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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

*Bob Larson's Birthday: 10/13

*Jack Luebker's Birthday: 10/15

*Dave Anibas's Birthday: 10/19

St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, WI
St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI

OCTOBER 13, 2019



28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?
 Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner
 returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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THE TWO-FOLD MISSION TO EVANGELIZE

One of the darkest times in the history of the world was the era of World War I. At the end of this war, in the year 1919, Pope Benedict XV directed an Apostolic Letter, *Maximum Illud*, to all Catholics. The world had witnessed an unprecedented destructive force, and the Holy Father could not but call us to evangelize, to proclaim Jesus Christ as a source of mercy and unity. Hundred years down the line, the world continues to witness evils. Man's inhumanity to man prevails, and diverse attempts at sowing seeds of hatred and spreading division and violence abound. It is in the face of our present-day social evils that Pope Francis has called for the celebration of this October as Extraordinary Missionary Month. His invitation is for us all to pray, especially in the celebration of Mass during this month, for us all to make a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, Who is alive in the Church; that the Holy Spirit will guide our catechetical formation for mission, and that our love for the Church's mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people will grow ever stronger. The Holy Father also encourages us to pray for the witness of missionary saints, especially patroness St. Thérèse of Lisieux and patron St. Francis Xavier; that they may intercede for the fervent missionary spirit of the faithful of our Universal Church. We are thus called to build ourselves for the mission to the nations (*Missio ad Gentes*) – human, spiritual, biblical, theological and catechetical, and to Missionary charity, where we live in solidarity and prayer with the universal Church, helping missionary Churches reach out. Ours is to gather and tell the story of our mission and so invite one another to appreciate our baptismal vocation to tell forth the Good News and thereby ginger and grow faith in our own selves and in others.

Such was the ministry of the servant girl in the story of Naaman's cleansing. Having been uprooted from her roots and planted in Syria, her migration was a vocation to be a missionary. It was an opportunity to plant the seed of faith in her master. Concerned about her master's predicament, she told him of the prophet Elisha in Israel. She encouraged him to pay the prophet a visit. When the master found the prophet's instruction offensive and questioned the prophet's judgment, she still encouraged and prevailed on him to comply. When the master did, he was not only cleansed, he was also poised to serve only the God of Israel. The fruit of mission is a total dedication to God. Such was the fruit that the servant girl's mission bore. Her master received the blessing of cleansing and belief in the one true God as his own testimony depicted, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel... please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

Even though the slave girl was away from home, her mission was not to proclaim the God of Israel to the totality of Syria. Her's was to be a missionary primarily to the household to which she belonged. In her vocation, two dimensions of missionary activities come to the fore: being a missionary to the Nations and being one to one's immediate background. In as long as she left her homeland in Israel for Syria, she was a missionary to others. However, as she ministered to the master of the household in which she lived, her ministry was to her own as a slave, she had become an animate property of her master and she belonged to her master's household just as she would have belonged to her own father's house.

Like this servant girl, all of us Catholics, by virtue of our baptism, have a share in the two-fold mission of the new evangelization. Just as St. Paul was first sent to the Israelites and then to all the nations, we are sent, on the one hand, to our own people in our immediate surroundings and on the other, to all peoples. Therefore, we all have a primary mission to gather our families into the peace of God's kingdom, a mission to tell them of Jesus, to let his love show, a mission to grow the love of him and faith in him in the hearts of our own.

Like leprosy, sin separates and alienates many of our own brothers and sisters from God. There are many more who, out of some atheistic mindset have abandoned God's ways and there are many more who have grown lukewarm in matters of faith and morals. Present-day evils beset many who are known to us and rob them of their faith. We have the need to open our eyes to the present day leprosy in our own homes, those acts of commissions and omissions which isolate our dear ones from God and be courageous enough to attend to them.

