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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

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

**October 28, 2018**

**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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## MASTER, I WANT TO SEE

No matter what form it takes, blindness is something I would never wish on anyone. It was very early one Monday morning when a phone call woke me up from sleep. It was my daddy on the line. He told me he had issues with his eye and was in some excruciating pain, tears incessantly streaming down his cheeks. Knowing him as having the capacity to bear pain with stoic calmness, I knew this pain must have been different and extraordinary. That same morning, I drove four hours like a hare to go see him. When I got there, I panicked. His left eye was popping out of its socket, having turned red, itchy was badly sore. He had earlier on reported it to the eye doctor who had scheduled him for some procedure that same morning. Thinking my visit coincidental, I quickly brought my father to the clinic to see the same doctor as was scheduled. We rushed in there only to be told by the nurses the doctor had another engagement out of town and would be available only after a week. The look in my father's eyes at the time wouldn't make me want to wait any further to seek help for him. After a couple of phone calls to other health facilities, I had an immediate appointment with a Catholic Hospital two hours away. At this hospital, the doctor told us there was nothing he could do to save the eye. The best would be to take care of the sore, ensure that the protruding eye returned to its socket and to protect the unaffected eye. This was how my daddy got blind in his left eye. As the years go by, he is beginning to experience some dimness in the other eye, which keeps making him nervous and nervy. Staying with him for a week now, it has not been difficult to appreciate the change in him. That nice, kindhearted gentleman who measured his words in any given conversation is gradually transforming into a stressed up, unappreciative, loquacious individual, who glories in saying no to any attempt at bringing him the necessary help he needs. A thought of him only paints an image of terror, helplessness and despair. For fear that he might lose the second eye, he refuses to see any eye doctor. Neither would he approach any other doctor whatsoever. He has developed a phobia for hospitals and doctors. He has indeed fallen from the loftiness of his former dignified self into the shadows of himself. Times are when I have turned to blame his partial blindness on myself and have wished I could turn back the hand of time for the man I have loved so dearly all my life. The worse thing is the toll his condition keeps having on the rest of the family. Yet, his is partial blindness, not to talk of total blindness.

The story of the encounter of Bartimaeus with Jesus thus makes me want to reflect with you first of all on the need to appreciate our own gift of sight, our gift of light and of beauty. Oftentimes, we fail to value something we have until we have lost it. If there are things in life we need to be grateful for, I believe one of such gifts is the gift of sight. If our eyes are good, let's be grateful. If we have the full employment of sight, let's be appreciative of it and take careful steps to protect our eyes. The eye is the source of beauty (see 1 Samuel 16:12). Metaphorically speaking, a person who has his faculty of sight in shape is intrinsically beautiful. He attracts and is attractive to all. Approachability is his hallmark. His presence appeals to all and everyone enjoys his company. His beauty begins to wane with the loss of sight. This loss sometimes pushes him to the wall and gingers him to unconsciously pick up traits which put people off and keep them at bay. By our eyes, we have light. Light so fights the darkness of life that not even all the darkness of the whole world can quench the spark of it. It is therefore important that we protect and preserve the light of our lives so as not only to preserve our inner beauty but also overcome the darkness of life.

On the other side of the reflection is the blindness that sees no good in the other person. It is spiritual or mental blindness. This kind is so common that it can be found in almost everyone. Sometimes, we are inclined to see the best in us and the worst in all others. If there should be goodness in any individual, that individual must be me and no other. God made one good person, that person must be me. We are thus easily given to getting blind to the good in others. Think of the husband whose wife gets so preoccupied with household chores as to forget to pick up the kids from school on time. Instead of concentrating on the many good things she has done for him and his family that day, – cooking, cleaning, washing and and keeping the home, he dwells on the day's error to lambast the wife, calling her names. A husband on his way home from work forgets to stop by the bakery to pick up bread and cookies for the next morning's family meal. The wife refuses to consider the man's long day of thankless labor to enable them make ends meet. She yells at him and accosts as heartless and inconsiderate. A seventeen year old son whose parents cannot afford to buy him a car forgets about all that they have done for him and begins to give them an attitude. In our schools, it is not uncommon for both teachers and students to be blinded to the good in each other. They paint one another as dark as would taint the reputation of one another. In our workplaces, there is always the boss who is forever evil. There is also the employee from whom nothing good can come. However no one is forever evil. God created all to be good and in spite of our defects, there is an iota of goodness in everyone. Jesus stopped to take care of Bartimaeus because he saw goodness in him. He attended to him because while the crowd saw him as a nuisance and tried to prevent him, Jesus saw him as a faith filled individual whose faith, coupled with his own will, could restore his sight. Jesus attended to him because mercy and love would not blind him to the value of Bartimaeus. Like Bartimaeus, the husband, the wife, the teacher, the student, the employer, and the employee cannot be entirely useless. Ours is to open our eyes to each other's good points, reflect on them, appreciate them and even talk about them.

