30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation
October 24,2021
Rev. James R. Rafferty, Pastor
Deacon David Drysdale

SUNDAY EUCHARIST
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:15, 10:00 & 11:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 3:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday 6:00 pm,
First Friday 8:00 am & 6:30pm
Or by Appointment— call parish office
Baptism Class-Registration Required
November 4 at 6:00 pm in John Vianney room

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Mass Schedule

Monday, October 25, 2021
8:30 a.m. Bill Boulay+ by wife Connie

Tuesday, October 26, 2021
8:30 a.m. Marguerite McPartlin+ by Paula & Ken Orr

Wednesday, October 27, 2021
6:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Mary
Timothy Puente
Aidan Warren baptism by Marc & Bernadette Reaume
Patricia Podzius+ by Marian Laura
Patricia Skinner+ by Joan Belisle
Rafferty Family

Thursday, October 28, 2021
Sts. Simon and Jude Apostles
8:30 a.m. Troy Louzon+ by Susan Cuzelis

Friday, October 29, 2021
8:30 a.m. Ken & Bonnie Herzog

Saturday, October 30, 2021
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. Rob Herzog
Michael Wolcott+ by Donna Galante
Monica Suchyta+ by Wawrzyniec Family
Arthur & Catherine LaDuke+ by Pat Ditty
Dino & Mary Bonanni+ by Connie Boulay
Don Metzger+ 26th Anniv. by Barb & Family

4:30 p.m. Mary Zmuda+ by MaryJo Peer

Sunday, October 31, 2021
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Adamo Gatti+ by Dino & Mary Bonanni

10:00 a.m. Donald Dionne & Family by Mildred Costa & Family

11:45 a.m. Frank Eldridge+ by Family

Giving Basket Needs

Grape & strawberry jelly, Progresso soup, Campbell's Homestyle/Chunky soup, Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Ramen Noodles, elbow macaroni, pasta sauce, 14 oz. pears, peaches, green beans, corn, peas

"Whatever you do to the least of my Brethren, that you do unto me."

Offering October 18, 2021

Current	YTD	Budget	over/(under)
$6,649	$150,137	$147,760	$2,377

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$98,200	**$80,077**	**$18,123**

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Oct. 28-31st

Benediction	Mass	4:30 pm	8:15am	10:00am	11:45am
Oct. 28th	***Lector***	Mary Jo P	Pat Sz	Dan M	Pat Senn
Mark	***Acolyte***	John Pro	Michael D	Jim H	Needed
	Servers	Prohaska fam	Hunter/Ryder	Chloe/Madelyn C	Needed

October/November 2021 Calendar
Rosary is prayed a half hour before Mass
Information is based on submission date of bulletin and subject to change; watch website and flocknote

24 Mass 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45am 9:30 Confirmation Sunday Session 1:30 First Communion Parent Class	25 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am Theology 123/ RCIA 7pm	26 Mass 8:30am D of M 9:30, 1:00 & 6:30pm Catechism 6:00 pm Altar Server Training 6:15pm	27 Confession 6:00 Mass 6:30pm K of C Meeting 7:30	28 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm GIFT Bible Study 7:00 pm	29 Mass 8:30am	30 Confession 8am & 3pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm
31 Mass 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45am	1 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am Theology 123/ RCIA 7pm	2 Mass 8:30am D of M 9:30, 1:00 & 6:30pm NO Catechism	3 Confession 6:00 Mass 6:30pm	4 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm GIFT Bible Study 7:00 pm	5 Mass 8:30am & 7:00 pm Confession 8:00 am & 6:30 pm All Night Adoration →	6 Confession 8am & 3pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm Clothing Closet 10-Noon
7 Mass 8:15, 10:00, & 11:45am Widow's Group 1pm	8 Mass 8:30am Flame of Love 9:30am Theology123/ RCIA 7pm	9 Mass 8:30am D of M 9:30, 1:00, & 6:30pm Catechism 6pm Walk w/ the Saints Family class	10 Confession 6pm Mass 6:30pm	11 Mass 8:30am Adoration 9:30-6:45pm GIFT Bible Study 7:00pm	12 Mass 8:30am	13 Confession 8am & 3pm Mass 8:30am & 4:30pm

Adorers Needed

Every Thursday during the day and all night on first Friday, we have Adoration. When Our Lord is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, He can not be left alone. **We need adorers!** Couldn't you take an hour out of your day to come and spend time with Him? He desires you to come to Him with your problems, to talk to Him or to just keep Him company. We are so blessed here at St. Mary to have Adoration so often. Let's not lose the chance to be with Jesus. Please call the parish office to fill a time slot so Our Lord is never alone. God bless you.

Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.

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Father Zachary of the Mother of God, SOLT recently led a retreat designed to bring us closer to a true Eucharistic encounter with Christ. You can view it on YouTube by searching Fr. Zachary, SOLT conference 1-4 or visit the parish website and click on the link.