Besides our mission to our own people, the dynamism of the love of Christ inherent in us pushes us to go out to build the structures of hope, faith, and love in others. Beyond our borders are peoples and lands that are lying fallow, needing to be touched and transformed by God and his Word. As Vatican Council II, proposes, all of us are both subject and object of the mission of evangelization. We have the mandate to step into the world and make evident the unique point where proclamation and witness of life resound. Our call is to evangelize and re-evangelize today's spreading globalization. By means of social communications tools, we have the call to propagate Christ who is the way, the truth and the life to the world. Our mission is to work to satisfy the hunger and thirst for God; to correct the erroneous impression out there that there is civilization without God; to transform poverty as found in today's world and to assist our ecclesial communities to be missionary oriented. Our presence in the world and our witness to it should so cleanse and renew the face of the world that lives we touch cannot help but cry out loud and acknowledge that indeed there is no other God but the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who alone deserves glory, honor, and praise.

Have a good Week
Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. As Catholics, we pray through Mary for her indispensable patronage. As we increase our devotion to her this month, we encourage families to get together to pray the Holy Rosary daily, asking her to pray for us now and at the hour of our death.



MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: October 14 - St. Callistus I

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Ps 95:8/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

- Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center
- Readings: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Heb 4:12/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: October 16 - St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. Joseph, † Larry Steller
- Readings: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Jn 10:27/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Living & Deceased Members of the Virginia White Family
- Followed by Communion for the sick and homebound
- Adoration: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist
- Readings: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Jn 14:6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: October 18 - Feast of St. Luke

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Lyle Hofacker
- Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/See Jn 15:16/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: October 19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues & Companions

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † William Pittman
- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - † Tammy Sam
- Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Jn 15:26b, 27a/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: October 20 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time & World Mission Sunday

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - † Leroy & Leona Horn
- Readings: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Heb 4:12/Lk 18:1-8

The Rosary is prayed before all Masses

Memorial Mass for Father Blenker

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Father Blenker at St. John the Baptist on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. There will **not** be Mass at 8:30 a.m. that morning.



Part-time Secretary Wanted for St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's Parishes

St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph's Parishes are currently accepting applications to fill the role of Secretary in our central office. The successful candidate will perform skilled clerical work and provide general secretarial support. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining sacramental & parishioner records, ordering Church & office supplies, scheduling liturgical roles, and facilitating communication within our Parishes. Candidates must have strong office, computer, and communication skills. An understanding of the Catholic Church and its mission is important. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

If you are interested, please, email (11stjohn@centurylink.net) or send your resume to the central office (St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishes, 212 Church Road, Plum City, WI, 54761).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Next Weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the envelope collection. **Collection envelopes will be affixed to the October 19-20 bulletins and collected the following weekend.** Checks may be written to the Parish with "World Mission Sunday" written in the memo line. May God receive your gift, multiply the good it may accomplish, and reward your sacrifice of faith.

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Money Counting

Monday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.
Monica Krings, Verna Weiss,
& Terry Pelzel

Announcements

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Margaret Hartung
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Linda Chilson

Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Joyce Berger
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Ramona Schneider

Gift Bearers

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Rod & Deb Radle
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Dorothy Kopp & Family

Lector

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Dianne Lecheler
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Terry Pelzel

Music

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Organ: Arleen Ebensperger
Cantor: Steve Carlson
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Organ: Olivia Pullen
Cantor: Sara Hansen

Rosary Leader

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Monica Krings
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Teresa Fedie

Sacristan

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Peggy Gilles
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Denise Pelzel

Servers

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Parker Bechel & Broden Coss
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
The Bergmann Family

Usher

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.
Gary Lecheler & Roger Gilles
Sunday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.
Terry Pelzel & Steve King



FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Sunday, October 6th, 2019

Adult Envelopes (36).....	\$	1515.00
Offertory.....	\$	220.26
Stained Glass Windows.....	\$	9000.00
Mission Collection.....	\$	1141.64
Total Income.....	\$	11,876.90

THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" program meets on Friday, October 18th from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. in the St. John the Baptist School Building in Plum City. The topic for week six is Joyful Service. All men are welcomed to join. If you have any questions please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010. Thanks!



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

October: A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



St John the Baptist Capital Funds Projects

As Father mentioned last weekend at Mass, we have many projects we are planning to accomplish.