Msgr. Arthur Tonne opines that seeing the good in others is an act of love. His belief is that love is not negative. It is rather positive. One cannot love another by saying, "I will never think or speak unkindly about you". Neither can one love by saying that I will never do anything unkind to you. This will not pass for love. The one who loves goes out of the way and makes a special effort to think, speak and act kindly toward the other. He does so by opening his or her eyes to seeing the good in the other. Blindness in this sense, therefore is the privation of love, the absence of mercy and the lack of effort to open one's eyes to the good in the other. Its end product is lack happiness and a feeling of discontentment. It takes Jesus, the Face of the Father's mercy and the Product of God's love for the world, to work a miracle that will do away with our blindness. Let us therefore hear him asking us the same question he put to Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" May our honest request for sight in response to this question take away our blindness in all its ramifications so that in his light we will see light, be restored to his own beauty and glory and be enabled to love and be merciful just as he is.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Joseph Okine-Quartey

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus would like to welcome Lucas Niebur from Plum City who joined the Knights of Columbus at our first degree exemption (Admission Degree) held on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Plum City. Lucas is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish and is joining the Plum City/Arkansaw Council. Please congratulate Lucas when you see him!

Thanks to all the Knights that attended and helped perform this special ceremony!



## THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" meets again this Friday, November 2<sup>nd</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 eight is Step 3: Loving Sacrifice. 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 29

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Jn 17:17b, 17a/Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday: October 30

- Communion Service: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Followed by Communion for the sick and homebound
- Readings: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/See Mt 11:25/Lk 13:18-21

### Wednesday: October 31

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/See 2 Thes 2:14/Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday: November 1 - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

- Mass or Communion Service: 10:30 a.m., Plum City Care Center
- Mass: 7:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 11:28/Mt 5:1-12a

### Friday: November 2 - All Souls Day

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Mt 25:34/Jn 6:37-40

### Saturday: November 3 - St. Martin de Porres & Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - An Honest & Successful Election
- Readings: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Mt 11:29ab/Lk 14:1, 7-11

### Sunday: November 4 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - An Honest & Successful Election
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - An Honest & Successful Election
- Readings: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/Heb 7:23-28/Jn 14:23/Mk 12:28b-34

The Rosary is prayed before all Masses

### 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.

### 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 Baby Bottle Campaign



October is Respect for Life Month. St. John the Baptist's PCCW is holding a baby bottle campaign during the month of October. Please pick up a baby bottle located at the entrances of the Church and fill it with your loose change. Bottles can be returned to the baskets in the Church entrances. Proceeds will benefit Options for Women in Menomonie.

### Rectory Furniture

The Rectory needs additional furniture. We are looking for financial donations to furnish the bedrooms for Father's guest. If you would like to make a donation, please include it in a separate envelope and place it in the collection basket.

### Church & Rectory Cleaning

The PCCW will be cleaning the Church and Rectory on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m.. We need all the ladies of the Parish to help. Please bring cleaning supplies, including pails and cleaning cloths.



## OUR WEEK: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Money Counting

Monday, October 29, 9:30 a.m.  
Betsy Fetzer, Terry Pelzel,  
& Verna Weiss

### Announcements

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Peggy Gilles  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Monica Krings  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Ann Bechel

### Extraordinary Minister

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Peggy Gilles  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Margaret Hartung  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Peggy Gilles

### Gift Bearers

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
The Steele Family  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Betsy Fetzer, Marie & Joyce Berger  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Dorothy Kopp & Family

### Lector

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Dianne Lecheler  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Nadine Kannel  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Dorothy Kopp



### Music

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Bob & JoAnn Larson  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Musicians: Paul & Char Fetzer  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Organist: Arleen Ebensperger  
Cantor: Jeff Bergmann

### Rosary Leader

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Bernadine Bechel  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Peggy Gilles  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Holy Name Society

