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OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

Gianna Holmstadt's Birthday: 10/2

Herb & Julie Tschumperlin's 58th Anniversary: 10/4

Dianne Lecheler's Birthday: 10/7

Darla Pittman's Birthday: 10/7

Nick Hartung's Birthday: 10/7

Robert & Mary Helmueller's 64th Anniversary: 10/7

*Bob Larson's Birthday: 10/13

*Jack Luebker's Birthday: 10/15

*Dave Anibas' Birthday: 10/19

Savannah Caturia's Birthday: 10/28

Dwight Caturia's Birthday: 10/31

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

October 14, 2018



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"...Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

-Mk 10:21-22

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THE JOY OF SALVATION

Dear friends in Christ, I wish I could find the most appropriate words to register my deep sense of gratitude to each and everyone of you for your kind generosity to me as I turned 50. The St. Ann's Altar Society, the PCCW, families and individuals of our twin-parish community demonstrated without reserve love beyond telling to me your unworthy servant. As I head home this week, I do so with fond memories and I know I will have great stories to tell. May I ask you one and all to accept my deep sense of gratitude for your generous organization of two big parties in my honor and the many presents I received. Whenever I lift the cup of salvation and call on the Lord's name, may the Lord see through my grateful heart and shower his blessings abundantly on everyone of you and your families.

Meir Liraz tells the true story of a little girl called Tess. Tess was a precocious eight year old when she heard her Mom and Dad talking about her little brother, Andrew. All she knew was that he was very sick and they were completely out of money. They were moving to a rental apartment complex next month because Daddy didn't have the money for the doctor's bills and their house. Only a very costly surgery could save him now and it was looking like there was no one to loan them the money. She heard Daddy say to her tearful Mother with whispered desperation, "Only a miracle can save him now." Tess went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured all the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it! "And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," He said without waiting for a reply to his question. "Well, I want to talk to you about my brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle." "I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist. "His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?" "We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening a little. "Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs." The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?" "I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money." "How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to." "Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents –the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said, "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need." That well dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neurosurgery. The operation was completed without charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. "That surgery," her Mom whispered. "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?" Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost... one dollar and eleven cents...plus the faith of a little child.

Friends, in our world today, many are they who think money can buy happiness, and that riches and wealth are all a person needs to make it. We tend to chase riches to the point of making gods out of them. The crave for wealth has brought many to places they would not ordinarily be. God-given opportunities for salvation have been lost just for the want of wealth. Such was the fate of the man who approached Jesus in our Gospel this week. That he was rich was not an issue but that he placed his riches over and above his faith in God, clinging to what he had to the neglect of his relationship with Jesus is what made him forfeit the opportunity for salvation. Tess was poor but had faith and her faith in the midst of poverty saved her brother. The man had wealth but lacked the faith that would make him step in the dark and hold on to God's hand and be saved, so his face fell when Jesus asked him to go sell all he had and give to the poor. He ended in sadness. May the Lord increase all of us in faith, may he grant us the wisdom that gives prominence to the things that really matter in life. So that having been true and faithful to God in the midst of our riches and poverty, our faith would win us the joy of God's salvation.

Have a good week.

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

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.

THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" meets again this Friday, October 19th 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 Step 1: Abiding Presence. Please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010 with any questions. All men are welcome to attend. Thanks!



MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/
Ps 95:8/Lk 11:29-32

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

- Communion Service: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Followed by Communion for the sick and homebound
- Readings: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Heb 4:12/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Jn 10:27/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: October 18 - Feast of St. Luke

- Mass or Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center
- Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/See Jn 15:16/
Lk 10:1-9

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

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Ps 33:22/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross & Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - † Bernard & Darlene Milliren
- Readings: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 15:26b, 27a/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: October 21 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time & World Mission Sunday

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Special Intention MP
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:45/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

The Rosary is prayed before all Masses

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.



SACRAMENTS

Confessions (anytime by appointment)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when needed.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment at least one month in advance.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

Hospitalized / Homebound

Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Tuesdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS

PCCW Meeting

The next PCCW meeting will be Wednesday, October 17th in the **Rectory**. We will pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. with light refreshments to follow. All ladies in the Parish are encouraged to attend. Children are welcome.

PCCW Baby Bottle Campaign



October is Respect for Life Month. St. John the Baptist's PCCW is holding a baby bottle campaign similar to previous years. This campaign will run the entire month of October. There are baby bottles at all the entrances of the Church. Please pick up a baby bottle, fill it with your loose change or any donation you would like. We will collect the bottles at the end of the month. Proceeds will benefit a Pro-Life organization.

