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## ORGANIZATIONS

Holy Name Society      Parish Council of Catholic Women

Knights of Columbus      St. Ann's Altar Society

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARY'S

Gianna Holmstadt's Birthday: 10/2

Annie Bauer's Birthday: 10/2

Herb & Julie Tschumperlin's 58<sup>th</sup> 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 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 10/7

Bob Larson's Birthday: 10/13

Jack Luebker's Birthday: 10/15

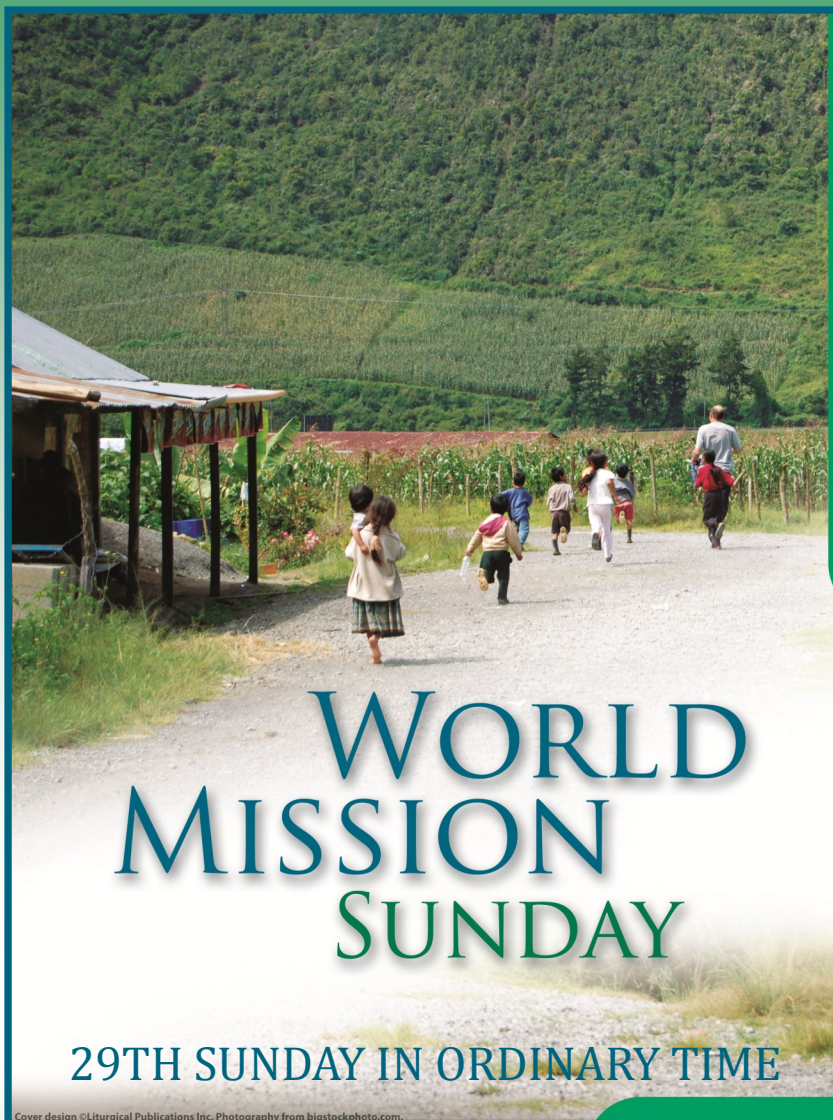
Dave Anibas' Birthday: 10/19

Savannah Caturia's Birthday: 10/28

Dwight Caturia's Birthday: 10/31

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**St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI**

**October 21, 2018**



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## SERVING TO LEAD

A story is told of Bishop Eneja who was once on a pastoral visit to a parish in his diocese in Nigeria. It was a late afternoon time and the weather was so hot that staying indoors was not an option at all. As teaching catechism in the heat of the Church would not be possible, the bishop decided to meet the congregation outside, under an avocado pea tree at the center of Church premises. His sudden change of arrangement caused a pandemonium for the Parish Priest and the entire Parish council members. The drama unfolded when the Parish Priest carrying out a conference table, discovered that the Bishop had already picked up a broom and had started sweeping the compound. On seeing the Bishop stooping to sweep, the Parish Priest insisted on taking his broom from him, but the Bishop refused to yield. Rather, he asked the Priest to go get his own broom. The Parish Priest complied, picked up his own broom and started sweeping along with the bishop. No sooner had the Priest joined in the sweeping spree than the Catechist arrived to find both the Bishop and the Parish Priest sweeping. Shocked at what he saw, the catechist quickly rushed to collect the Priest's broom. The Parish Priest in turn refused and asked him to go get his own broom. The same continued until everyone that came for the conference got their own brooms and joined in the sweeping. In a matter of minutes, the whole compound was clean and the Bishop continued with his catechetical instructions.

