



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 22, 2017
SAINT MARY’S & SAINT ELIZABETH’S CATHOLIC CHURCHES



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“Knowing their malice, Jesus said, ‘Why are you testing me, you hypocrites.’”

Many professional beekeepers tend their hives without putting on special veils or clothing. How do they avoid being stung? Their technique is simple. They remain perfectly calm and move about slowly and deliberately. This keeps the bees calm and cool. Thus, even when scores of bees land on the keeper’s unprotected skin, the keeper does not yield to panic. Jesus also mastered the virtue of staying calm in heated situations. We see Him do that in today’s Gospel reading, when the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus in speech.

To what extent do we try to remain cool and in control when others attack us . . . even unfairly? Before we respond quickly and imprudently, we should remember that anger is the wind that blows out the lamp of the mind.



Another Reason to Pray the Holy Rosary—
 In this month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary, there are many reasons to pray this time-honored Catholic devotion, including for the sake of the family. Pope Saint John Paul II insisted that we pray the Holy Rosary for the family, which is under attack and in crisis. With the growing numbers of separations and divorces, with the legalization of same-sex marriage, and with so many children without the warmth of the family, now more than ever we must pray the most Holy Rosary. Pope Saint John Paul II loved to quote the Rosary-priest, Father Patrick Peyton: “The family that prays together, stays together.”

Mission Statements

St. Mary’s Parish

Brothers & sisters in Christ, accept as our mission:

Christ Reigns—Our Salvation

Christ Conquers— Our Hope

Christ Commands—Our guide to build the Kingdom of God.

We are all one in Christ Jesus & through Him, strengthen & inspire the faith of our community.

St. Elizabeth’s Parish

Walking in Faith, with Integrity.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saint Mary’s: Before Mass

Saint Elizabeth’s: Before Mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office 9 months prior to wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Meeting with the Priest is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish office.

MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday, October 23

7:00 AM SM—+Father Dignan by Father Gary Benz

Tuesday, October 24

7:00 AM SM— Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

7:30 AM SM +Jake Frank by Florence Frank

6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM SE—+Joseph & +Rose Miller by Loretta Miller

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 PM SM— Special Intention for Kelsey Brown

Thursday, October 26

7:30AM SM— +Clarence & +Cecelia Hornick by Dennis Dorner

Friday, October 27

7:30AM SM— +Adam Krebs & +Lyle Krebs by Gene & Judy Krebs

12PM-3PM SM— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 28

8:30 AM SM—+Florian Urlacher by Cely & Robert Stagl

5:00 PM SM—Herberholz Families by Harvey & Vicki Herberholz

Sunday, October 29

8:30AM SE- +Adam & +Rose Kuntz by Loretta Miller

10:30AM SM—Pro Populo

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

Andy Prokop, Mason Urlacher, Henley Johnson, Duane Grundhauser, Pete Schaefer, Alice Candrian, Jeff Hewson, Marilyn Jacobs, Leo Heck, Ross Thomas, Keith Herold, Arlene Rohr, Brenda Barton, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Jackie Deplanche, Duane Grundhauser, Cely Stagl, Linda Reisenauer, Rose Krebs (SE), Russ Lefor, Lori Lefor, Herbert Emmil, Reggie Gentz, Cindy Martin, Tim Theil, Howard Schiwal, Theresa Decker, Alyssa Binstock, Yvonne Fettig, Dale Reindel, Kim Kuhn, Don Miller, Carla Rohan, Shari Obritsch, Charlotte Krebs, Eugenia Stagl, Bart Rohan, Katherine Splichal, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick, Dorothy Kohl, Colleen Churchill, Thresiamma (Fr. Biju's mom)

Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Archie Jalbert, Benny Benz, Joan Binstock, Joe Wandler, Sylvia Koppinger, Mike Urlacher, Leona Gordon, Ardelle Kovar, Joan Madler, Cecelia Jung, Donnella Koppinger, Marilyn Jeske, Willie Emmil, Frances Heck, Dale Schroeder

Our Deceased Loved Ones +Jeanne Kovar +Bridget Urlacher, +Laura Grundhauser, +Florian Urlacher +Paul Schiwal, + LeRoy Jacobs +Victor Roller +John Herold, + Viola Martin + Viola Neprash +Maggie Schoch, +Rose Lefor, + Mary Ficek + June Stockert +Adeline Bogner +Vern Honeyman, +Kasper Heidt, +Caroline Pechtl, +Jacob Frank,

On the Lighter Side "I never go to church", boasted a fallen-away Catholic to the pastor. "And the reason I don't go is that the church is full of hypocrites." The pastor smiled and calmly said, "Oh, don't let that keep you away. There is always room for one more you know."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Pro Life Pilgrimage to Fargo Monday Oct. 23 following the 7AM Mass**

A Point to Ponder—*The man who tries to prove there is no hell generally has a personal reason for doing so.*

