



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 15, 2017 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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I try my best to live as God asks, but I make a lot of mistakes and I don't always feel God's presence. How can I know that God loves me?

Most people, at one time or another, find themselves asking this very question. There comes a time in any developing spirituality and awareness of God when it is necessary to ask the question and then come to a faith conviction that we are, indeed, loved.

When we ask ourselves the question, "Does God love me?" we are also asking ourselves, "Do I love me?" It is very hard for the average person to answer that question, but for those who have a tendency to dwell on every mistake, even after receiving forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation or who hold themselves to a standard of perfection, it can be even more difficult. They may find themselves asking, "How can God love me when I have all of these thoughts and these feelings? Surely my life is displeasing to God."

God loved you first. God's love started everything off. Because God first loved you, he gave you life. God does love you, no matter what you have done, and he offers forgiveness and mercy through reconciliation when you are truly sorry. There is nothing you can possibly do to make God stop loving you. When God loves, he loves for keeps. He will not change. He will always be faithful in his love for you. That is why the Bible tells us: "God is love."

Adapted from Understanding Scrupulosity by Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR

Masses for the Week

October 16th - 22nd

Tues	1:00 pm	Joe O'Reilly (IO) (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Bob & Margaret Hinton (DH)
Thurs	9:30 am	Martha Elder (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Harold Bland (LB)
Sat	5:00 pm	Pat Flood
	7:00 am	Wayne Henning (MW)
	10:00 am	Margaret Shembari (FR)

Stewardship of Finance

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,704.00
Building Fund.....	\$40.00
Children.....	\$1.00
Loose change for the Poor.....	\$42.00

Parish Financial Summary July-September, 2017

Total Income	\$123,400
Total Expenses	\$133,300
	- \$ 9,900

Thank you for your financial stewardship!

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Brian.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Brian.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm; every Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Brian for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Ministers of the Liturgy - October 21st & 22nd

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Amy Flood Shelly Jeffries	2 Volunteers needed	C-Jim Bland* C-Sam Bland S-Will Bland S-Davy Brumfield	Claire Flood Haley Weise	Minnie Nimmo	Pippa
7:00 am	Amelia Anthony Janet Bland	Jim Heavin	C-Blake Flood* C-Byron Flood S-Michael Flood S-Doug Flood	Darrian Flood Morgan Tabor	Crystal Greenwell	Pippa
10:00 am	Katheryn Ables Sally Hinton Sandra Hinton Tabetha Walz	Betsy Anthony Jennifer Payne	C-Patrick Critchelow* C-Greg Hinton S-Bill Monin S-Jim Sills	Becca Walz Logan Walz	Sandy Horsley	P.J./Choir Cantor George
Radio Minister: Randy Howard		Children's Liturgy: Andrea Masterson & Jennifer Pile				



"The food is on the table. Dinner is served. Come and eat!" Jesus tells about a great king preparing a banquet, and sending invitations. And everybody came? NO! His invitations were ignored, and rejected! After that, the king sends messengers **into the streets to gather up and draw in every one along the way** to come enjoy his banquet. Even though some people rejected him, the King still has reason to celebrate and a lot of food and drink to celebrate with, so broaden the invitation! Open wide the doors! This sounds like what Jesus

encountered when he first invited the Temple Priests and Pharisees to join His Banquet of Mercy. They rejected His reform movement, so Jesus takes the Good News to the streets and villages!

Today's parable reminded me of a news account I read over the summer of a **cancelled wedding in Indianapolis**. The bride responded to this rejection by not cancelling all the grand reception and wedding dinner party that was scheduled. **No, she opened it up and invited local homeless citizens to come enjoy her prepared banquet.** As reported in Indianapolis' paper, the IndyStar on July 13, 2017, a bride-to-be, Sarah Cummins, facing a cancelled wedding in two weeks, decided to at least bring some joy to someone. Confronting the dashed hope of her wedding that never happened, and her own broken heart, she wanted at least one good memory from the time, so she decided to keep the party on and invite the poor and homeless to share in a banquet! She contacted Dayspring Center Homeless Shelter, and others, to gather up guests to come enjoy a free night of dinner and music at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, a suburb north of Indianapolis. Complete with a live band, some 170 homeless persons enjoyed a dinner of bourbon-glazed meatballs, goat cheese and roasted garlic bruschetta, chicken breast with artichokes and Chardonnay cream sauce. And to top off the meal, they had enjoyed a slice of wedding cake, and punch! This story sounds like the king in Jesus' parable that won't take no for answer! Or at least not as an answer to whether He himself keeps joy or not! The guests who rejected the invitation experience the loss, but the banquet goes on! Bring in more guests; nothing is going to hold this king down. Nothing will take away His joy or frustrate His purpose!

