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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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October 15, 2023



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

WEEKLY CALENDAR:**Tuesday, October 17th:**

3:45 p.m.—Faith Formation Classes—school

Saturday, October 21st:

3:30 p.m.—Sacrament of Penance—church

FLOWER DONATION:

The main altar arrangement for the week of October 15—21, 2023 has been donated in loving memory of Nicolina DiFasi by John and Therese Brennan and family.

MEMORIALS:

The Votive light before the Icon is burning for the week of Oct. 15—21, 2023 in memory of Theresa Brinthaup by Cathy and David Peckham.

IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

Joel Beaton
Jessica Flear Bradbury
Rita Kruckow
Joseph Long
Robert MacBlane
Robert Mathew
Robert Schrom
Stan Youmans

**BULLETIN NEWS:**

A representative from Liturgical Publications (our bulletin company) will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of our community, we invite you to expand your reach with a printed ad in our weekly bulletin. For information, please call 585-208-0678.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15th, 2023:

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17 18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time:

There are a number of Bible verses Christians have memorized. One of them is in St. Paul's letter to the Philippians found in this weekend's second reading: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Phi. 4:13). Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week:

What challenges do you back away from because you doubt you are up to them?

What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?



Next weekend, Oct. 22nd, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, 2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America and parts of 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 next week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Due to an early bulletin deadline, I am writing this column on Monday, October 2nd, in anticipation of the Columbus Day holiday weekend. We are also anticipating the first update of our support of the annual **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.

One of the most frequently asked questions concerning the Catholic Ministries Appeal is how the monies collected by the appeal are allocated. The following is a list of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allocations:

9% - Serving people in need through Catholic Charities

The CMA provides a subsidy to Catholic Charities to support its regional offices/agencies throughout 12 counties serving the poor, elderly, infirmed, and the most vulnerable in our communities.

32% - Providing Diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions

The CMA provides funding and resources to assist parishes, pastors, staff, Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils, ministers and chaplains in serving the faithful through Liturgical, Urban, Rural, and Multicultural programs and ministries; hospital and jail Chaplaincy, Finance, Human Resources, Facilities Management, Information Technology, Tribunal, Archives, Communication, Stewardship, and Pastoral Planning Services.

7% - Supporting Seminarians, Deacons, and Pastoral Leaders

Your donations to the CMA support the education and professional development of our Seminarians, Deacons, and Pastoral leaders.

5% - Educating our young in the Catholic faith

The CMA helps prepare our youth for fulfilling and faith-centered lives through parish religious education programs, Catholic Schools, Campus Ministry, Sacramental Preparation, young adult and youth ministry programs.

33% - Funding Operations and Support Services

The CMA helps to fund operation of diocesan offices/ministries in the Pastoral Center, including maintenance and capital improvements.

9% - Funding the Ministries of our Pope and Bishop

The CMA gives Catholics the opportunity to extend their reach beyond their parish boundaries to support Vatican Ministries, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, New York State Catholic Conference, the work of Bishop Matano, and the lay advisory councils that guide Diocesan-wide decisions.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 16 Weekday Mamie Woodard—Peggy Woodard
Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 17—St. Ignatias of Antioch, Bishop/Martyr Mary Young—Raymond Wawrzusin
Wednesday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 18—St. Luke the Evangelist Les Reimsnyder—daughter Nancy
Thursday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 19— John Charles Cook—E.M. Pfaff & son
Friday: 6:45 A.M.	Oct. 20—Weekday Our faithful departed
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.	Oct. 21—Weekday Teri Guardi— Bob
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Lantzy—Ann Gresock Ellen Baker—The White family

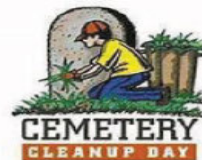
Pastors' perspective continued:**5%- Supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign**

It costs five cents to raise one dollar for the CMA, well below the nonprofit industry average. A portion of funds raised through the CMA is used to develop and execute fundraising efforts associated with the appeal, including professional expertise, staffing, gift and data processing, promotional materials and postage.

All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries outlined above. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy settlement costs associated with abuse.

I hope you find this information helpful as you consider your gift to this year's appeal. Have a great week. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr. L.



Please remove all spring and summer decorations and flowers from the cemetery by Sunday, November 5th. Holiday decorations are allowed from November 15th through March 1st. Spring and summer decorations/flowers are allowed from March 15th through November 1st. Any items you do not wish to be discarded should be removed by November 5th.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. However, do you realize that the United States is actually considered a "mission country" because we need more priests and sisters in the United States than we produce? Yes, we are now a mission country.

Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSIONS:

God of every nation, you commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up your commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel.

Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding. Change our hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be.

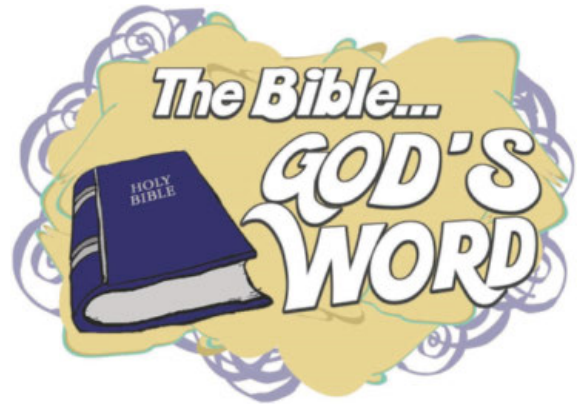
We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of your Gospel. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: "What is the relationship between political and divine authority?" Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion.

If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.



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KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS:

I don't have children, however at the Easter vigil this past year, 2 kids that were sitting behind me had this conversation. The youngest asked the oldest "How did He [Jesus] die?" The oldest answered, "they killed him and now they can't find him." The youngest asked in excitement "Let's go find him...he has to be hiding around here somewhere." Obviously someone paid attention in church! But yet, the innocence of a child can really be thought provoking for adults. Jesus is hiding around here...it's just a matter of finding Him.

One-liner:

What do you call a priest in charge of the school play?

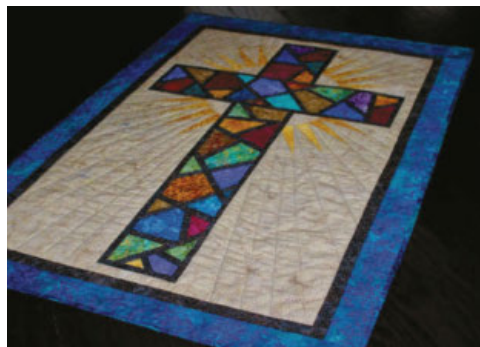
The spiritual director.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES QUILTING GROUP

St. Mary Our Mother Prayers and Squares quilting group is back. Our group meets to make lap quilts for our ill family members and friends. Once the quilt is made our St. Mary Our Mother School's 5th grade students help us tie the quilts and our 4th grade students pray the rosary over the finished quilts.

We meet twice a month and would welcome anyone who would like to help make the quilts. No experience is necessary.

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