



St. Valentine Church Heartline

Mission Statement: Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. As a Catholic Church and School Community we welcome, serve, teach, learn, reconcile and provide comfort and hope in the spirit of St Valentine.



October 17,
2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Love We Are Called To

Jesus gave of himself in service to others. If we are to follow him, we must do the same.

The Eucharist is at the center of our faith lives. At Mass, we recall how Jesus humbled himself to enter into the muck of our world. Along with the bread and wine, we offer ourselves together with Jesus as a living sacrifice to the Father. We pledge that we will give of ourselves in service to the needy, the lonely, and the desperate so that the blessings of eternal life may be extended throughout the world. When we come to Mass, we are not bystanders or spectators. Rather our lives are at stake. We are proclaiming that Christ has died to save us and that we are willing to sacrifice ourselves in service to others.

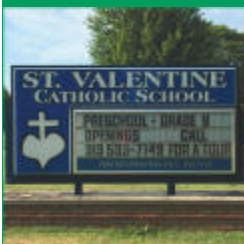
Jesus makes this very clear to his disciples in today's gospel reading. Though he was the most powerful man to ever walk the earth, Christ did not become human to dominate others. He came to seek out the sick, the suffering, and the sinners. He came not only to instruct and heal us, but he suffered the cruelest death imaginable to open up heaven to those who would believe. Jesus was not in it for the glory. And anyone who follows him must be willing to live as he lived. To be like our master, we must make ourselves the slaves of others.

As members of a community of faith, we can relate to the bickering that went on among the disciples. We all love our church and many of us give long hours of our free time to support it. Many of us are generous when it comes time to give to special collections or help out with fundraisers. However, it happens more often than we would like to admit that generous people get overlooked and feel slighted. We can feel bitter that others get the recognition we believe we deserve. We can resent that we are giving so much and others are giving so little. Or we can get so frustrated and offended by the pettiness and gossiping of others that we want to give up altogether.

While it is natural to want to be recognized for our work, it is not what the follower of Jesus is called to seek. All the great saints prayed that they would be overlooked and taken for granted even as they spent long hours in service of others. What they wanted more than anything was to be recognized by God for their work. So, they continued on even when they were made fun of because they wanted to be like Jesus who gave without counting the cost and who did everything not for the glory but out of pure love for others. Each of us who calls Jesus "Lord" must do the same.

At every Mass, we gather to recall the sacrifice that Jesus made to save us. Are we willing to give of ourselves for others? Are we willing to go without so that we can give more generously to the needy? Are we willing to risk injury or even death to protect the helpless? Are we willing to take on the thankless jobs no one else wants out of pure love for Jesus? Are we willing to go without being recognized because we set our hearts on the reward that only God can give? Above all, can we do all this with a spirit of joy and thankfulness because we are blessed to be able to know, love and serve our Lord?

Douglas Sousa



Liturgy Schedule

Mass Intentions

Monday—October 18, St. Luke Evangelist

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Tuesday— October 19, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Loretto

Wednesday—October 20, Weekday, St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

No Mass at St. Valentine or Our Lady of Loretto

Thursday— October 21, Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Rosemary Byle req. by The Family

Friday—October 22, Weekday, St. John Paul II, Pope

8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Peter & Emily Wozniak req. by The Family

Marilyn Lelek req. by Graziano Canini

Saturday—October 23, Weekday, St. John of Capistrano

5:30 p.m. Mass in Church
Richard & Georgiana Rydzewski and the Ustes Family req. by The Family

Rosemary Byle req. by The Family

Sunday—October 24, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday
8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Mikel Nikolaj req. by The Family
All living & deceased members of St. Valentine Parish

12 noon Mass in Church
Helene Roggers Skoka req. by The Skora Family

Special intention req. by The Tworek Family

Steve Szegedy req. by The Family

Rosemary Williams req. by Claudia & Gail Williams

Let us pray for those who are ill and have asked for our prayer:

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| Judi Marshall | Art Kolasa |
| Josiah Wardrop | Edward Zettler |
| John Dillon | Robert Koenig |
| Colleen Devine | Molly Haduch |
| Clara Macek | Loretta Kemp |
| Autumn | Jim Kimpton |
| Pattenaude | Ricardo Silva |
| Carol Sneary | Terry Galloway |
| Joan Reilly | Mary Card |
| Andrew Ricotta | Fadia West |
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| Brent Schriber | Claire Keegan |
| Cyndee Danic | Daemion Smith |



We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Schilling, Sr. and Teresa McMahon May all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Intention of the Holy Father for October Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Women's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross October 22—24th
Please call the Retreat House 313-535-9563 to register.