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October 24th

Our Blessed Lady is my Mother, my Patroness, my Mistress, my Directress, and —after Jesus—my All.

—St. Anthony Mary Claret

Princess of God, pray for us!

Benefit Dinner for St. Luke Productions

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Park Place, Dearborn

6pm—Exclusive VIP Reception and dinner. Meet Leonardo Defilippis. Includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and dinner

7pm Dinner

8pm Leonardo's vision and clips of the movies

Tickets required! RSVP: SLPbenefitdinner.eventbrite.com

Hosted by Suzanne Fisher and Debbie Bloomfield

Spirit-filled Evangelizers

Spirit-filled evangelizers are evangelizers who pray and work...Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the word, of sincere conversations with the Lord, our work easily becomes meaningless; we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out.

—Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium*

Reflection: We cant give what we don't have. If we don't have an ongoing relationship with God and the mercy he provides, how can we expect to be merciful? Be resolved to set aside time each day just to pray and to find moments during the day to lift your heart up to God.

—*A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis*

Gospel Meditation

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him, the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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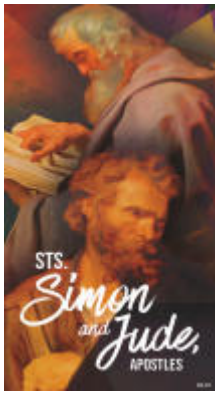

Very little is known about these saints beyond them being mentioned as Apostles in the New Testament. Their feasts are celebrated on the same day possibly because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia (where it is said they had both been sent). Simon is called either the Canaanite or the Zealot (references to be found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and the Acts of the Apostles), in order to distinguish him from Simon Peter. After Pentecost, there are no more references to Simon in the New Testament. There are a number of legends, however, that focus on his life after Pentecost and his martyrdom. It is said that, after he preached in Egypt, he joined Jude in Mesopotamia, after which they both traveled to Persia. It is in Persia that they were martyred (in Sufian / Siani). One story has it that Simon's throat was cut, whilst another states that he was sawn in half.

It is interesting to mention that there is even another legend that mentions Simon traveling to Glastonbury, England and being martyred in Lincolnshire!

Regarding Jude: references are made to this Apostle in Luke, John and in the Acts of the Apostles. He is commonly identified with Thaddaeus, who is mentioned as part of the list of Apostles in Matthew and Mark (where there is no mention of Jude). As with Simon, nothing is certain regarding the facts of his life after Pentecost. Legends abound, however, including that mentioned above (his travels with Simon to Persia and their subsequent martyrdom). Jude is known as the patron saint of hopeless cases. It is said that this is due to the fact that no one wanted to pray to him because his name was so similar to that of Judas Iscariot. Only those who had tried every other option would then, in a final act of desperation, pray to him! We know so little of these two saints, yet what wonderful examples they set for us! They continue to show us the importance of following Christ and spreading the Gospel. www.constantiacatholic.com

Save the Date

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after all Masses the weekend of Nov. 20-21st. in the gathering space. As always, the theme is "Keep Christ in Christmas." These are beautiful cards and the price is very reasonable. We hope to see you after Mass.

Religious Education

Attention Religious Education Families

Parents, please remember that you are the first educators of our faith to your children. Pray as a family at home, and most importantly, attend Mass together each week.

Calendar for 2021-2022

Oct. 24th **Confirmation Sunday Session #2 (9:30-11:30) First Communion Parent meeting with Fr. Jim in church at 1:30pm. One parent or Godparent must attend.**

Oct. 26th Class

Nov. 2nd **No class—Election Day**

Nov. 7th **Confirmation Sunday Session #3 (9:30-11:30)**

Nov. 9th Walk with the Saints Family Class

Nov. 16th Class

Nov. 21st **Confirmation Sunday Session #4 (9:30-11:30)**

Nov. 23rd Class

Please Pray for the Sick…

Betty Beste
James Benyo
Nancy Benyo
Jerry Callaway
Bernadette Ciupak
Arlys Clegg
Karla Cobb
Ashley Collins
Mildred Costa
Olga Cronin
Noah Czajka
Diane Czajkowski
Mikey Czajkowski
Rita Davidson
Marlene Elwell
Ann Gick
Carol Gick
Joanne Gomoll
Andrew Hailo
Sandra Head
Doreen Hebert
Ken Herzog
William Kaminske
Leo Kormos
Kim Landrith
Dave (DJ) Larner
Diane Leach
Lawrence Leach
Elizabeth Lovett
Julie Morin
Pete Petrey
Gary Pizzini
Chuck Przybylo
Eileen Herzog Przybylo
Patricia Schwartz
Violet Scheffer
Joe Selva
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Terri Zemke

Please Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

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