



# SAINT MARY

## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

*A Journey in Faith — To Love and Serve the Lord*

FOUNDED 1890

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • October 10th, 2021

Beloved brothers and sisters,

A **MISER IN** France used to keep all his gold and precious property in a cellar under the floor of his house. One day he went down through a secret trap-door at the top of the cellar to gloat over his treasure. But the trap-door banged down so that he could not get out. No one in the house knew about the cellar so the miser could not be found by anyone. People searched all over the place. After a long time they gave up and the house was sold. The new people who bought the house wanted to rebuild. Down came the old building and the cellar was found. When it was opened, the body was found sitting at a table with all the gold glittering around it. The poor man had even eaten a candle before dying of hunger.

**THIS SUNDAY GOSPEL** presents us with a different picture. A young man, very religious-minded, wants to possess what he considers the most important in life to make him happy. He calls it eternal life. Considering Jesus a good and reliable teacher, the young man approaches Him with a request for help. At first, Jesus is very matter of fact and quotes for him the most common and at the same time the most basic requirement: the Ten Commandments. This is no new stuff for the fervent youth. His answer, “Teacher, all these things I have observed from my youth,” lays bare the earnestness of his heart. And Jesus, seeing the beauty of an earnest soul, immediately loves him. But departing from general requirements, Jesus zeroes in on the personal and the concrete: “But you lack one thing” - poverty, detachment from wealth and the freedom it brings. Jesus hits the nail on the head, showing where the youth is deficient and indicating what he should do: “Get rid of everything and follow me”.

**IT IS THE** young man’s undoing. For he has great possessions and he is attached to them. That proves to be his stumbling block. At this, gloom spreads over his face and he goes away sad. In Zeffereilli’s Jesus of Nazareth, this is one of the most pathetic and haunting scenes. Jesus’ pithy remark cannot be improved. “How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God”. This strongly contrasts with the first picture, where we have absolute detachment and hence contentment in place of attachment and the consequent disillusionment. In the ensuing dialogue with His disciples, Jesus identifies the Kingdom of God with His own person. Those who have left everything for the sake of Jesus and His Gospel will be rewarded beyond all measure and imagination.

**IN JESUS, THE** Word of God and the wisdom of God converge and concretize. The person of Jesus is the Word and Wisdom of God, at whose command and for whose sake one abandons everything and be happy. What happens when one gives up one’s possessions? The moment one is ready to give up one’s possessions, one will be liberating oneself from the clutches of wealth and all that wealth can offer. From that moment wealth ceases to be a source of power, position, influence. To such a person, earthly treasures can never dictate terms. It is from this point of view that we have to understand the invitation of Jesus. His invitation is a call to experience freedom, peace, joy and happiness, which wealth cannot offer.

**THEREFORE, WE ARE** invited to detach ourselves from our safe comfort zones, to lead true and authentic Christian lives. If we are in search of eternal life, we have to attach ourselves to God and His plan for us. If we use our earthly treasures, wealth, fame and power, against God’s plan for us, then these assets of ours will make us unfit for eternal life. Jesus, who asked the rich young man to give up possessions, offered Himself and all that He had into the hands of His Father. We are called to follow His path if we want to attain eternal life, a life of real freedom and endless bliss. May God bless all of you and your families.

Fr. Tomy

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

Will be available again on the **3rd weekend of the month**. Members will be available after all masses to pray for you or for a loved one. We will be waiting for you in the front pews after mass. **(masks are requested please)**

### LET US PRAY FOR YOU!

Are you called to pray for others? Talk to a team member after Mass to find out more or call Faith Formation

### EXPOSITION, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Has your heart ever been so heavily weighed down with sorrow———that you didn’t have the strength or desire, even to talk? Come sit with Jesus.

Unite your heart to His.