Friends, this little story affords us the opportunity to reflect on the concept of servant leadership. It also draws our attention to the impact servant leaders could make on an entire community by their little initiatives. Generally speaking, a servant leader listens. He is empathetic. He heals and has a great sense of awareness of his environment. He employs persuasion in his bid to get the best out of others. He leads by example. He has foresight and demonstrates stewardship as he commits to the growth of his people and aims at community building. This was what Bishop Eneja set out to demonstrate by his simple act of picking up his broom to sweep the compound. Having been brought up in the culture of empowerment, he sought to challenge and inspire the people to achieve something together, an achievement which was realized by a greater number of people in the shortest possible time, in a spirit of cheer, and with great sense of willingness.

This week's liturgy draws our attention to this style of leadership. The Gospel reading strikes a distinction between the concept of the leader who is insensitive to the plight of the other, the leader who has little empathy for the other, the leader whose tendency is to lord it over others and the leader who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many. In Mark chapter 10, it was soon after Jesus had predicted his eminent passion and death that James and John sought to occupy places of honor in his kingdom. The strife among the disciples as to who amongst them was the greatest also took place as a response to the plea made by James and John. Their misconception regarding the kind of leader Jesus required for his Kingdom made them insensitive to Jesus' eminent death. There was no empathy in them for Jesus, neither did they desire to pay attention to his plight, pain and anxieties. All they looked for were places of honor for themselves and the opportunity to assume power and greatness. No wonder Jesus would say to them, "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus therefore warned them against the kind of leadership that would only accumulate, exercise power and rule as if from the top of a pyramid. He rather proposed to them the kind that would focus primarily on the growth and wellbeing of others, the kind of leadership that puts the needs of other first and helps people to develop and perform as highly as possible. He himself is the epitome of such leader. He came to serve and not to be served. He came to wash the feet of his brothers and sisters. He came to die, so they may live. He came to get the best out of his friends and to direct their feet into the Kingdom of God.

Let us take time this week to re-examine our concept of leadership. Let us pray for the spirit of service even as we lead in our microcosms and translate that spirit into the larger society. May our view of being leaders be transformed and renewed so that putting on the clothes of humility, service and altruism, we may bring growth and empowerment to the people we lead. Jesus served and empowered his followers to carry his message to the ends of the world. They served and their span went forth through out the world. We should serve to sustain the spread of the good news and spread the joy of Christ around the world.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey



American  
Red Cross

### PLUM CITY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Blood Drive at the American Legion Hall on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call Verna at 715-285-5884 or Pat at 715-647-4952 to schedule an appointment.

### THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" meets again this Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2: Joyful Service. 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 22 - St. John Paul II

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Mt 5:3/Lk 12:13-21

### Tuesday: October 23 - St. John of Capistrano

- Communion Service: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Followed by Communion for the sick and homebound
- Readings: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 21:36/Lk 12:35-38

### Wednesday: October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 24:42a, 44/Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday: October 25

- Mass or Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center
- Readings: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Phil 3:8-9/Lk 12:49-53

### Friday: October 26

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/See Mt 11:25/Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday: October 27 - Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - Father Joseph Okine-Quartey
- Readings: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Ez 33:11/Lk 13:1-9

### Sunday: October 28 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time & Priesthood Sunday

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - Father Biju
- Readings: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Heb 5:1-6/Cf. 2 Tm 1:10/Mk 10:46-52

The Rosary is prayed before all Masses

## ROSARY AT ROUND HILL

Please join us in praying the Rosary at Round Hill every Sunday in October starting at noon. Please bring a dish to pass and stay for the potluck that follows!



## SACRAMENTS

### Confessions (anytime by appointment)

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansas
- 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

### Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, October 28th is Priesthood Sunday. Come join us for a potluck following both Masses in the St. John the Baptist school basement. Everyone is welcome!