OUR WEEK: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Money Counting

Monday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.
Denise Pelzel, Teresa Fedie,
& Wilma Brunner

Announcements

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Marie Berger
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles

Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Marie Berger
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Ann Bechel

Gift Bearers

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Jeff & Margaret Hartung
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles & Ann Bechel

Lector

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Margaret Hartung
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Linda Chilson

Music

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Musicians: Bob & JoAnn Larson
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Musicians: Paul & Char Fetzner

Rosary Leader

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Bernadine Bechel
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Teresa Fedie

Sacristan

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Peggy Gilles
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Denise Pelzel

Servers

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Colton Coss & Grace Hinrichs
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
The Bergmann Family

Usher

Sunday, October 21, 8:00 a.m.
Gary Lecheler & Roger Gilles
Sunday, October 21, 10:15 a.m.
Dan & Mackenzie Wieser



FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Envelopes (36).....	\$	1680.00
Offertory.....	\$	256.00
Utility (1).....	\$	100.00
Capital Improvements (1).....	\$	150.00
Durand Area Food Pantry.....	\$	288.12
Total Income.....	\$	2474.12

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

October: That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

Money Counting

Monday, October 15, 8:30 a.m.
Betty Lauer, Denny Hutter,
& Madalyn Fleishauer

Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
Howard Martin

Gift Bearers

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
Jeff & Rose Brunner

Lector

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
Terry Pelzel

Music

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
Organist: Annie Hansen
Cantor: Sara Hansen

Rosary

Saturday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
Joyce Haigh & Betty Lauer

FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH

Adult Envelopes (23).....	\$	520.00
Offertory.....	\$	109.00
Durand Area Food Pantry.....	\$	180.50
Total Income.....	\$	809.50

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

First Degree Ceremony

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a First Degree Ceremony on Wednesday, October 17th in the St. John the Baptist School Basement for anyone interested in joining our organization. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. with the degree starting at 7:00 p.m.. A light meal will follow. Any male interested in joining our council, please contact either GK Pete Helmueller at (715) 781-4580 or FS Norman Holmstadt at (715) 647-2403. Men that are 17 years old within 6 months of turning 18 are eligible to join.



Pancake Breakfast

The Plum City/Arkansaw Knights of Columbus Council is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 21st from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the St. John the Baptist School Building. We will be serving Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Local Maple Syrup, Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice. A portion of the proceeds will go to the St. John the Baptist Building Fund.

Healing of our Hearts

The 3rd Annual Mass of Remembrance is a special Mass for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child through any means including illness, accident, still birth, abortion, miscarriage or suffered due to infertility. Hospitality and refreshments will be available after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in prayerful support on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake in Lake City. Confessions will be available at 6:30 p.m.. Please contact Rebecca Stolz at (651) 448-0206 for more information.

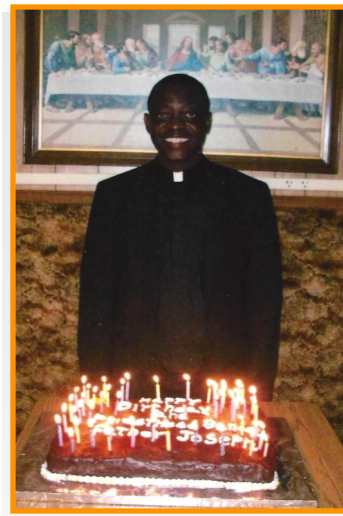
St. Francis School Gala, Ellsworth, WI

All are welcome at this year's St. Francis School Gala on November 3, 2018! The Gala is a fun adult community event that includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine tasting, dinner, live music, and silent and live auctions. The theme for the Gala this year is Moonlight Masquerade: Unmask a Child's Future. Masquerade attire and masks are encouraged! The event will be held at the Ridgeway Pavilion near Prescott, WI. Doors open at 4:30 pm for social hour and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Tickets to the event cost \$40 and can be purchased at the St. Francis School office or online at <http://www.stfrancisellsworth.org/gala.html>. Join us for a magical evening and invite your friends and family to do the same!

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**SPECIAL
EVENTS**

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Celebrating Father Joe's Birthday and Priesthood Sunday at St. Joseph's Parish in Arkansaw. Everyone had a wonderful time!

We celebrated Father Joe's Birthday at St. John the Baptist in Plum City last Sunday. Thank you to all who came, brought food, and organized the party. Father Joe was so happy-he was smiling for days!



ABOUT THE GOSPEL

The rich man in Sunday's Gospel wants to follow Jesus, but, when Jesus tells him he must give up all he owns, he feels sad. It is hard to give up the things we have. Jesus doesn't want us to hold too tightly to things of the world, but rather to desire Heaven.

IN CHURCH

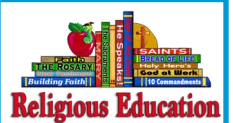
Bring some money to put in the collection basket.

FAMILY PRAYER

Help us, Jesus, to follow you no matter what we must leave behind.

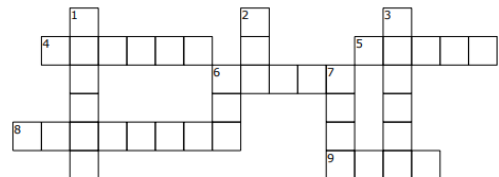
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What things do you hold onto that might keep you from following Jesus?



Rich Young Man

"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)



ACROSS

- A small, slender implement used for sewing
- A long-necked animal with humps
- To go into
- Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
- Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

DOWN

- The home of God and the angels
- An adult male human
- Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
- An opening in a needle
- Possessing great material wealth

rich	easier	eye	hard	heaven
man	camel	needle	enter	treasure