Fridays from 1-5:00pm

Benediction at 4:50pm



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**Council President:** Larry Chludzinski  
Council meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

**WORSHIP**

Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**Chairperson:** Jerri Somervell  
Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Chairperson:** Mike Ciarelli  
Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

**FINANCE**

**Chairperson:** Keith Hughes  
Commission meeting is the third Tuesday of the month.

**BAPTISMS** Please call the Parish Office to arrange for your child's baptism.

**MARRIAGES** Arrangements may be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date. You must also be a Parishioner six months previously.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Individual Confession  
on Saturdays between 9:00am & 4:00pm-4:50pm  
Mondays 6:30-6:55 pm, & Wednesdays 8:30am-8:55am  
or anytime upon request by calling the Parish Office.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS**

**Sun Oct 10th**

**Youth Mass 5pm-6pm**  
**Confirmation Class 6pm-7pm**

Mon Oct 11th

EDGE Grades 6-7-8

Tue & Wed Oct 12th & 13th

Faith Formation Grades K-5

Mon Oct 18th

EDGE Grades 6-7-8

Tue & Wed Oct 19th & 20th

Faith Formation Grades K-5

Mon Oct 24th

EDGE Grades 6-7-8

Tue & Wed Oct 25th & 26th

Faith Formation Grades K-5

**LADIES, YOU'RE INVITED! CONNECT COFFEE**

Why is it so hard for us to be content with what we've got? The women of *Walking with Purpose* invite you to join us in viewing the next video of the *Discovering Our Dignity* series, *Leah And Rachel - Dignity Without Comparison*. Come as you are, and discover the source of true lasting security!

**October 19, 10:00 am to Noon, in parish hall or**  
**October 21, 7:00-9:00 pm, Rm. 5**

Are you running around with a restless heart, so busy with everyone and everything that finding time in the day for your relationship with God is simply impossible? If so, we'd love for you to us for strong coffee and great conversation as we view the *Opening Your Heart* video, *God - First Place in All Things*. No previous experience is necessary. Just come as you are and discover the key to a peaceful and centered heart, no matter how crazy and messy your life is!

**October 19, 7:00-9:00 pm, Rm. 5**

More info: Colleen in Faith Formation or  
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“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**Sheepish Question:**

Which of God's rules have I ignored or broken lately?



## WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE

On October 11 we honor Pope Saint John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In *Pacem in Terris* (or *Peace on Earth*), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the barest necessities of life.

**Your challenge this week** is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much, if you over-use resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world.

### PART 1: IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME!

The word **kerygma** is a Greek word that refers to the first or primary proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, the **kerygma** is what we lead with—the core message—when proclaiming the Gospel. To be **kerygmatic**, then, is to effectively proclaim the Gospel in a way that consistently highlights and reinforces the core message of the Gospel.

And what is that core message?

Namely, that **in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we find new life, also referred to as salvation, fullness of life, and eternal life.** There is no one way to articulate the **kerygma**. However, the message must be a brief, bold, to-the-point, inspiring proclamation of Jesus Christ designed to **transform hearts and minds**. A good example of the **kerygma** is the oft-quoted passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, NIV)

The word **kerygma** is not new and can be traced to the life of the early Church. However, in recent years, the importance of the **kerygma** in the life of the Church—especially in faith formation—has taken on a more prominent and urgent role as we seek ways to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ more effectively to an increasingly secular world. We can no longer assume that people know who Jesus is and know why they should follow him; we need to "make our case." We need to introduce people to Jesus Christ and explain how we ourselves have been transformed by a relationship with Christ and his Church. More next week...

~ Joe Paprocki, D.Min.



## MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY! FEAST DAY OCT. 11

Among the many legacies (including calling together Vatican II) of **Pope St. John XXIII** is a joy-filled, practical spirituality. A lifelong diarist, he often used his personal writings (collected in *Journey of a Soul*) to reflect on his progress in the spiritual life, and to set goals for himself.

One of those writings has come to be known as "*The Daily Decalogue of Pope John XXIII*." The Decalogue lists ten spiritual goals "only for today," and it's just as suitable for kids (and parents!) today as it was for the pope. If you want to try working it into your morning family prayer routine or enhance your journaling, here it is:

1. **Only for today**, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
2. **Only for today**, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.
3. **Only for today**, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
4. **Only for today**, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
5. **Only for today**, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
6. **Only for today**, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
7. **Only for today**, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
8. **Only for today**, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.
9. **Only for today**, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
10. **Only for today**, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.



# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

## ST. MARY PARISH CHARITABLE OUTREACH

AS PART OF our vision as a Parish, we have sought to be a service both within and outside the Parish. Each month we distribute 6% of our weekly collections to various charities.