October Rosaries

The rosary will be said a half hour before all the weekend Masses in October.

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]
Heb 4:14-16
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]
Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21
Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]
/Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18
Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]
Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]
Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25
Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]
Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]
Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9
Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52



Video Series Continues

Please join us as we continue with the video series. We meet in the parish office meeting room at 10:30am-11:45am. See you there.

- Oct 17th—Born of a Virgin
- Oct 24th—The Promised Mother
- Oct 31st—Mother Crowned in Glory

Fun Run Walk & Spaghetti Dinner Wrap Up

Deposits	\$ 10,992.00
Disbursements	\$ 3,227.50
Profit	\$ 7,764.50

**Potential \$400 to come from Kohl's/ Benevity Causes in approximately 6-8 weeks.

Bonnie Danic

October 10, 2021

Budgeted Amount	\$ 6,500.00
Actual Collected	\$ 7,712.00
	\$ 1,212.00

Second Collection	
For the Needy	\$ 576.00
All Saints	\$ 1.00
All Souls	\$ 250.00
Heating	\$ 326.00



From Faith Formation



Raise Children who Care

Studies show that children have the capacity to be empathetic and compassionate from a young age, but to become caring, ethical people, they need adult guidance to develop the necessary virtues. Teaching children to care about others is a powerful step toward helping them to live Jesus' commandment to "love one another."

Show that it matters. A popular reaction to others' misfortune is to laugh or find it funny. Don't indulge. Instead, point out the reaction of the person involved. For example, "That girl who got splashed when the car hit the puddle is not laughing. Look at her face. She looks sad and uncomfortable."

Demonstrate that you care. Let children catch you in the act of kindness by putting yourself out to help an elderly neighbor with yardwork, giving a sympathetic ear to a troubled friend, or avoiding uttering an unkind word.

Don't respond to rudeness. Explain that there are many reasons why someone could be rude, "Wow, that cashier must have had a really bad day to talk in such a mean voice to us at the supermarket. What do you think?" This teaches your child that when someone is nasty to you, you don't have to be mean in response.

Acknowledge kindness. Show that you notice when your child does something kind. Acknowledge and praise the effort.



RCIA

If you know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to contact the Parish Office at 313-532-4394 and ask for Fr. Socorro. If you are interested yourself in learning more about our Faith, you are also invited to attend the RCIA sessions. Classes will begin in October.



Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group

The Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 – 7:00-8:30pm. New members can join at any time, as there is no requirement to have been at the last meeting. The previous nights have been a great success with many men excited to talk about their possible vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments, and fellowship with other -like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>.



Feasts and Celebrations

October 20 – Saint Paul of the Cross (1775). Born in Italy to a poor but noble family, Paul was inspired by a vision to start a religious order dedicated to the Passion of Christ. He founded the Passionists in 1720 and was elected superior general of the order. He became a priest, lived a penitential life, and cared for the poor and sick.

October 24 – Saint Anthony Mary Claret (1870). Anthony became a traveling preacher in the Catalonia region of Spain before becoming the archbishop of Cuba. In 1849, he founded the Claretian orders and the Religious Publishing House that published more than 200 works. He served as confessor to Queen Isabella II and defended the doctrine of infallibility in the First Vatican Council.

Liturgical Ministers– October 23—5:30 p.m.

Sacristan: S. Mote

Lector:

EMHC:

Usher:

October 24—8:30 a.m.

Sacristan: J. Soter

Lector: A. Turbiak & G. Turbiak

EMHC: P. Soter

Usher:

October 24— 12 noon

Sacristan:

Lector: P. Bonefant, & F & P Foster

EMHC:

Usher:

October is the Month of the Rosary

The Rosary is a powerful prayer to which popes, saints, and Catholics have turned over the centuries for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. When we inspire a love for this time-honored devotion in our children, we gift them with the skill to avoid sin and strengthen their faith throughout their lives.

A connection to the Gospels. The mysteries of the Rosary describe the events of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. By praying the Rosary, we remember these events described in Scripture. To invert St. Jerome's famous quote, knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ.

The prayer of virtue. We are all called to be holy and virtuous, but what does that look like? Praying the Rosary and meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary gives us models of virtuous lives, from Mary's obedience during the Annunciation and her fortitude during the crucifixion, to Jesus' entire life of virtue – justice, temperance, and courage, in particular. Regular Rosary meditation opens us to the graces needed to acquire those very virtues.



Christian Service Annual Blanket Drive

The Christian Service Commission is holding a Blanket Drive during the month of October. As the cold weather approaches, there will be people in great need of ways to stay warm. This is one way we can assist them. Please help if you can by dropping off your donations at one of the Church entrances during October.