Yet, at this point in the parable an interesting thing happens about one man singled out and sent away from the banquet because of what he was wearing. Apparently, his clothing was so distinctive and stood out that he upstaged, and appeared to take the place of the groom, So, he was thrown out for the grandstanding! We read in Matthew 22: 11 & 13 that "when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment....so the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside". People ask about this strange detail being unfair because the king had just pulled in everyone from the street (bad and good alike-vs 10). But I point out that the king did address the man, yet the man did not respond at all. So it may have been able to be worked out, if the insulting presumption by the guest was admitted and corrected. The 'incident' of 'what one wears' and 'whether one responds or not' are added details to the parable to **communicate the point that not 'just anything goes' at the king's banquet.** Keeping in mind that the king's banquet symbolizes the kingdom of God, there are simple common standards and conditions that affect everyone. The first would be to accept the king's expectation/gift of a special robe to identify oneself and the second would be to humbly respond with gratitude to any of the king's requests or questions. That detail of specific wedding garments, meant that a simple covering, jacket or cloak would be given to guests to identify them as all celebrating together the same occasion. Such markings kept the focus on the host's purpose and occasion. This prevent 'party crashers' from spoiling the celebration, much like we identify birthday guests by handing

out 'noisemakers' to them or giving special birthday hats! Or think of black glasses and top hats at New Year's Eve parties or at Mardi Gras Parties giving guests purple, gold and green beads to wear! By the man not having the proper wedding garment on, he drew attention to himself over all the other guests. That was an insulting affront to the host and his occasion. But the king did address him and offer opportunity to explain or properly change. I find this detail to announce that humility and gratitude are called for in regard to any gift or invitation. The man who was bounced, presumed his 'entitlement', as if he was barging into the banquet like it was his own show. I imagine he could have remained had he humbly accepted the 'standard cloak to wear' or even after being confronted, just expressed his regret over being presumptuous and thanked the host for the gratuitous hospitality, food and drink! Jesus is just calling his followers to not ever take for granted the grace of God. If we are invited and accept the invitation, thank God. If we are just dragged in afterward, thank God. Always, thank God! What gets us invited and keeps us with Jesus, is gratitude and humility Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:3 "unless you change and become as children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

At the end of the Year of Mercy last November, Pope Francis wrote a letter to us all titled '**Misericordia et Misera**' basically saying, "There is no end to Mercy! Keep on, and let Mercy roll" (Amos 5:24). Pope Francis wrote in the letter, "**I greatly desire that God's word be increasingly celebrated, known and disseminated among us,** so that the mystery of love streaming from this font of mercy may be ever better understood.....It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on **one Sunday of the liturgical year,** could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused (#7). So, today is called "Scripture Sunday"! The Diocese created some Bible-Blue Bookmarks to give you, which outline a great scripture reading exercise known as 'Lectio Divina', or 'Spiritual Reading". Pick them up from the pews and keep them in your Bible and Prayer Book Devotionals.

Also, while on his recent papal trip to Columbia, Francis addressed the importance of the Bible in every Christian's life. He brought up both St Augustine (Trinity, Book X, 1.3) and St Jerome (Commentary on Isaiah, PL 24,17). He summarized their teachings on scripture by saying that study of the bible deepens our knowledge of and relationship to Christ. Because we cannot love someone we do not know, and we cannot know someone we do not hear from or spend time with (Address in Medellin, 9-9-2017). Of course, none of this is new, as it goes back all the way to St Paul saying "faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Recently I was re-reading the writings of St John Paul II, and ran across him saying the same thing. He wrote, "When a person is touched by the Word obedience is born, that is, the listening which changes life. Every day (he/she) is nourished by the bread of the Word. **Deprived of the Word, it is as though, he/she is dead and has nothing to communicate to his/her brothers & sisters because the Word is Christ.** (Orientale Lumen #10)