BELOW IS OUR Charitable Outreach for the month of August.

### LOCAL

Community Sharing	\$ 600.00
HOPE WARMING CENTER	\$ 500.00
Hospitality House	\$ 600.00
LACASA (Livingston Area Council Against Spousal Abuse)	\$ 500.00
Lighthouse	\$ 500.00
Mary's Mantle	\$ 600.00
Pope Francis Center	\$ 500.00
St. Dominic Outreach	\$ 477.39
St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 600.00

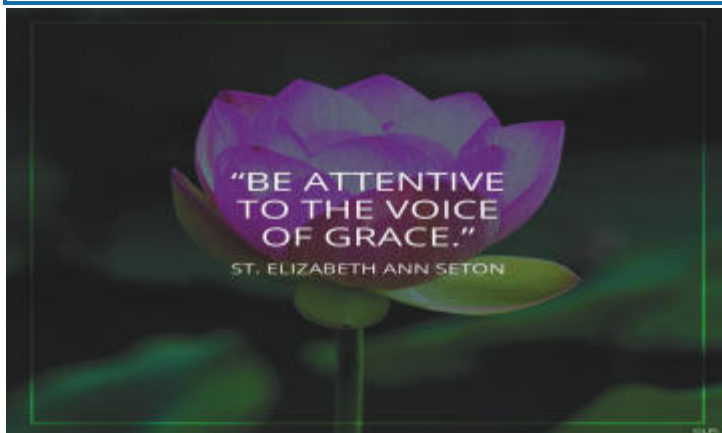
**TOTAL** \$4,777.39

### NATIONAL

Catholic Charities USA	\$1,149.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,149.55</b>

### INTERNATIONAL

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 574.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 574.77</b>



## DAYTIME GRIEF/LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Begins: Thursday, October 21st  
And will meet every Thursday for 8 sessions  
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Room 6, 7, 8  
Registration **IS** required.

Please call the parish office at 248-685-1482 to register.

If you have questions, or are in need of additional information, please contact  
Marisa Vitali (248)676-0885 or  
Pat Zoch (248) 360-6666

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**St. Mary**  
Our Lady of the Snows

### Blanket Drive for the Homeless

September 25th-October 31st  
(St. Mary Courtyard Lobby area)

Donate new or gently used,  
freshly laundered  
blankets, bed sheets,  
hats and gloves.

(Requesting that all items  
donated are stored in a plastic bag)

Drive will take place on  
Saturday, November 13th in Flint, Michigan





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Flint, MI 48503  
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## KNIGHT NEWS



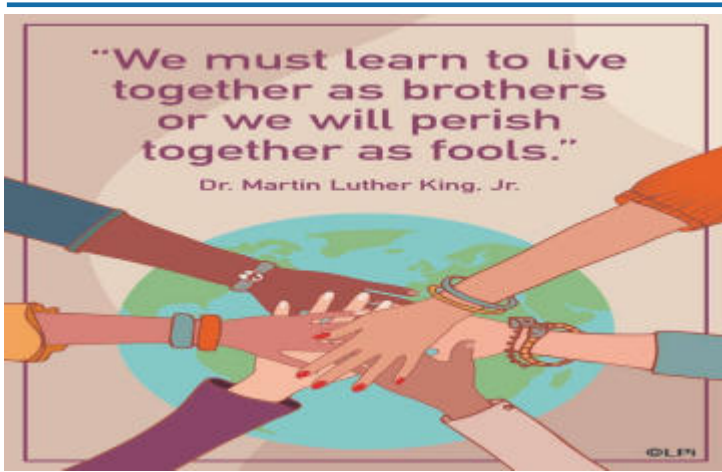
**MY BROTHER KNIGHTS:** A call to arms Brother Knights. Our parish is in desperate need of Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Greeters and Ushers. For those of you that have returned to mass in person, you will notice how few of these volunteers we have. Many of you filled those positions before the parish shutdown last year. We need you back. I see many Usher badges with names that I recognize. Please return to help. And if you have not served before, contact the Parish Office and sign up. We are a Council of volunteering and serving. I look forward to seeing our Brother Knights stepping up to help.

