St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Parish Livonia

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

From Fr. Tom

Hopefully you had a blessed week!

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength…you shall love your neighbor as you love yourself." Those are the words of Jesus when one of the scribes asked Him which is the first of all commandments.

Jesus refers to two Biblical passages and joins them to form two faces of one supreme commandment of love. These are like the two beams that make up a cross: one points upward and one points sideward. For Jesus, these two dimensions together constitute what it means to be an authentic Christian.

How often people overstress the love of God. They want to shut other people out of their lives; they want to live for God alone. They think that people only disturb and keep them away from God. This kind of thinking is wrong. It is selfishness.

There are also people who do just the opposite. They are totally involved in helping people: the sick, the rascals, the poor, the drug addict, the people with problems and et cetera. They work all day and half the night helping others. They are so busy that they have no time to pray.

We cannot do God's work without God! Jesus in today's gospel said to us clearly: "Love God and love your neighbor." One saint put this new commandment in this way: "We should fold our hands in prayer in church and then we should open our hands to others outside of the church." We cannot love without loving people. We cannot love people without loving God.

How can we apply this new commandment of love into our lives? There is a chapter in the book entitled *Loving Each Other – The Challenge of Human Relationships* authored by Leo Buscaglia that lists suggestions from the participants in a survey on how to make relationships work. Love is a kind of relationship too. Some people call these suggestions the Ten Commandments of Love. Here are the lists to help us in our love relationships.

1. Take your time. A love relationship is not built overnight, so be patient and take your time.
2. Don't smother each other. Give them space and allow them to move. Don't let them feel that they are required to spend every waking hour with you.
3. Don't brood. Stop self-pity and self-blaming. It is because we are not as bad as we think.
4. Exercise feelings. Feelings have meaning only as they are expressed in action.
5. Forming a relationship takes a lot of looking. But looking can be fun. Grow up together constantly.
6. Don't be afraid. Stop all worry. Most of what you are worried about you'll have difficulty remembering a week later.
7. Learn to listen. You don't learn anything from hearing yourself talk. See all criticism as positive. Anyway, you are always free to reject it if it is unfair or does not apply.
8. Don't lose touch with the craziness in you. Keep the child in you alive and playing. Keep laughing. It exercises your heart and protects you from cardiac problems.
9. Don't be afraid of disagreements and arguments. The only people who do not argue are people who don't care or are dead. After an argument is over, forget it. Learn to bend. Don't hold on to anger, hurt and pain. They steal your energy and keep you from love.

Stop playing games. Relationships are not sporting events. Stop wrestling for control.
Be blessed, be holy, and be loving!

P. S. On Monday we begin the month of November in a special way dedicated to those who died. Come and celebrate with us:

All Saints Day – November 1st – holiness is for everyone!
Mass: 9 am and 7 pm

All Souls Day – November 2nd – "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord…"
Remembrance Mass: 7 pm

Please do not forget about First Friday, Mass 9 am, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards, and First Saturday, Mass 9 am, and the rosary following.

Happy November to you all! Fr. Tom

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First Reading *Dt 6:2-6*

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51*

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading *Heb 7:23-28*

Brothers and sisters:
The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Jn 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia
Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.
Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel Reading *Mk 12:28b-34*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
Leo XIII (1810-1903)

St. Genevieve-St. Maurice
Faith Formation Grades K-8

October 30 and 31, 2021
pchudzinski@stgenevieve.org

Hello families. You are invited to our All Saints Party this Wednesday, November 3rd. We will gather for a prayer service and then have various activities and crafts for the children to enjoy. Please talk about which saints are important to your family. The students will be able to dress up or carry with them an item associated with their favorite saint. They will tell us what their saint did in order to be canonized and what they are a patron of.

Our program continues to grow, we are welcoming new families every week! It is not too late to join us. Registration forms can be found in the back of Church, on our parish website or notify the Faith Formation office for more information.