*Thank You,
The Christian Service Commission*

CSA—2021
"Fuel the Mission"
Goal: \$47,281
Total Pledged: \$ 57,100
Total Received: \$ 49,655
 Thank you to the following for their pledges.
 Mr. & Mrs. Sandelin

52 Sundays

Take Time to Chat

- Do you think it was wrong for James and John to ask Jesus to do whatever they asked? Why or why not?
- In the Bible, a “cup” is a metaphor for what God has in store for someone. What do you think Jesus meant when he told James and John that they will drink the cup that he will drink?
- Jesus is asking leaders to be in the service of their people. In what way is this statement opposite of how people normally behave?

Liturgy Link

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about drinking from a cup. At what point at Mass does the priest first drink from the cup?

Family Fun

Family Game Night

The apostles James and John were competitive and wanted to be considered the greatest of the disciples. Create a spirit of friendly competition by playing some family games. Parents can pick one game and the kids can pick another. Consider an outdoor game, a card game, or a board game. Visit a discount or dollar store to get fun prizes for winners and losers.



Fun Facts!

In the ancient world, to sit at a ruler's right or left hand was a sign of power and prestige.

Meet Our Extended Family

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Feast Day October 17 d. 107

Ignatius was born in Syria and was a convert to Christianity. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy (denying the Christian faith). Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome. Ignatius allowed soldiers to bind him in a rickety cart and lead him to Rome for martyrdom. As his cart rolled into towns, local bishops and Christians came to meet and encourage him.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. They urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He was very concerned with unity in the Church; the letters warn against heretical doctrines. Providing solid truths of the Christian faith. Ignatius also wrote that Christ was present in

the Church, in each member, and in the Blessed Sacrament. He called himself “the bearer of God.” Ignatius was devoured by wild beasts in the Roman amphitheater.

Family Prayer

Family Rosary

The month of October is the Month of the rosary. Pray the rosary as a family, reflecting on the Glorious Mysteries.

St. Valentine Parish

Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 23

9 am—2 pm

Rummage Drop Off

Friday, October 22

7 am—7 pm

If you would like to help on Friday or Saturday, please call Walt Duda at 313-531-4363 or text 313-632-6743.

Blood Drive Canceled!

The Red Cross is experiencing a staffing shortage. The Blood Drive will not be rescheduled this year. We will try again April 10, 2022.

Golden Years



Come join the Golden Years Club for cards, coffee and conversation on **Tuesday's at 12:45 p.m.** in the School Meeting Room. Please join us!

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What do you wish me to do for you?”

Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal

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kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

Coming Up This Week

- Monday, October 18th**
- Tuesday, October 19th**
Golden Years, School Mtg. Rm- 12:45 pm
Parish Council, Parish Office Meeting Room - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 20th**
Men's Club Meeting, Gym - 8 pm
- Thursday, October 21st**
Confessions, Church, 6 - 6:30 pm
Women's Club, School Mtg Room - 8pm
Rummage Sale Set Up, Gym - 7 pm
Choir Practice, Church - 7:30 pm
- Friday, October 22nd**
Rummage Sale Drop off, Gym 7 am - 7 pm
- Saturday, October 23rd**
Rummage Sale, Gym - 9 am - 2 pm
5:30 pm Mass
- Sunday, October 24th**
8:30 am Mass and 12 noon Mass
Prayer Group, Parish Office Meeting Room - 10:30 am
Baptism, Church - following the Noon Mass

Support of U.S. Armed Forces



As a parish community we would like to support the men and women serving in our Armed Forces with our prayer.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world.

Michael Arsenault, David DeAngelis, Christopher LePain, Patricia Molloy, Scott Shoemaker, Christopher Tabei, Joshua Coe, Anthony Potter, Andrew Kliman, Luke Leveillee, Michael Cain, Kristen Lauber, Frank Bordo, Bonda Bordo, Larry Silk, Bradley Swanson, Gary Semon, Brian Jones, Seth DeTavernier, Timothy Mc Carthy, Rob Nitz, Jesse Moore, Michael J. Ryan, Daniel T. Ryan, Justin Ryan, Micheal Nalepa, Steven Tomlinson and Alex Blackwell.

We also pray for all first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

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Choir Practice

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 and 12:00 noon

Daily Mass in Church

Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

Holyday Schedule

Holyday: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confession—Thursday 6:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m. or by appointment

Saturday afternoon at Our Lady of Loretto 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism

Prior arrangements must be made by calling the Parish Office. Parents must attend an informational meeting.

Matrimony

Arrangements for Matrimony must be made at least six months in advance.

Catechumenate-RCIA

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

St. Valentine Parish Office Hours

Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30—12 noon

Fall/Winter/Spring Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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