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WEEKEND MASSES:
Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ OCTOBER 24, 2021

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

— Fr. Bosco Padamattummal —3

ALTHOUGH BARTIMAEUS COULD NOT SEE, HIS SENSE OF HEARING WAS VERY KEEN. His hearing was attuned to the presence of Jesus (Mark 10:46-52). Hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he used another of his senses, his speech, to connect with Jesus, shouting, “Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.”

When he is told that Jesus is calling him, he responds immediately to Jesus’ call. He throws off the cloak that kept him warm by the roadside, the cloak he spread on the ground for people to toss their coins into. He left his most precious possession in response to the Lord’s call and went to him.

Jesus asks him a very personal question: “What do you want me to do for you?” He was seeking after the desire of this man’s heart. The answer that the man gave to Jesus’ question comes straight from the heart: “Master, let me see again.” Immediately after gaining his sight, the gospel reading says that “He followed Jesus along the road.”

Having used his senses of hearing and speech in the service of his relationship with the Lord, he now uses his newfound sense of sight to deepen that relationship, as he literally becomes a follower of Jesus. Bartimaeus has known darkness, and he has known light. “Do you really want to see?” That’s the question Bartimaeus must answer.

True seeing is more than simply observing with our physical eyes. It implies relationship and a deeper knowing and understanding. This happens when we see with the eyes of faith.

This seeing, however, is not without risk. If we really want to see, then we must be willing to change and be changed. Peter rightly declared Jesus to be the Christ, but when Jesus began to teach about his own suffering, rejection, and death, Peter rebuked Jesus. Peter could not see how that could be the way of the Messiah, God’s anointed one (Mk. 8:27-33). The disciples argued among themselves about who was the greatest. They were unable to see that “whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all” (Mk. 9:35).

Spiritual blindness happens in many different ways. Sometimes it is the darkness of grief, sorrow, and loss. Sin and guilt blind us to what our life could be. Other times we live in the darkness of fear, anger, or resentment. Doubt and — continued on p. 2



From darkness into the light

St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ Oct. 23-31, 2021
 Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

SAT. OCT. 23	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. St. John of Capistrano, Priest) (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)</i>
Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9	☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass</i> ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: For the People
SUN. OCT. 24	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses</i> <i>Confirmation Rite of Enrollment (all Masses)</i> ➤ 8:30am MASS: † Tom Burch <i>[Cathy & Jim McManagle]</i> ➤ 10:30am MASS: † Peter Patrick <i>[John & Tina Doyle and Family]</i> 4:00-5:30pm Confirmation Class / PC
MON. OCT. 25	<i>Weekday</i>
Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17	➤ 12:10pm MASS: † Leon Ball <i>[Shirley Krzyżaniak]</i> 3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed class / PC
TUES. OCT. 26	<i>Weekday</i>
Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21	➤ 8:30am MASS: In loving memory of † Chuck Cornell, my husband <i>[Kathy Cornell]</i>
WED. OCT. 27	<i>Weekday</i>
Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30	➤ 8:30am MASS: † Leon Ball <i>[Amy Ahrens]</i> 7:00pm Cemetery Board meeting / FFH
THUR. OCT. 28	<i>Feast: Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>
Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16	➤ 8:30am MASS: INT: Health of Simon & Susan Vattathara <i>[Mariamma Jacob]</i>
FRI. OCT. 29	<i>Weekday</i>
Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6	➤ 8:30am MASS: † Ann Becktel <i>[Ruth Burch]</i>
SAT. OCT. 30	<i>Weekday (opt. mem. Bl. Virgin Mary)</i>
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 • Lk 14:1, 7-11	☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass</i> ➤ 5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: † Leon Ball <i>[Ruth Burch]</i>
SUN. OCT. 31	<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Dt 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34	8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession ☞ <i>Pray the Rosary 20 minutes before both Masses</i> ➤ 8:30am MASS: For the People ➤ 10:30am MASS: † Leon Ball

FR. BOSCO'S ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
What do you want Jesus to do for you?

despair can distort and impair our vision. Failures, disappointments, and shattered dreams can darken our world. There are times when we hide amongst the shadows, neither wanting to see nor to be seen. Perhaps the deepest darkness is when we become lost to ourselves, not knowing who we are or the beauty of our creation and existence. The list could go on and on. The darkness fills and covers us in a thousand different ways.