St. Mary's Liturgical Assignments Oct. 28 & 29

MINISTRY	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Connie Jalbert	Kris Ehlis
Mass Servers	Leonard G./Jim K.	Katie S./Molly W.
Eucharistic Ministers	Cely & Robert S.	David & Vivian H.
Gifts	Maddie R.	Gregg & Melanie Fitterer
Rosary Leader	Mary Fitterer	Susan Schmitt
Greeters	Nichols D./Eileen L.	Jake Wolf
Homebound Minister	Toni Jung	Toni Jung

Collection Report St. Mary's Oct. 14 & 15

Adult		Youth
\$ 2021.00	Envelopes	\$ 9.56
\$ 90.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 2120.56	Total	\$
\$ 6486.51	Month	\$ 46.72

St. Elizabeth's Liturgical Assignments October 29

Lector	Elvie
Mass Servers	Elizabeth
Eucharistic Ministers	Trish & Dorita
Gifts	Elvira & Dale
Greeters	Greg & Marsha
Ushers	Arlen L. & Lenny

Collection Report St. Elizabeth's Oct. 15

Adult		Youth
\$ 230.00	Envelopes	\$ 9.00
\$ 70.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$ 309.00	Total	\$
\$ 2042.00	Month	\$ 28.00

Fundamentals of our Catholic Faith, “Why must Catholics pay money for a Mass that is offered up for deceased relatives and friends when the Bible states that the gift of God is not to be purchased with money (cf. Acts of the Apostles, 8:20)?”

Catholics are not compelled to pay for the Masses offered for their particular intentions. They are reminded that giving a stipend (\$10) is merely the custom. Priests will gladly oblige to offer a Mass intention for those who cannot afford to pay the customary stipend. Giving stipends for one’s intentions is a long-established custom because it is only fitting and proper that there should be some token of appreciation for the special service rendered, especially if one believes in the power of the Holy Mass to spiritually benefit one’s loved ones.

Mass intentions are really a form of sacrificial offering. In the Church centuries ago, the custom of the Mass stipend began when faithful Catholics brought gifts to the Sunday Mass, a sign of their gratitude to God, who Himself gives gifts at the Holy Mass, especially the gift of His Son Jesus, present in the Holy Eucharist. The gifts of the faithful at that time included bread and wine, as well as live animals, fruits, and vegetables. These provided for the needs of the pastor and for the needs of the poor as well. By the seventh and eighth centuries, gifts of money became the norm for stipends and the tradition began of the priest accepting a set donation, provided he remembered a particular intention at each Holy Mass.

Some would call this simony, a “purchasing” of spiritual realities. Yet, a stipend is not a mercantile exchange of goods for services. In contrast, it is truly an offering, given freely by the faithful out of their concern for the Church and her material needs. More importantly, a Mass stipend is a totally gratuitous offering, motivated by love of some person or persons (living or deceased). In life or in death, what better way to show our love for them than to offer the abundant graces of the Holy Mass on their behalf?

When you offer a Mass intention in the name of a loved one, try to be present at that Holy Mass when it is offered. It is a reminder of the greatest gift you could offer to them, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. At that Holy Mass, both you and your loved ones will experience the awesome power of God’s grace in a way that no other prayer can offer. Offering a Mass intention on behalf of someone we love reminds them how much we really love them, whether they are living or deceased. The Lord will bless them in their needs, because we cared enough to ask Him.

Pro-life Pilgrimage—A reminder that on **Monday, October 23rd**, we will be going on a pro-life pilgrimage to Fargo. In these Forty Days for Life, we will be praying outside of the abortion mill downtown. Please join us as we pray for the conversion of the abortionists, the clinic staff, and the mothers who come for scheduled abortions. God is pro-life, so in time our prayers will be answered and this clinic will close. Thousands of babies will thank us for our efforts.

It’s Coming!—It is hard to believe, but the Saint Mary’s Fall Festival is only two weeks away! I know that it is a lot of work to plan and execute this great undertaking, but people really enjoy it and it brings people together . . . something that is a lost art in our busy hectic world. On a practical level, it also pays the bills. The proceeds from the Fall Festival essentially keep our parish afloat; it’s a definite life-line! Please be generous with the gifts of your time and effort and know that I am most grateful for your generosity. I was going to bus tables, but I was told that I may be promoted to serve as the official “taste tester” for the meals. Quality control is important; it’s a tough job, but someone has to do it. [Make sure to throw an extra dollop of whipped cream on that pie!].

Need Some Ideas for Memorials? At our parishes, we are investing in some new vestments for the Holy Mass, both chasubles and dalmatics. If you would like to offer to pay for one of these vestments as a memorial in honor of a loved one (living or deceased), please contact Father Gary. We can bless them at the Holy Mass or in a private blessing ceremony in the sacristy. Thank you for your part in adding beauty and dignity to the Holy Mass.

Happy Halloween Please bring your young children to **Treat Street** from **3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the Saint Mary’s School building on **Halloween, October 31st**. There will be plenty of candy for your little ones and maybe some as well for the loveable parish priest. Last week, one of the kids asked if I was jumping the gun on Treat Street, as I already had my Halloween costume on. I have no idea what he meant, as I was not wearing my costume. Can you make sense of this?