Faith Formation Calendar

Wednesday, November 3rd, 5:30 pm to 7 pm K-8 Faith Formation Classes All Saints Party

Saturday, November 6th @ 5 pm Mass Communion Rite of Enrollment

Wednesday, November 10th, 5:30 pm to **7 pm** K-8 Faith Formation Classes

Saturday November 13th @ 5pm Mass Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

Wednesday, November 17th, 5:30 pm to **7 pm** K-8 Faith Formation Classes
Mandatory Sponsor/Candidate Retreat in Activities Center

World Mission Sunday Today

"We cannot but speak about What we have seen and heard" Acts 4:20

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting ***MISSIO.org***

Thank you for your generosity!

Remembrance Mass
Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 pm

Each year during the month of November, we pray in a special way for all our deceased loved ones. We invite you and your family members to attend our Remembrance Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7pm. During this Mass we will pray for all our beloved dead, but especially for those we lost this past year. All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and our hope of eternal life.

Activities Calendar

Saturday, October 30:
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions
5 pm Mass, Rosary following

Sunday, October 31:
9 am Mass
11 am Mass

Monday, November 1: *All Saints Day*
8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass, Rosary following
7 pm Mass of All Saints / Consecration to St. Joseph
7 pm Sodality Mtg. (AC)

Tuesday, November 2: *All Souls Day*
7 pm **Remembrance Mass**

Wednesday, November 3:
8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
5:30 pm - 7 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, November 4:
8:30 am Confessions
9 am Mass, Rosary following

Friday, November 5:
8:30 am Confessions
9 am 1st Friday Mass followed by Adoration until 12:00 pm

Saturday, November 6:
9 am 1st Saturday Mass followed by Rosary
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions
5 pm Mass,/ 1st Communion Rite of Enrollment

Sunday, November 7:
9 am Mass
11 am Mass

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, November 8, 2021

St. Vincent de Paul
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

Once again this year our local parish St. Vincent de Paul society conference is going to be providing a limited number of Thanksgiving dinner boxes to needy families within our parish boundaries. Please let the office know ASAP if you know of anyone in real need. (Parish Office 734.427.5220)

WE ARE IN NEED OF:

applesauce **(small jars)**
canned fruit **(peaches & pineapple)**
cranberry sauce **(whole)**
cream of mushroom soup
French's Crispy Fried Onions Original
gravy
green beans
stovetop stuffing

Please place food items in the drawers in the gathering area or drop off at the Parish office.

Thank you ahead of time for your support.
God bless each and every one of you.

NOTES FROM PAT

Believe it or not, I'm already starting to put Choir music books together for Advent and Christmas. Our dedicated choir will be rehearsing many old time favorite hymns and some new ones to help make these special holy days more prayerful and joyous.

Music helps us to praise our newborn Savior joyfully and with much gratitude. That's why I'm extending a special invitation to you now to join with us in getting ready... that's what Advent is all about!

The choir has been slowly getting organized since the pandemic has quieted down a bit in the summer months, but we still have room for more voices and musicians!

We meet each Wednesday evening at 5:30p.m. in the church and practice for an hour or so.

Stop by after Mass and I'll be happy to answer any of your question or concerns. Come and sign up!

Remember... When you sing, you pray twice!!!