Bartimaeus held his blindness before Christ, believing and hoping that there was more to who he was and what his life could be. It was out of that knowing, believing, and hoping that he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." That is the cry of one who abandons himself or herself to God. The one who cannot see cries out to be seen. It is the cry that stopped Jesus in his tracks. Mercy is like that. "Call him here," Jesus said. With that calling, the depths of human darkness meet the heights of divine light, misery meets compassion.

Bartimaeus stands before Jesus. Jesus asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?" That is not just a question for Bartimaeus. It is a question for everyone who has ever sat by the roadside of life, everyone who has ever lived in darkness, everyone who has ever begged for life. It is a question for you and for me. It is a question Jesus asks of us over and over. There is no universal answer. Jesus' question offers a turning point, a new beginning. It asks us to look deep within ourselves, to face what is, and name what we want.

So, what do you want Jesus to do for you? I am not asking what would make you feel better, fix a particular problem, or make your life more comfortable. *What is the one thing* you need today that will open your eyes to see yourself, others, and all of creation as beautiful and holy? *What is the one thing* you need today that will allow you to throw off the cloak of darkness? *What is the one thing* you need today that will take you from sitting and begging by the roadside to following on the way? They are the questions that will change your life.

The person of Bartimaeus is someone who can speak to our own faith journey today. He uses all his senses in the service of his relationship with the Lord – his hearing, his speaking and, eventually, his seeing. That is at the heart of our own baptismal calling.

- **We are called, firstly, to listen to the Lord** as he speaks to us through his word and through our life experience.
- **Sometimes, like Bartimaeus, we will have to listen in the face of opposition.** It is through listening to the Lord that our faith can grow and deepen.
- **We then give expression to our faith through our sense of speech.** Our speaking will often take the form of prayer, perhaps a lamentation out of the depths, which is the form it took for the blind man.
- **At other times, our speaking out of our faith will take the form of witnessing to our faith before others,** which is also what Bartimaeus was doing.
- **We need courage to speak out our faith today,** whether to God in prayer or in witness to others.

Dear brothers and sisters, the blind man shows us the courageous faith we need today. When the people around insisted that he be quiet, that he keep his faith private, he ignored them and shouted out all the more. Finally, we are to use our sense of seeing to follow the Lord more closely. We are all blind to some degree. We all have our blind spots which inhibit us from following Jesus along the road. We need to pray for the grace to see our blind spots, and then to cry out to the Lord in the words of the blind man's prayer, "Lord, let me see again," so that we can follow more closely in the Lord's way. †

Altar Flowers
 OCTOBER 24, 2021
 In loving memory of
 +Edwin Walz;
 1st Anniversary of his death
 [His loving wife,
 Judy Walz]

Birthday Blessings!
 OCTOBER 27
 Megan Dobis

Pray the Holy Rosary

Twenty minutes prior to each of the weekend Masses during the month of October, our parish family will have the opportunity to pray together the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary by participating in this great devotion. Please join your parish family for the praying of the Most Holy Rosary.



Altar Society Wreath Sale: Order NOW!

Even though it doesn't seem like it, Christmas is around the corner and that means the Altar Society Wreath Sale. This is not really a fundraiser but rather a service we do for the parish. We only mark up the wholesale price by a few dollars. Our products are of high quality, made in Riga, MI just before they are delivered to the parish. I never think about taking down my wreath until Valentine's Day because they stay fresh with only a few needles dropping.

Look for the order forms in this weekend's bulletin. The decorated wreaths, grave pillows, grave blankets, and centerpieces (with a chimney) will be ready for pick up the first weekend in December.

Please take advantage of these great products. We have been dealing with the family of the Goetz Greenhouse for about 12 years. They are great to work with, and we have never been disappointed. Any questions, please call Sandi Kwolek at 734-428-7674 (landline) or drop a note at skwolek@comcast.net

The Mission Cooperative Appeal Needs Your Support

If you were not prepared at Mass to make a donation to our parish's support of the missions, it is not late. Please bring an envelope next weekend. Make your check payable to St. Mary's, and we will forward our parish's gift to the Diocese to send to the mission. Or mail a check to the parish office.