**FROM FULTON J. Sheen:** "Eve was given to Adam as a helpmate and failed him beneath the tree. Mary, giving birth to God Incarnate, ministered to Him in infancy, followed Him to Calvary, and stood by the tree of the Cross as the helpmate who failed not."

**Enjoy Sunday with your family.**

Gus LaRuffa - PGK (248) 912-7406

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7444



## HEALTH MINISTRY

### HEALTH TIDBIT

**Pumpkin Seeds;** These jack-o'-lantern waste products are the most nutritious part of the pumpkin. Downing pumpkin seeds is the easiest way to consume more magnesium. That's important because French researchers recently determined that men with the highest levels of magnesium in their blood have a 40 percent lower risk of early death than those with the lowest levels. And on average, men consume 353 mg of the mineral daily, well under the 420 mg minimum recommended by the USDA. How to eat them? Whole, shells and all. (The shells provide extra fiber.) Roasted pumpkin seeds contain 150 mg of magnesium per ounce; add them to your regular diet and you'll easily hit your daily target of 420 mg. Look for them in the snack or health-food section of your grocery store, next to the peanuts, almonds, and sunflower seeds

## PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

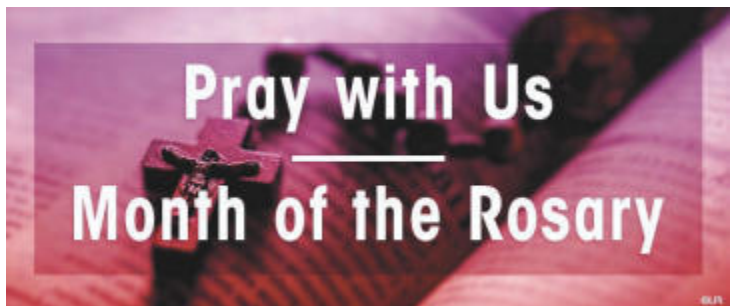
**PLEASE JOIN US** on Saturday, October 16, at 12:00 noon, in the church parking lot, where we will gather to pray the Rosary in honor of the Mother of God ----- and our Heavenly Mother. This year, we will again be praying with people in over 20,000 prayer rallies that will take place in the United States. We will be praying: in reparation for the sins of America; that our national leaders seek to honor God's law and the laws of our country; for an end to abortion, human trafficking, hatred and the pandemic; for a solution to the immigration issue; for Christians and people being persecuted in Afghanistan; for those affected by the natural disasters. We pray especially for our children, that God will protect them from the secularist agenda. And we pray for our Catholic Church. May Our Lord grant it victory over its enemies and -----convert them. We pray for protection for our families and loved ones and also our Police and First Responders. We ask Our Lord and Our Lady for the conversion of America, so that it may fulfill its historic mission. **WE HAVE SO MUCH TO PRAY FOR. PUBLIC PRAYER GETS RESULTS:** Massive Rosary Processions have saved countries, as in Vienna, Austria, at the end of WW II when the communist invaders packed up and left. Large scale Public Rosaries were credited with foiling a communist takeover in Brazil in 1964. Pro-life Catholics have peacefully prayed the Rosary in front of abortion clinics for decades, decreasing the number of abortions and saving lives. If the Rosary saved these countries, it can save America. St. Louis de-Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His Mercy; and Holy Mother Church guided by the Holy Ghost, has advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." Please bring your family and friends, especially your children to our prayer rally. It is their future we must insure. Bring a lawn chair if you are unable to stand and dress warmly (according to the weather). If we have inclement weather on that day, we will pray in the church. If you are unable to attend, please pray in union with us at home or wherever you may be. God Bless Us and America. Any questions, call: Arlene at 248-685-3933.

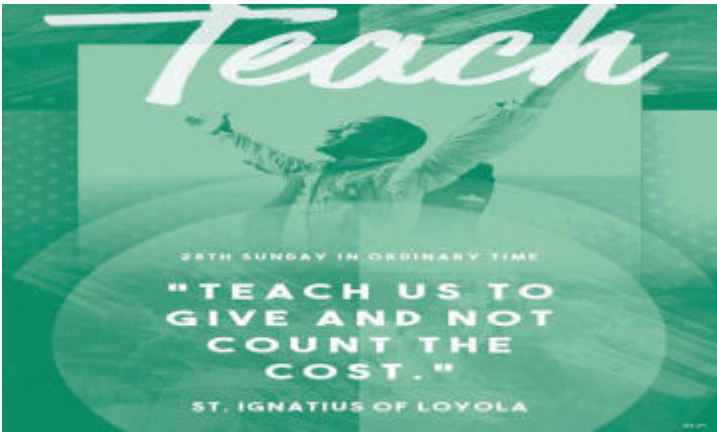
Until next week,

Love & Prayers,

Arlene Loehr

P. S. Make a difference in the world. Help America to turn back to God and be worthy of His Protection and Blessings. Pray the Rosary.





