



WELCOME

Living as a disciple is a daunting task. Jesus challenges us and the way we live our lives. In today's Gospel,

Jesus explains that keeping the commandments is not enough to inherit eternal life; a disciple must give what they have to the poor and follow him. The man who asked the question walked away sad. Even his disciples couldn't believe how difficult it was to get to heaven. Only then did Jesus comfort them. Though we cannot save ourselves, with God all things are possible. Let us give thanks to God today for enabling us to achieve what we cannot do ourselves.

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10, 2021 Hamburg, Iowa*

Pastoral Musings: Being the Best Disciples

A couple of weeks ago I offered a homily on the characteristics of discipleship- "Having the same mind as Christ" as Paul exhorts. To be of the same mind as Christ is to be his close and best disciples. Jesus demands four things to be a best disciple.

1. Being a friend of everyone and not excluding anyone.
2. Being Compassionate as the heavenly Father is compassionate.
3. Being joyful in the Lord and rejoice in his presence.
4. Being positive and free; detached from negativities and possessions

There is a difference between moral rules and moral ideals. Continued.....

There is a difference between moral rules and moral ideals. The big 10 Commandments are the moral rules of being a decent disciple, however, Jesus's expectations of his disciples are very high and that is why he asked the young man in the Gospel who inquired about obtaining eternal life to sell everything and give it to the poor and follow him; for Jesus knew that the young man had a lot of possessions and still he was not happy but miserable inside. Although he was good, it is not good enough to be a disciple. Jesus wants us, disciples, to be the best.

As Jesus' beloved disciples, do you have more than what you need? Then get rid of them and give it to the poor. You will never regret it, rather will be a happy disciple who trusts in the Lord and is ready to lay down the life for the master.

Recently, after the provocation of the Poison Ivy attack and resultant suffering and sleeplessness due to allergy; I was drawn to the Lord intensely and that helped me to have a genuine encounter with the crucified Lord. It led me to a holy detachment to the worldly stuff, and I got rid of my attachment to security and safety relying only on the Lord and that made me extremely free inside and purely joyful depending on his presence. I began to do 1-hour holy hour daily before the blessed sacrament after a quick cold shower in the morning and I cannot tell you how much freedom and joy that brings into my heart; being free from preoccupations, greedy desires, loneliness some times feeling the empty rectory and filled with his love and wisdom and joy beyond measure. I am enjoying every minute of it keeping my focus on the Lord as a faithful disciple.

"In sorrow and suffering, go straight to the Lord and you will be strengthened, enlightened, and instructed' (John of the Cross). And you will be a happy, holy, and healthy disciple of the Lord. I believe that is what the call of the hour and Jesus is inviting each one of us to be; the best disciples of the Lord. Please reflect on a scale of 1-10 what is the level of your discipleship; 1 least and 10 best... and continue to grow in word and deed. We are all indeed a work in progress.

Please pray for all the priests as we are in retreat and workshop and all our parish family members to be best disciples and follow his faithfully and radically. It was a delight to be part of the outdoor Mass and picnic at Hamburg last Saturday in the park and looking forward to the one in Shen next Saturday at Sportsmen's. Thanks for all your help and support. Let us pray to the Lord to give us grace, wisdom, and strength to be his best disciples, and keeping close to the heart of Mary through the prayer of Rosary will give us the motivation to love Jesus with the heart of Mary.

Peace and blessings
Fr.Tom



Please join the 2021 Fatima Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance

and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on October 16, 2021 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St Mary's church, Shenandoah on the 16th at Noon . Please contact Nancy Larson) at 712-326-4330 for more information



This was after our mass in the park last Saturday. Was a great afternoon and there were between 40-50 in attendance. Had a wonderful meal and fellowship afterwards.

If anyone is interested in filling a Box of Joy they can pick boxes up at St. Mary's Shenandoah this month

Mission Appeal - St. Mary's will be having a Mission Appeal **Oct 16th & 17th** for a African Mission. Fr. John Owusu who is a currently working as Chaplin in our Diocese will share his experience in his Diocese in Africa. Finally be generous to pray for the mission and be generous to support them through your donation for the Catholic Global mission.