Please open your heart. The work of the missionary can often mean poverty, hard labor, suspicion, and persecution. Yet how will people know that God loves them unless we whom God has sent love them? Please be generous in your support. We cannot know how many we ourselves are indebted to.

Still Seeking Employee

Jeff Eineder from our Manchester funeral home asked us to renew his invitation to apply for a job with them:

"Seeking part time administrative assistant, preferred a minimum of 5 years of administration experience. Must have professional oral & written communication skills. Proficient knowledge with office equipment and Microsoft applications is needed. Flexibility, Compassion, and Confidentiality is a must. This position at our two funeral homes is rewarding and can have some physical and emotional demands while serving families. Email resume to jeff@einederfuneralhomes.com or mail to PO Box 396, Brooklyn, MI 49230. No phone calls, please. E.O.E."

Help Needed

Therese Bossory is in need of help in the Alber Orchard kitchen making donuts on weekends. She just had a donut fryer installed, and Peggy there could really use some help. If you are interested, please contact Therese on her cell number: 734-649-9064.

Al Kresta to Give Our Keynote Address

Please join the Pro-life Community at the "Ann Arbor 40 Days For Life" Closing Rally & Jericho March on **Sun., Oct. 31** as we pay tribute to Ave Maria Radio and their family of hosts. The Rally will begin at 2pm outside of Planned Parenthood at 3100 Professional Dr. in Ann Arbor. Help us thank Ave Maria Radio for leading the charge in educating us, their listeners about the most important social justice issue of our times: abortion. Following the rally, we will take the final lap of our "7 Sunday Interfaith Jericho March." Food and fellowship to follow concluding at 4:30pm. Parking is available on Professional Dr. and many surrounding businesses on Sundays.

Scrap Metal Drive

Sharon United Methodist Church invites you to donate scrap metal on **Sat., Oct 30** between 8am-1pm at the church: M52 & Pleasant Lake Rd. All proceeds benefit Sharon UMC outreach efforts in support of Haiti and elsewhere in the world. Accepting: old appliances (washers, dryers, ovens), wrought ironwork, metal fencing, old metal light fixtures, metal car parts & pieces, old metal patio sets, metal roofing, broken farm equipment. Please: no dishwashers – too much plastic.

If it is metal, we want to put it to helping others!



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) +Leon Ball
(The Jobkar Family)
- 2) For the repose of the soul of +Victoria Curley
(Jim & Marja Warner)

*© Sacrament, most holy,
© Sacrament, divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine!*

Please Pray for...

- Kirsten (stepdaughter of Laurie Sanders' brother Mark)
- Baby Keaton
- Lee Anton
- Kathy Sangster's sister & family, including her niece's father-in-law
- Carl (Beth Ball's brother)
- Eric & Helena Zink
- Kathy, mother of +Jim Ross
- Shirley Krzyzaniak
- Lisa (Pat Fitzgerald's daughter)
- Christy Woody
- Jerry Kripas
- Joe Kirk
- Joyce Stein
- Loretta Widmayer
- Connie Stancato
- Duane Beuerle
- Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)
- Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia)
- Pam Wils

...and for the repose of the soul of
† Vickie Curley
and of † Jim Ross
and for their grieving loved ones.

Please contact the Parish Office to add or remove a name from this prayer list.



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, October 10, 2021

Sunday Env (52) \$ 4,174.00
Welcome & Loose 172.00
E-Giving (10) 263.90

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 4,609.90
Budget goal: 5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal: - 690.10

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:
Bldg. & Maint (8) \$ 210.00
E-Giving Bldg & Maint 439.00
E-Giving Amer Evang 50.00
Hurricane Ida Relief 120.00
Poor Box 30.25
Votive candles 50.00

THINK YOU MIGHT BE PREGNANT? NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION
Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)
24-hr emergency pregnancy help

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)

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