Church Windows:

The current windows have not been replaced or fixed in many years. We feel we should not replace them, but fix them to last many more years. Windows would be re-lead and new storm windows would be installed where needed. To repair each window, it will cost \$9,000 - \$10,000. We have estimated the total cost to be: \$120,000. To completely replace the large round window above the altar to match existing windows: \$7,500

Steeple:

The Steeple is leaking. It needed to be repaired and painted. The spires will be repaired on the north side of the Church and structurally rebuilt on the inside. All rotten wood will be replaced to replicate the existing wood. Screens inside the bell tower and louvers will be replaced. We need to do this to help take care of the dampness in the Church. The cost to fix interior and paint exterior steeple is \$41,000.

Painting of Interior of the Church:

We are currently collecting bids. So far, we have received 3 bids that range from \$95,000 to 150,000. The differences of these bids are things like having St. John the Baptist providing manpower to take down all statues, help with putting up and moving scaffolding, remove and replace pews, furnishing dumpsters and electricity, rather than having the contractor taking care of everything. For the low bid, trying to find parish men to be here every day to help may be a bit of a challenge. These bids are for painting only. No new carpet or refinishing of the pews has been estimated. Estimated cost: \$150,000.

Upgrade of Church heating vent/thermostat system:

Our heating vents have not been fixed or replaced in quite some time. The one in the main entrance of the Church is broken. We are going to fix this one and upgrade the system, and install new thermostats. Estimated cost: \$2,500.

Church organ repair:

Our organ is not working to its capacity. Estimated cost: \$25,000.

Miscellaneous items:

We have many smaller projects that also need to be worked on, such as landscaping, new church sign with electricity, new roof for BBQ pit and possible re-purpose of this area into picnic area. Estimated cost: \$4,000.

The total cost for all projects is \$350,000. Currently, we have \$18,500 remaining in window fund, and about \$139,000 in restoration and other savings accounts. **This means we have to raise about \$192,500 to complete all of these projects.** We have already completed many needed projects such as the Church Roof, Church Tuck Point, new Church Doors, concrete work/sidewalks on West side of church and in front of Rectory, as well as seal coat of the parking lot.

Yes, this does sound overwhelming and a large amount. All of it is needed to keep our Church going. It would really help us if we could get families to get together and donate towards one or more of the windows in honor of the ancestors that first put them there. Any funds that you can donate towards our restoration projects would be greatly appreciated and accepted. Fund raising projects will need to be held for the balance of funds needed.

May God bless you for all you do to keep our Parish vibrant; especially as we move towards our 150-year anniversary and beyond.

Sincerely,

Father Joseph, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Parish Finance Council, and Parish Pastoral Council.

ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS

Father Joe's Birthday and Priesthood Sunday

We will be celebrating Father Joe's Birthday and Priesthood Sunday on Saturday, October 19th after Mass in the Church Basement. All are welcome.

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOSEPH

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Announcements

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Sue Caturia

Extraordinary Minister

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Madalyn Fleishauer

Gift Bearers

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.
Nick & Vicky Hartung

Lector

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.
Sue Caturia

Music

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.
Organ: Beth Pattison
Cantor: Rose Brunner

Rosary

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.
Madalyn Fleishauer



FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH Sunday, October 5th 2019

Adult Envelopes (22).....	\$	645.00
Offertory.....	\$	448.00
Mission Collection.....	\$	279.00
Total Income.....	\$	1372.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Pancake Breakfast



The Plum City/Arkansas Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Half of the proceeds will benefit the repair of St. John the Baptist's Barbeque Pit Building. The breakfast will be held in the St. John the Baptist School Building. We will serving Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Local Maple Syrup, Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice. Gluten free pancakes will also be available.



ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Jesus meets ten lepers who beg to be healed. After being cured, only one man, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for healing him. Jesus tells this man that his faith has saved him.

IN CHURCH

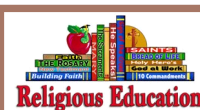
Before Mass begins, look around you for people who appear to be guests in your church. Greet them warmly or offer a Sign of Peace during Mass. Consider inviting this person to sit with your family if he or she is sitting alone.

FAMILY PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for all of the ways that you have healed and helped us. We will try harder to not take you for granted. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is something that you took for granted this week?



PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com.