**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -**  
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**If Heaven were like Harvard**

**THERE'S NO GETTING** around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

**WHEN YOU THINK** about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven – things like charity and justice and courage – should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

**THE SAME IS** true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

**BUT HERE WE** get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

**MAY WE PRAY** for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MT ©LPi

**NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGY**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Introduction**

**IN TAKING ON** humanity, Jesus became like us in all ways but sin. He experienced heartache and sorrow, joy and affirmation, challenge and rejection. He suffered many things, but His message never wavered. He came as a servant in our midst, willing to accept His human lot, to transform all things with His submission to the will of the Father. His message to His disciples is clear: If you want to follow Me, you must be a servant to all.



"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- Isaiah 53:10-11 The suffering servant will find light in the fullness of days.
- Ps 33 Our Lord is justice and mercy, worthy of our trust.
- Hebrews 4:14-16 Jesus shared in the challenge of humanity.
- Mark 10:35-45 Power is found in serving the needs of others.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

**IN TODAY'S GOSPEL**, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow Me."

*St. Vincent de Paul is in desperate need of donated furniture, our furniture barn is just about completely empty. If you have any gently used couches, chairs, lamps, tables or anything that could help someone (or a family) to start over again, please call the Parish office at 248-685-1482. Sometimes we all need a little help in life!*

*Please note that ALL MONIES and ITEMS donated to St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul remain in this area, and are used to assist local families in need.*

**IF YOU HAVE** questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Julie Jacobs at (248) 396-2857.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Arlene Banka  
Samantha Barlow  
Karen Beck  
Nancy Beck  
Bob Behmer  
Bernadine Bettley  
Shirley Bible  
Tammy Bidwell  
Patricia Billinghurst  
Raymond Billinghurst  
Mel Boomer  
Amy Nowicki Boyers  
Tom Buckley  
Sharon Callahan  
Sarah Campione  
Marguerite Carlise  
Pete Cenzer  
Chuck Chidsey  
Trevor Cline  
Jodie Courtney  
Cheryl Crawford  
Cliff & Mary Cunningham  
Susan Daurety  
Mary Jane DeCender  
Rick & Russ DeLong  
Mario DelPup  
Thomas DeWitt  
John Dickey  
Dolores Donnellon  
Laura Drahozal  
Mary Finnegan  
Andrea Foster  
Thomas Fuja  
Natalina Gaviglio  
Bev Golden  
Pat Greenless  
Lori Haile  
George Hayden  
Dennis Henry  
Ann Marie Howard  
Virginia Iaconelli  
Jackie Johnson  
Casey Jones  
Tom Jones  
Sam Kirk  
Ellen Kobylski  
Delaney Kraemer  
Barb Kuehnl  
Rose LaBorde  
Tom LaFave  
Patricia & Ronald LaFrance  
Becky Lamb  
Greg Lemanski  
David Liscinsky  
Aldona & Stan Manvydas  
Christina McCarthy  
Joe Mills  
Adam Moore  
Earl & Pat Moore  
Charlotte Moss  
Rose Marie Nardone  
Dennis O'Brien  
Janice Oleszczak  
Mary Pernak  
Alex Petkus  
Mike Polcyn  
Don & Marilyn Ponto

Karl Prescher  
Anthony Prudhomme  
Fran Rabideau  
Cindy Rashid  
Robert Reid  
Paula Reynolds  
Rex Richmond  
Katie of Riverview  
Marilyn & John Rogers  
Henry Rossi  
Connie Salvati  
Eileen Sausa  
Gloria Schulte  
Karen Scott  
Joy Shick  
Edna Skop  
Jerry Snyder  
Anne Sordyl  
Scott Soukup  
Philip Stapleton  
Kristin Stoneback  
Toni Strauss  
Shirley Teasdale  
Bob Thompson  
Bob Tomczyk  
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**Weekend Masses**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday : 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 noon