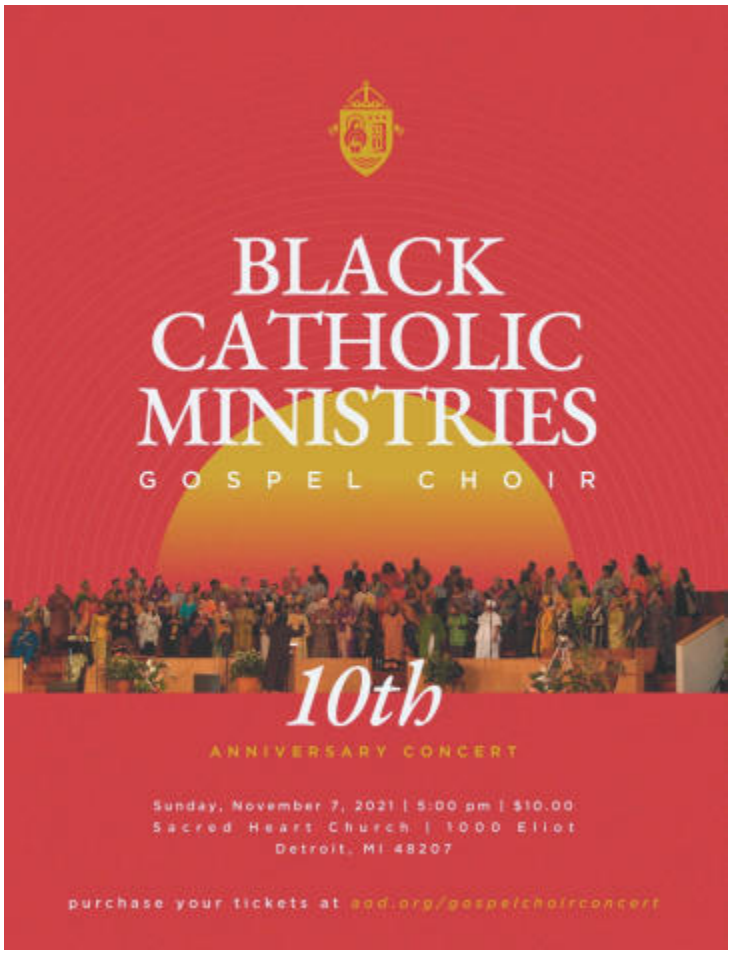
God bless you,
Pat

Sodality News

I wanted to give you a short reminder that our meeting is **Monday, November 1st at 7 pm**. We will be taking dinner orders and payments for our December Christmas dinner. The tags for the group home gifts will also be available. Enjoy the Fall colors and cool weather.

Remember to say an extra prayer for our fellow Sodality members.

See you in Church, Theresa



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 30:
5 pm St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family

Sunday, October 31:
9 am Jack Seiter by Darlene Seiter
Bruno Skanga by Maria Skanga
Shirley Weber by St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish
Elizabeth Young by Family
11 am Glenn Davis by Tabone Family

Monday, November 1:
9 am Deceased members of the Yancheson & Woods Family
7 pm For the Youth of our Parish

Tuesday, November 2:
7 pm For all deceased members of St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish

Wednesday, November 3:
9 am E. Delfin DeCompo by Family

Thursday, November 4:
9 am Sandra Mylnarski by Terri Glab

Friday, November 5:
9 am Dennis Keitz by Evelyn Dudek
Richard Shoemaker by Family

Saturday, November 6:
9 am Intentions of Margaret Schaffer by Ken & Karen Gossman
5 pm Dolly Ellis by Women's Sodality
Intentions of Karen Glab by Family
Jozif Glodowski by Family
Edward & Dolores Zukowsky by Family

Sunday, November 7:
9 am Dr. Robert Lawrence by Maureen Sundick
11 am St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Parish Family

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Izabella Louise Sulimirski (October 24, 2021)
Daughter of Nicholas & Emily Sulimirski

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

FOR THE FAMILY OF...

Mac Fraser (10.22.2021)
May the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace...

HEALING PRAYERS

Rick Bolla
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Gerald Roosen
David Schuit
Brenda Sorrin
Blandine Suppelsa
Beverly Uhl
Christy Zarek

LOVED ONES SERVING UNITED STATES MILITARY

Robert Andersen, Brandon Cannon, Giona Decina, Sgt., Bryan Kirby, Johnathan Kling, Kyle Kraly, Alan Steele, Kenneth Steele, Nick Steward, Edwin Summers II, Gabrielle Summers, Jena Swink

If you would like someone returned to the prayer list, please call the parish office 734.427.5220 or email ***kgossman@stgenevieve.org.***

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

November 4th

SUNDAY TITHING: October 24, 2021

Offertory Collection	$	6,465.00
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Total	**$**	**9,173.00**

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