

# *St. Mary's Catholic Church*



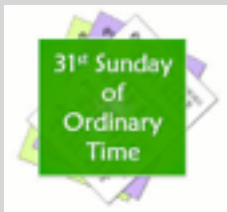
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We are all called to be disciples. Jesus asks us to put aside worldly ambition and reward and follow him. He challenges us to live out our faith and build the kingdom of God. Today we celebrate those men and women who truly became disciples of the Lord. We honor them for their faithfulness and heroic work. We pray to them to intercede for us. And we look to them as models as we try to more fully live out the call to be disciples ourselves.

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## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22--12:1; Psalm 145; 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Theme: **A CALL TO CONVERSION**

Christian living is a lifetime pilgrimage that demands the enabling power of grace. All is grace: **call, response, fidelity, and salvation**. Yet grace does not eliminate human responsibility; we must actively cooperate in hearing the call and making the response.

In today's Gospel, Luke emphasizes the universal appeal of the Gospel; the ethical problem of wealth; the call of a "sinner" who was in social disrespect; the sense of God's present at work; the feeling of urgency, of necessity, and of joy;

*The name Zacchaeus literally means 'righteous, or clean.*

### **The Man Zacchaeus**

Zacchaeus is described by Luke as a wealthy man. His money came from collecting tolls in Jericho, the major customs collection center for goods entering Palestine from the East. Not always honest in his business practices, Zacchaeus (whose name ironically means "righteous one") commanded little respect with the people. Consequently, those observing protested when Jesus announced his intention to spend the night at "a sinner's house."

The point of the gospel is that Jesus' secret weapon in converting sinners is not scolding but **love and friendship**. Zacchaeus obviously had a great curiosity to see Jesus, what kind of a man he was, having heard great talk of him. It is natural for us to come in sight, if we can, of those whose fame has filled our ears. We should now seek to see Jesus with an eye of faith, to see who he is.

Because he would not disappoint his curiosity, he forgot his gravity, as chief of the tax collectors, and ran before, like a boy, and climbed up into a sycamore-tree, to see him. Those that find themselves little must take all the advantages they can get to raise themselves to a sight of Christ, and not be ashamed.

Those that Christ calls must come down, must humble themselves, and not think to climb to heaven by any righteousness of their own; and they must make haste and come down, for delays are dangerous.

### **A practical approach to his conversion**

Make restitution:

"If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, or if I have wronged any man in the way of my business as a tax collector, exacting more than was appointed, I promise to restore him four-fold." This was the restitution that a thief was to make, Ex 22:1.

### **Are we like Zacchaeus living up to our names?**

Human nature finds identity with the rich and famous more appealing than identity with the homeless. Who doesn't want to stand in front as a model of virtue? Yet if we choose to occupy this sacred space and call ourselves Christian, then we must draw the outcasts into our **circle of concern**. Hence, we embrace our compassionate God's preferential option for sinners.

We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is approaching each one of us today by means of this lesson which we have read. Let each one of us try to see what Jesus is like. Let Jesus see us as we really are. Let us expose and confess to him all our earthly weaknesses and injustices against God and neighbor. He will put us back once more on the straight road to heaven. Shalom!



## 2019 National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 3-9

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.

*It is becoming clear how our Des Moines Diocese needs indigenous priests. Let us pray for God to inspire young men and women to respond to God's call.*

**"The world and your circumstances  
may press in and seek to crush you,  
but a relationship with Jesus will  
grow a joy in you that cannot be  
squelched."**

**ALLEN HUNT**  
*Nine Words*



The issue of *conscience vote* is becoming a concern for many Christians in our current political climate. There is debate in some states on "The Conscience Protection Act" which ensures that those who provide health care and health coverage can do so without being forced by government to help destroy innocent unborn children.

As we approach election, some are torn between voting according to political colors and affiliation or on moral values and conscience.

Please don't get me wrong. I am not doing politics in anyway.

A **conscience vote** or **free vote** is a "type of vote in a legislative body where legislators are allowed to vote according to their own personal conscience rather than according to an official line set down by their political party."

In most countries, conscience votes are quite rare and are often about issues which are very contentious, or a matter on which the members of any single party differ in their opinions; thus, making it difficult for parties to formulate official policies. Usually, a conscience vote will be about religious, moral or ethical issues rather than about administrative or financial ones.

Let us not cease to pray for our leaders. Let us inspire the next generation in the decisions and choices we make today. Remain Blessed!

Fr. Raphael



▪ Every year in November, all ministers have a workshop to discuss and learn more about their respective roles. The focus for this year is on the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. We will be discussing Pope John Paul II Encyclical letter “**ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA**” **on the Holy Eucharist. All of us are invited for this teaching and discussion.**

### **Who should attend?**



**Each member of the Church including**

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**
- **Ushers & Greeters**
- **Lectors & Cantors**
- **Religious education Teachers/Catechist**

### **Please Mark your calendar for:**

Hamburg: Wednesday November **13**, 2019 @ 5:30pm

Shenandoah: Thursday November **14**, 2019 @ 5:30pm

- ✓ **In other to ensure each participant gets a copy of the book prior to the discussion.**
- ✓ **Please sign up at the back of church**



## Blessing bags for the homeless

The 10 youth and 2 chaperones that will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November are asking for your help in putting together blessing bags. These bags will be handed out to the homeless that they will encounter as they walk to the Event Center.

The gallon storage bags will be filled with items like gloves, socks, hand warmers, toothbrush/paste, soap, wash cloth, body wipes, kleenex, granola bars, etc. There will

also be a bible verse in the bag with a tag from St. Mary's Parish-Hamburg, Iowa.

