

***St.
Mary's

Catholic

Church***



Hamburg, Iowa

November 14, 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Musings: Living in Steadfast Hope

We are coming to the close of the Church's liturgical year and awaiting a new beginning. At this time of the year, the Holy Mother Church brings to our attention the final realities of life and the Second Coming of Christ to "judge the living and the dead." "He who loves the coming of the Lord is not he who affirms that it is far off, nor is he who says it is near, but rather he who, whether it be far off or near, awaits it with sincere faith, steadfast hope and fervent love"(St. Augustine).

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The scripture readings of this weekend testify to the fact the Jesus is coming into the life of everyone to lead us to the final destination. Prophet Daniel gives comfort and gives hope to the Jewish people who a cruel King persecuted. It advises us to live wisely and justly in the present time, instead of worrying about the unknown future trusting in the Lord. "God rewards us not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of love," says Catherine of Sienna.

It is a great time to take stock of our life and review what is going well and what is challenging in our life so that we can do our course corrections to see if we realize that whether we live our life knowing that the Lord is the center of our life and center of our universe.

One of the farmers sent over a five thousand dollar check to the Church last week feeling grateful for the bountiful harvest of Corn and Soybeans God has blessed them with this year. What a great way to return to the Lord, giving thanks and praise for the beautiful year.

Last week, I mentioned that we do not need to work too hard to put the Lord at the center of our lives but realize that God is the center and removes life's distractions and distortions from His way. And then, our devotion, faith, and generosity will overflow from this deep conviction and perspective. Our hope is in His promise, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but the word of God will never pass away."

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Tom

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near. Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times.

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Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.





Above, Ready to load!



Top Right, unloading at the Open door Mission.

Right St. Mary's Youth with a very happy Timberlake employee!



THANK YOU!

We appreciate everyone's support and donations for our Confirmation "Fill the Trailer" service project. Thanks to the generosity of all of you we donated 12 Gaylord's of goods weighing in at 3,968 pounds! The line of shoppers waiting to go in and shop went out the door and across the drive, so our donations were most appreciated.

We are all blessed with so much and it was an eye opening experience to see the need of so many. Thanks again!

St. Mary's High School Youth, Brad & Kandra Johnson, Greg & Beth Phillips

Coming Soon.....

Nov 14—Religious Ed classes—Pre K-8

Nov. 17—Bible Study will be held @ 10 am and 7 pm

Nov. 21—NO Religious Ed Classes

Nov 24—No Bible Study!

Nov. 28—NO Religious Ed Classes—1st Sunday of Advent



Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to Corpus Christi Church in Council Bluffs, IA an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time – The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. On Nov. 9th at 6 p.m. in the Church, Shroud expert, **Jim Bertrand**, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whips, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord.

Spirit Catholic Radio's newest traveling exhibit, **The Man of the Shroud**, will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display in the Great Hall from Nov. 8 – 15. This exhibit will raise the questions, "*Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?*" There will also be a **Spanish translation** of the exhibit and Jim's presentation. For more information and viewing times, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.

Readings for the week of 11 – 14 – 21

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON



11-10—Helen Martin
11-15 —Ethan Roberts
11-26—Alex Dewhirst
11-27—Jeff Phillips

Make **yourself**
the **Best** and
destiny will do
the **rest.**



11-26
Marty & Carolyn
Maher



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
Reese Kemp
LeRoy Herscheid
Mary Lou Miller
Dottie Dankof
Isacc Durr
Todd Quick
Verona Mitchell
Joel Loggins
Kenneth Russell
Bill Long
Henry Johnsen
Lawrence DuBois
Pat Sheldon
Joe Kirk
Tim Konecny
Esther McCowan
Shawn Collins
Drake Travis
Martha Gude
Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
Zayne Osborn
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Lowell Dankof

Your Contributions

Nov. 7, 2021

Tithes--\$2722.00

Plate--\$65.00

Coffee--\$43.00

Children's Oct. coll.
\$27.75

Thank You!!

ADA Update
Goal—\$18,910.00
36 Families have
contributed—\$15,625
Leaving us —\$2985 short
It's not too late to
contribute, Your gifts are
important! Thank you
for all of them!!

2021	November 14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8:30	November 28 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30	December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30	December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30
Lector	Joe Travis	Dave Dowling	Kathleen Lorimor	Linda Dewhirst	Michael Gallagher
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Kim/Sons	Beth			
Accompanist	Donna	Nancy			
Server	Tate Mount	Seth Ettelman	Mia Foster	Keeley Mount	Kylee Foster
Usher and Greeter	Terry & Kim Travis	Denny & Joella Travis	Joe & Robbie Travis	Marty & Carolyn Maher	Rick & Teresa Jamison
Coffee & donuts	Shane & Connie Smith	Suzie Moores Angie Sheldon	Dave & Kate Roberts	Terry & Kim Travis	No Coffee and Donuts HS kids and parents meet
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES	Pre k - 8			Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8
PASTOR		PASTORAL ASSISTANT		BOOKKEEPER	
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Inspiration for November 14

Repose- true leisure cannot be enjoyed without some recognition of the spiritual world, for the first purpose of repose is the contemplation of the good.

From The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen



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Unloading at the Open Door Mission



Kids after unloading was done—the two on the ends were a couple of workers there.