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Cancelled until further notice

**Nursery -Closed until further notice**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday: 7:00 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday: 9:00 a.m.  
Sat., 8:30 am

**Holy Day Masses**

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, October 11th, 7:00pm **Fr. George presiding**

† Lorraine Piechowiak, req. by: Her Daughter-Sue

† A needy soul in Purgatory, req. by: Thomas M. Lesniak

Tuesday, October 12th, 9:00 am **Fr. George presiding**

† Giuseppe & Itala Gaviglio, req. by: Family

† A needy soul in Purgatory, req. by: Mark S. Berlin

Wednesday, October 13th, 9:00am **Fr. George presiding**

~For Caregivers, (blessings to you) req. by: People of St. Mary

Thursday, October 14th **NO MASS**

Friday, October 15th, 9:00 am

† Carrie Boomer, req. by: Phyllis McCusker

Saturday, October 16th

8:30 am (presider) Fr. Tomy

† A needy soul in Purgatory, req. by: Francine G. Lesniak

5:00 PM (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Amelia Battaglieri, req. by: Family

† Gerilyn Marie Law, req. by: Aunt Eleanor

† Dennis Bagley, req. by: Jackie Bagley

Sunday, October 17th

8:00 am (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Marion & James Johnese, req. by: Family

† Austin Killebrew, req. by: His Family

† Anne Sordyl, req. by: Rose & Bob Minasian

10:00 am (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Harold Shura, (1st anniversary) req. by: Mary Shura & Family

~Patrick & Katie Elliott, req. by: Mary & Greg Elliott

† Mary Lou Messana, req. by: Donald & Mary Ann Quashnie

12:00 Noon (presider) Fr. Tomy

† Dennis Bagley, req. by: SVDP Society Members

† Carrie Boomer, req. by: Barbara & Tom Connelly

~People of St. Mary

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

On behalf of the Parish Family of St. Mary, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayerful reassurances to the family and friends of:

**BARBARA MULLEN**  
(Wife of Jim Mullen)

**MARY LOU MESSANA**  
(Husband of Rocco Messana)

**Jean Heartmann**  
(Mother of Doris Anderson)

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

Thank you so much for your great generosity and open-hearted support of St. Mary.

Our annual budget is based on contributions each week of \$20,365.00. The contributions for last weekend were \$24,607.00

This amount includes On Line Giving donations. **THANK YOU!**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 10, 2021—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

**BIASES AND PREJUDICES** usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

**CONTEMPORARIES OF JESUS** would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust. ©LPi

## Public Square Rosary

Saturday, October 16, 2021

12 Noon



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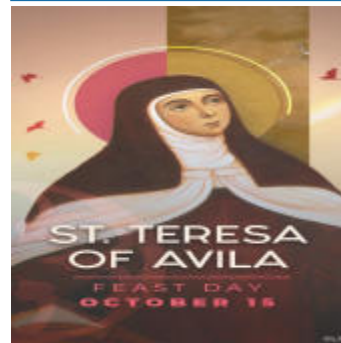
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**St. Teresa of Ávila**  
(Feast Day October 15th)  
ST. TERESA OF Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored

a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

**THE FIRST OF** only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa’s ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul’s journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the “Way of Perfection” and “The Interior Castle,” have helped generations of believers.

**ST. TERESA OF** Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. ©LPi

## Lakes Area Right to Life



**FOR THE PAST** month we placed a special prayer emphasis on our relationship with St. Joseph who took Mary and Jesus out of Bethlehem into Egypt when threatened.

Men instinctively want to protect and the Knights of Columbus organizations, especially the one we have at St. Mary’s, have responded to that call. They are our today **HEROES**. They have supported Right to Life in many ways like contributing towards buying ultrasound machines for clinics and centers. They save lives! Consider joining the Knights, endorsed by the Lakes Area Right to Life. Rise up men and answer the call! There is nothing more loving than savings lives.