Over the next few weeks we will be collecting items and will make the bags on November 17th. We would like to have one bag for each of us, however if we make more bags, there will be more 'Blessings' shared.

There is a box in back for the collection of these articles, or if you would like to make a Blessing bag to send, we will be glad to deliver it for you. Thank You for your generosity in helping we make this service project a success.

## ***ICC Project***

Some of the Inter Church Council members have been donating their time to redo the Center after the flood of 2019. At this time it is a work in progress. If anyone would have a hour or two or three that they could donate to this project, they would welcome the help. If you need to know more, contact Helen Martin, Brenda Ziolkowski or Cheryl with your questions.





This group of our youth helped the ladies unload and bring things in.

### **Kitchen relief.**

These lovely ladies are from **St. Mary's of Nazareth** in Des Moines. From left are, Mary Jane, Terry and Michelle. They traveled from Des Moines on Sunday October 20th bearing a load of kitchen items sent by their Women's Association. The trio arrived just in time to share communion with us and then joined us for fellowship. Their Women's Association put together items to help with the replacement of those we lost in the flood. Mary Jane indicated that the picture of the '**cross in the grass**' tugged at her heart and with our St. Mary's and their St. Mary's named the same they went forward with the donations-she said they felt compelled to help. Along with the donated items they presented us with a generous monetary donation also. God works in many ways, and we have been blessed with their kindness. If you would like to send a note of thanks the address is:

**St. Mary's of Nazareth Women's Association**  
**4600 Meredith Dr.**  
**P.O. Box 13170**  
**Des Moines, IA. 50310**

**INCYC**  
 NOVEMBER 21-23, 2019 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

NCYC is November 21-24, we are sending 10 youth and 2 chaperones, if anyone would like to donate drinks or snacks for the trip please leave them downstairs or contact Monica @

713-358-3422





### **St. Mary's of Shenandoah Showers St. Mary's of Hamburg**

The pictures above are of the Kitchen Shower that was given by our sister parish, St. Mary's Shenandoah on Wednesday, October 23. They furnished the refreshments and replaced many items that we had lost in the flood of 2019! They also gave us a generous monetary donation. It was a wonderful afternoon, and our deepest appreciation for their support and kindness!

If you would like to send a note of thanks, the address is :

**St. Mary's Ladies Guild  
512 West Thomas Ave.  
Shenandoah, IA. 51601**

## Coming Soon.....

Nov. 13— 'Real Presence of christ in the Eucharist' workshop @ 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 24—ICC Thanksgiving service @ 5 p.m.—Baptist church

Dec. 8— Children's Mass

*The Parish Council has ask that the bulletins be given out after mass instead of before thus encouraging us to prepare ourselves for mass.*

*Therefore at the beginning of the Liturgical year (December 1) the bulletins will be available as you leave the church. So please be aware that on Dec. 1 you will receive the bulletin as you leave.*

## Holy humor

A father was at the beach with his children when the 4 year son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said,

"Did God throw him back down?"



## Readings for the week of 11–3–19

**Sunday:** Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Next Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

# ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

## PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



11-3 Seth Carlock

11-6 Cheryl Owen

11-6 Tate Mount

11-7 Ryan Dewhirst

11-8 Emily Hutt

11-9 JJ Hirner

11-10 Helen Martin

11-15 Ethan Roberts



11-26

Marty & Carolyn Maher



Greg Andersen  
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

James Dowling

LeRoy Herscheid

Noah Howe

Mary Lou Miller

Dottie Dankof

Isacc Durr

Robert & Nancy Dalton

Todd Quick

Verona Mitchell

Joel Loggins

Kenneth Russell

Bill Long

Henry Johnsen

Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Larry Dalton

Vickie Graham

Glen Whitehead

Ronda Shirley

Zane Osborn

## *Your Contributions*

*October 27, 2019*

*Tithes-\$2190.14*

*Plate-\$89.00*

*Coffee-\$37.00*

*Thank You!!!*

<b>2019</b>	<b>November 3</b> 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>November 10</b> 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>November 17</b> 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	<b>November 24</b> Our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe 8:30	<b>December 1</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Shane & Connie Smith	Robert & Mary Burkhiser	Dave & Kim Dowling	Dan & Lori Goodman	Richard & Linda Dewhirst
<b>Eucharist Ministers</b>	Joe & Robbi Travis	Vince Hilton Anne Hendrickson	Dan Goodman Annie Wakefield	Rich Dewhirst Denny Travis	Robbie Travis Vince Hilton
<b>Servers</b>	Amelia Moody Addy Foster	Evan Lauman Tate Mount	Avery Dowling Cora Moody	Kylie Foster Addison Foster	Brady Hutt Isaac Hutt
<b>Lector</b>	Carolyn Maher	Dave Dowling	Joe Travis	Kathleen Lorimor	Cara Goodman
<b>Mass Setup</b>	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
<b>Cantor</b>	Cara	Kate/Cora H. Cora M.	Cara & Children's Choir	Beth/Kim & Evan	
<b>Accompanist</b>	Nancy	Donna	Kate/Emily	Nancy	
<b>Coffee and Donuts</b>	Henry & Helen Martin	Youth Biscuits & Gravy	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Kathy Moody Angie Sheldon	John & Joyce Travis
<b>Wash Linens</b>	Ruthie Paper	Ruthie Paper	Ruthie Paper	Ruthie Paper	Marilyn Gude
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