### Sacristan

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Peggy Gilles  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Kathy Luebker  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Peggy Gilles

### Servers

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
The Pullen Family  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Colton Coss & Parker Bechel  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
The Bergmann Family

### Usher

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.  
Gary Lecheler & Terry Pelzel  
Sunday, November 4, 8:00 a.m.  
Jeff Heit & Lonnie Harmon  
Sunday, November 4, 10:15 a.m.  
Tom Pullen & Terry Pelzel

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

Adult Envelopes (34).....	\$	2152.00
Offertory.....	\$	138.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2290.00</b>

## OUR WEEK: ST. JOSEPH

### Money Counting

Monday, October 29, 8:30 a.m.  
Bud Bauer, Dawn Lauer,  
& Elaine Brunner

### Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
Dale Klein

### Gift Bearers

Saturday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
Gerald & Kathy Drier

### Lector

Saturday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
Galen Radle

### Music

Saturday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
Organist: Beth Pattison

### Rosary

Saturday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.  
Dave & Dorothy Anibas

## FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH

Adult Envelopes (26).....	\$	792.00
Offertory.....	\$	156.00
Fuel Fund (1).....	\$	50.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>832.00</b>

## ABOUT THE GOSPEL

Jesus is moved by the needs of a blind man who calls out to him. We too need to be healed in some ways. Perhaps we are hurting or feeling alone or sad. Jesus wants us to believe that he can heal us if we too have faith.

## IN CHURCH

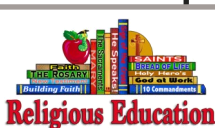
Listen during Mass and try to notice how many times we ask God to forgive or heal us.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you want Jesus to heal for you? Do you believe that he can heal you?

## FAMILY PRAYER

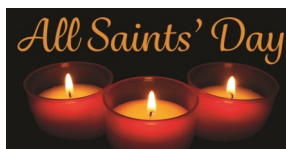
Lord, sometimes we don't even recognize that we need healing. Help us to see where we might be broken and humbly



## Congratulations Kylie

St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parishes congratulate Kylie Tschumperlin who was Confirmed on Sunday, October 21st at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Durand by Bishop William Callahan.

Kylie, as you are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may you share in His peace and goodness and may the Holy Spirit guide you and bring you great joy in all that you do. Congratulations on your Confirmation!



Thursday, November 1st is All Saints Day. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. St. John the Baptist will have Mass at 7:00 p.m. During this Mass we will light the candles for All Souls Day.

The memorial candles will be lit on Saturday, November 3rd during the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's.

# DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK THE CLOCKS

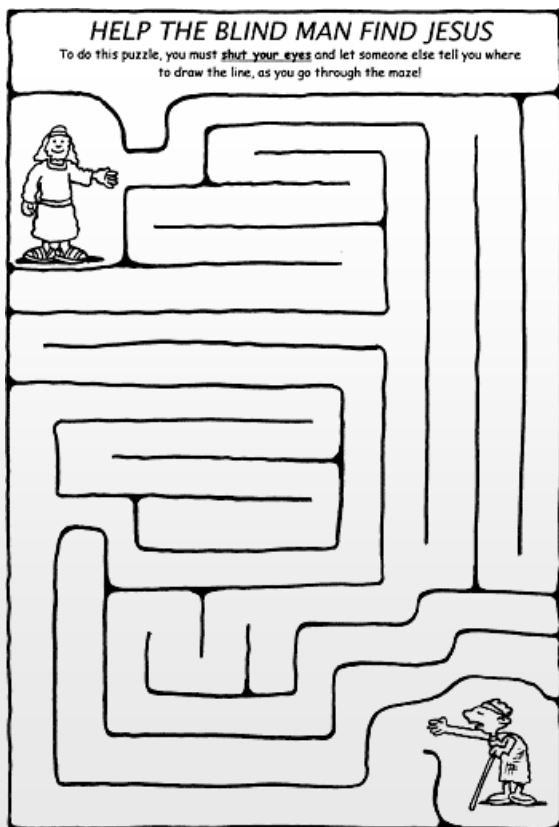
Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 4th



American Red Cross

## PLUM CITY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Blood Drive at the American Legion Hall on Monday, October 29th 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.



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# Spaghetti Dinner

**Friday, November 16, 2018**  
**4:00 - 7:00pm**

All you can eat spaghetti, salad, bread,  
& home-made desserts

Free Will  
Donation

**Plum City American Legion**

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