POTLUCK

### 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 22, 9:30 a.m.  
Monica Krings, Carol Bechel,  
& Julie Tschumperlin

### Announcements

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Dianne Lecheler  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Linda Chilson

### Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Todd Glaus  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Linda Chilson

### Gift Bearers

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Irene & Pete Helmueller  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Brian & Crystal Books Family

### Lector

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Monica Krings  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Ann Bechel



Peace

### Music

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Organist: Arleen Ebersperger  
Cantor: Steve Carlson  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Organist: Annie Hansen  
Cantor: Sara Hansen

### Rosary Leader

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Irene Helmueller  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Connie Ahlers

### Sacristan

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Gwen Glaus  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Aletha Pullen

### Servers

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Parker Bechel & Grace Hinrichs  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
The Trannel Family

### Usher

Sunday, October 28, 8:00 a.m.  
Pete Helmueller & John Krings  
Sunday, October 28, 10:15 a.m.  
Tom Pullen & Steve King

## FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Adult Envelopes (30).....	\$	1285.00
Offertory.....	\$	319.27
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1604.27</b>

## 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.

## 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](mailto:prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com).

## ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS

### St. Joseph Bazaar 2018

St Joseph's Bazaar held on August 19 was a huge success generating \$5903.54. St. Ann's Altar Society would like to thank everyone who contributed to the bazaar by volunteering, donating, and attending. It was a terrific day!

### OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

#### Money Counting

Monday, October 22, 8:30 a.m.  
Galen Radle, Jerry Lieffring,  
& Midge Steller

#### Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.  
Bud Bauer

#### Gift Bearers

Saturday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.  
Dale & Sue Klein

#### Lector

Saturday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.  
Jeff Brunner

#### Music

Saturday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.  
Organist: Beth Pattison

#### Rosary

Saturday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.  
Madalyn Fleishauer

### FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH

Adult Envelopes (20).....	\$	775.00
Offertory.....	\$	57.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>832.00</b>

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Today, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer, at this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we "speak up" through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions. As little as...

- \$25 - helps support a catechist for a month in Latin America
- \$75 - provides for the work of religious Sisters in Africa
- \$100 - assists children in schools in Asia

The collection envelopes secured to this bulletin for parishioners to take home will be collected on the weekend of **October 27-28**. Checks may be written to the parish with "World Mission Sunday" written in the memo line.

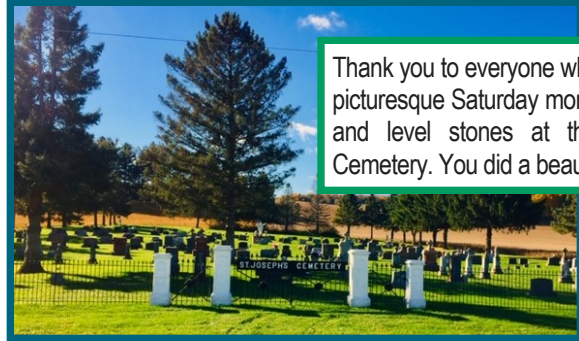
### Healing of our Hearts

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Ridgetop 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>.



Thank you to everyone who came out on a picturesque Saturday morning to trim trees and level stones at the St. Joseph's Cemetery. You did a beautiful job!



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.

### ABOUT THE GOSPEL

It's easy to think of Jesus as a king. He is above all, but, in today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that he came to serve, not to be served. He gave his life as a sacrifice to save us. We should also serve if we intend to imitate Jesus.

### IN CHURCH

We get used to sitting in the same pew every week. Next time, sit somewhere else to help see things a little differently.

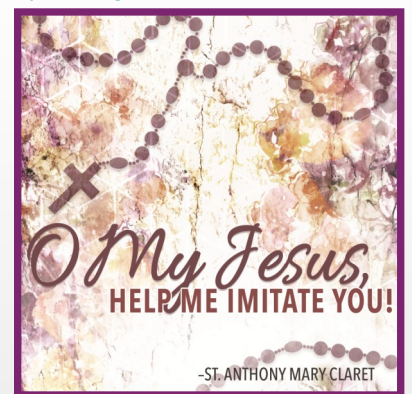
### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways can you serve Jesus by serving others?



### FAMILY PRAYER

Open our eyes, Lord, to see the needs of others and grow in our desire to serve them.



### BE THE MAN GOD INTENDS!

The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th in La Crosse. The day offers inspiring speakers, engaging content and will help you be the husband, father... the man that God made you to be. Your mission, should you choose to accept it: don't go alone. Choose one man, sign him up and invite him to do the same. You will quickly form a MAN TRAIN. For more information go to [www.menofthecross.org](http://www.menofthecross.org) or email [mensmin@diolc.org](mailto:mensmin@diolc.org).