**FOR GOD GAVE** us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7

Pam Dawson



## MIRED IN GRIEF, A WRITER FINDS A MEASURE OF PEACE IN A DESERT CHAPEL.

**HOW DO I** begin writing about prayer when I have not felt like praying?

It's not that I'm angry at God. It's not that I'm indifferent to prayer. But sometimes there's a heaviness to suffering that only silence can hold. There are times when words fall short. Instead of rising from my lips, as my prayers once did, now they sink like stones, collecting on the ocean floor of my family's pain. The tide betrays a rocky shore, remnants of my efforts, all those sunken words. In the morning, I'll cast them into the ocean again. Grief, in this sense, is pure mysticism. There is a weight to my words because my mom passed away unexpectedly last February. She was 60 years old—healthy with no existing medical conditions. But her pure and loving heart stood no match against a cardiac arrhythmia that took her in her sleep.

**JUST A FEW** months before, we were dancing on my wedding day, all three of her and Dad's children to be married within the same year. We felt that her best days awaited her, before a seeming glitch in the grand design stole her away. As I write this, having found out two days ago that my wife and I will be having a child, I am simultaneously filled with wonder over the miracle of life and with a deep ache that just one more year with my mom would have fulfilled her dream of becoming a grandmother.

**SOME DREAMS WILL** never be. There is no why, no explanation, no resolve. These are our own crucifixions. So, what does prayer look like when words fall short, in the anguish of our own Garden of Gethsemane? What happens when our words sink into a dense expanse and are coughed up with the tide?

### Desert Healing

**LAST SUMMER, MY** wife and I finally went on our long-awaited honeymoon that the pandemic delayed. One day, the blazing sun in Sedona, Arizona, rose above the red rocks and invited us to a day of hiking. We soon discovered that surrounding wildfires had forced authorities to close the parks and trails.

**WE DROVE AROUND** dismayed, then saw a sign for a place called the Chapel of the Holy Cross. Why not check it out? Our day's plans had been derailed anyway. When we walked into the chapel overlooking the red rock buttes and scorching sandstone, not even the scrambling tourists and blatant disregard for "no photos" signs in the chapel could drown my awe. As beautiful as the chapel and its location were, what captured my gaze was the 30-foot bronze crucifix raised high. It was almost as if Jesus' broken body flowed downward into the golden trunk of a tree that climbed upward. Its branches stretched above Christ's head, adorned with 12 leaves, paralleling St. Bonaventure's image of the Tree of Life. Here was paradise and trauma intertwined, victory and horror colliding, Eden and Golgotha flowing outward into this very moment in time. Somehow, it was enough.

**WE SAT IN** a pew, somewhat distracted by the couple taking a selfie at the crucifix as if it were a national monument. "Should we light a candle for your mom?" my wife eventually asked.

"Yeah," I said, rising to my feet.

**I LIT THE** wick of a votive candle. My wife held my arm, "Do you want to say a prayer?"

"No," I responded. I did not have the words.

**SOMEWHAT SELF-CONSCIOUS** that I could not even offer up a prayer for my own mother, we exited the chapel. I stopped when I saw a humble green statue that no one seemed to notice. It was St. Francis, always seeming to show up in my weakest moments, perhaps because he realized poverty made us strong in Christ. Francis, one of the few saints depicted without a book or scroll in his hands, did his own kind of *Lectio Divina* before the crucifix. So did his spiritual sister, St. Clare, most notably before the San Damiano Cross. I could not utter a word in that chapel, yet I was taking part in a great Franciscan tradition without realizing it.

**SOMETIMES ICONS, SYMBOLS,** nature, and art can take us where words cannot. We read them by allowing them to read us. This, I think, is its own kind of prayer. On the way down the mountain, having felt something in my soul that had been mostly numb since February, I took a photo of the chapel.

**MY CAMERA CAPTURED** something I hadn't noticed in the glare of the sun: a sun dog bending over the chapel, almost like an eye gazing outward toward the heavens. I look at the photo often. It reminds me of the bronze crucifix and its outward gaze upon my life, as the cross somehow contains all the prayers I cannot yet pray.

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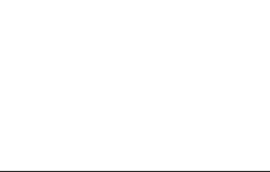
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