Constantine, the most powerful figure in the world, was baptized a Catholic and built several large churches in Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica. This was not to his political advantage, and the risk he took in promoting the faith showed the sincerity of his conversion. He understood the wisdom of the cross, and it was worth selling all to follow Jesus and receive the treasure of eternal life. –

Constantine had a vision of a cross in the sky before a battle. Later, he became a Catholic.

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 7:7–11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

Hebrews 4:12–13

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.

Mark 10:17–30 or 10:17–27

[Jesus said,] "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

A Word from Pope Francis

In Jesus' final...invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of true richness....Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? ...The challenge [is] finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, love, richness!

General audience, June 13, 2018

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I give more credence to fads or feel-good philosophies than to the truth revealed by Jesus?
- Do I seek real wisdom by reading Scripture and pondering God's truths?

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Timeless, Timely

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

A little known work by St. Alphonsus Liguori, but arguably one of his greatest, is *The Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ*. It has been a long time since I read it from cover to cover. In fact, I had forgotten about it until recently. I remembered it while reading Pope Francis' 2016 post-synod apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family, *The Joy of Love*, also known as *Amoris Laetitia*. Both works use a similar structure based on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, following his statements about love and calling the reader to experience the love of God in a profound way.

The Practice of the Love of Jesus Christ was written in a very different time (the eighteenth century), by one man, and as a tool for pastoral ministry among the poor in the hill country outside of Naples, Italy. *Amoris Laetitia* is the product of worldwide consultation, two sessions of a synod, and Pope Francis' desire that the Church be more compassionate and inclusive. These obvious differences in no way keep the two works from complementing each other in ways that could prove helpful to the reader. Here are some examples:

The Practice focuses on the individual, loved by God and invited to respond in love to God. *The Joy of Love* focuses on community, God's love revealed through the gift of marriage and family. Marriages and families are only as good and holy as the individuals who make them up.

The Practice offers a program for

individual spiritual growth that can certainly benefit spouses and families. *The Practice* is foundational and practical in its approach, presenting the underpinnings of good conscience formation and faithful discipleship lived in response to God's love revealed through the paschal mystery. It discusses key practices like prayer and discernment that are helpful for making good moral choices in general and which can easily be applied to help married couples and families deal with the problems and pressures weighing on them today, as discussed in *Amoris Laetitia*.

The Joy of Love spends much time describing the joys and sorrows of human love. *The Practice* emphasizes divine love as the remedy for human suffering sometimes brought about by the imperfections and failures of human love. *The Joy of Love* describes well the complexity of marriage and family life, and the temptations families experience because of cultures and societies that are "post-Christian." *The Practice* offers spiritual direction for those who are struggling with temptations and looking to be freed of them.

How necessary it is that contemporary Church documents be read in conjunction with the works of the great spiritual writers of our Tradition. The spiritual wisdom of the saints is timeless, always fresh, always timely. Saint Alphonsus has much to contribute to the Church of today, a spirituality that has been proven accessible, practical, and effective in helping people experience the love of the Redeemer. +

The writings of St. Alphonsus and Pope Francis are complementary.

PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for your gentle reminders of what is important in life. Help me to let go of anything that blocks the flow of love from my heart to the hearts of my sisters and brothers.

From Gratis! Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time. Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 11–16

Monday, Weekday: Rom 1:1–7 / Lk 11:29–32
Tuesday, Weekday: Rom 1:16–25 / Lk 11:37–41
Wednesday, Weekday: Rom 2:1–11 / Lk 11:42–46
Thursday, Weekday: Rom 3:21–30 / Lk 11:47–54
Friday, St. Teresa of Jesus: Rom 4:1–8 / Lk 12:1–7
Saturday, Weekday: Rom 4:13, 16–18 / Lk 12:8–12

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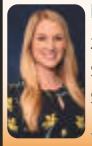
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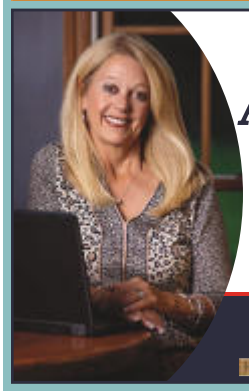
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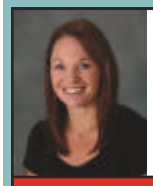
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