WELCOME TO RCIA FORMATION

Dear Friends,

We are commencing the RCIA program to welcome and invite people who are showing a desire to become disciples of Christ by joining our Catholic Parish Family and Church. Mark 3:14 says, " He chose twelve to be with him and to send them out to preach". Please pray for this intention and if you know anyone showing some level of interest to go deeper in their journey of life in faith, walk in the Spirit and rest in God, please let Cheryl know.



Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we celebrate the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage! Bishop Joensen will be celebrating three anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow the Mass.

Times and Locations:

- Saturday, October 30th, 4 PM at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Des Moines, IA
- Sunday, November 7th, 11:30 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church, Logan, IA
- **Saturday, November 13th, 5 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Red Oak, IA**

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org

**St. Mary's Catholic Church
High School Religious Ed &
Confirmation Service Project**

“Fill the Trailer”

Collecting gently used household items, dishes/glasses, pots & pans, blankets, bedding, towels, clothing, coats, shoes, toys, books, etc.

Saturday, November 6th

8 AM to 9 AM

**St. Mary's Catholic Church Parking Lot
Hamburg, IA**

All donations will be taken to the
‘Open Door Mission’s Timber Outreach Center’
to help the less fortunate.

“We will only be able to accept items on that day, Nov 6, as we have no storage to collect and store items ahead of time”

Truly I say to you, whatever you do for the least of my brothers & sisters, you do also for me. Matthew 25:40

Questions, please call Beth Phillips 712-355-8550

Coming Soon.....

October 10—Religious Ed Classes Pre K-8

October 13—Bible Study @ 10 a.m. and 7p.m. @ St. Mary's

October 17—Religious Ed Classes Pre K-8

Fr. John Presiding at mass in Fr. Tom's absence

October 18—Prayer Walk in the Hamburg City Park @ 6 p.m.

October 24—Religious Ed Classes—Pre K-8



The **ICC** have organized 'Prayer walks' which will take place on the **1st and 3rd Monday of each month @ 6 p.m. in the city park.** Please join us as we pray for those in need.

The methodist church is serving biscuits and gray on the **1st Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 a.m, to 10 a.m.** They do not request any monies, this is a free service to the community.



Readings for the week of 10—10—21

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12

Next 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

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON
COLBY MCGINLEY



10-13—Mark Pitts

10-14—Richard Dewhirst

10-17--Verona Mitchell

10-19—Marty Paper

10-19—Joel Delong

10-20—Louie Becker

Your Contributions

Oct. 3, 2021

*Mass in the park
report next week*

Thank You!!



Andersen Greg

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
Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Dave Zavadil
Jerry Miller



**Thanks from the members of
St. Mary's to Dave and Kim
Dowling! Your donation of
pumpkins helped us bring in the
fall season. It's Fall Ya'll!**

2021	October 10 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	October 17 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	October 24 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	October 31 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30	November 1/2 All Saints/All Souls 8:30
Lector	Teresa Jamison	Kathleen Lorimor	Carolyn Maher	Linda Dewhirst	Michael Gallagher
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Rosie
Cantor	Beth/Anna	Kate/ Margaret	Beth	Kim/Sons	Beth
Accompanist	Guitars	Donna	Donna	Kate	Nancy
Server	Amelia Moody	Garett Phillips	Keeley Mount Mia Foster	Isaac Hutt	
Usher and Greeter	Joe & Robbi Travis	Rich & Linda Dewhirst	Cheryl & Jim Owen	Dave & Kim Dowling	N/A
Coffee & donuts	N/A	Shane & Connie Smith	Joe & Robbi Travis	Jeff & Lisa Phillips	N/A
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8	Pre k - 8
PASTOR		PASTORAL ASSISTANT		BOOKKEEPER	
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Inspiration for October 11

**We suffer from hunger of the spirit while much of the world is suffering
from hunger of the body**

From the book—The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

ADA Update