- Here are some daily questions to consider in our prayer time!
- Sunday:** What word or message stayed with me after Mass this weekend?
 - Monday:** Begin the week with a favorite bible verse and repeat it to yourself every morning this week.
 - Tuesday:** Did I give God time enough in prayer today for him to 'speak to me'?
 - Wednesday:** What practices are in my life to prevent me from missing any of God's offered grace? At times, do I reject His grace?
 - Thursday:** Do I share with others insights or answers to prayer God has given me through my bible reading and reflection?
 - Friday:** Perform an anonymous act of sacrifice or penance for someone today.
 - Saturday:** Come to Mass early and pre-read the Mass scriptures. And pray a rosary!

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Save the Date: Our Parish Mission:

Nationally recognized and dynamic Evangelist Mike Cumbie of the Micah Project, will be our Mission Speaker each night October 15-17th. Plan to attend and be rejuvenated in your faith! Mark your calendars!

Senior Day will be on Thursday, Oct 26th from 10:00am till 1:00pm. We are hosting a very special guest from the Mount, Sr. George Mary Hagan. She will be chronically her life's journey that has led her to where she is today. "Did you ever think about where your ancestors came from, and why they came to Western Kentucky and why they stayed? You can find out more about the pioneers of Western Kentucky by attending the **presentation by Sr. George Mary Hagan on Wednesday, Oct. 25th at 6:00 pm and at our Senior Day.** Invite your friends and spend a day of fellowship with Sr. George Mary. If we have time I will have information on St. Bruno, St. John of Capistrano, and St. Hedwig for discussion. Please bring a dish to pass if you can, we will be serving fried chicken along with the side dishes.



RCIA is meeting Wednesday evenings at 6PM in the Parish Hall! It's not too late to join us!!

We welcome any interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or joining the Catholic Church!! For more info contact: Fr. Brian, Deacon Mike, Deacon Tony or Marie Rose at 756-2356

or, any other team members – Chris Brumfield, Rosa Hockenberry, Dolores Mattingly, Dorothy Payne, Gail Pollock, Pat Whitfill.

Upcoming session topics:

Oct. 18 – Mary, Catholic Prayers and Practices, Prayer life
Oct. 25 – Church Tour (Meet in the Church)

Refreshment team for Oct. 18:

Jennifer Roberts, Maria Flood, Rita Whitfill, Cindy Carwile
Thanks to Dolores Mattingly, Joellen McGary and Millie Whitler for providing refreshments this past week!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT ST. MARY OF THE WOODS: I am asking for volunteers to help at this breakfast starting at 7 am and will be serving breakfast after the 8 am Mass at St Mary's. All are welcome.

ANNUAL MONEY RAFFLE DRIVE: K Of C Members will begin selling tickets for the \$1500 -1st Prize, \$1000-2nd Prize, and \$500-3rd Prize for \$20 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be at St Romuald Parish Hall on the 12th of Dec at 6:30 pm.

Family Movie Night: "The Shack" is a movie of one man's spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mack plunges into a crisis of faith and questions the existence of God, and life's purposes. Mack is unable to move on, until one day he gets an invitation to an old abandoned shack. Once there, God reveals himself to Mack in the form of three different strangers led by Papa. Mack's journey of self-discovery will draw you in, and make you think. Join us on Saturday, October 14th at 6:15 pm for a night of entertainment and fellowship. Popcorn and a drink will be served.

This Week at St. Romuald

Sun	8:30 am	K-6 Religious Ed Class
	6:00 pm	Mission
Mon	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	6:00 pm	Mission
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Scripture Study
	1:00 pm	Mass at Extended Care
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	6:00 pm	Mission
Wed	4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	RCIA
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
	6:00 pm	Family Holy Hour
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sat		Chris Rebar/Sarah O'Reilly Wedding

UPCOMING:

Oct 24	6:00 pm	Pastoral Council
Oct 25	6:00 pm	Sr. George Mary Ursuline Pilgrimage

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

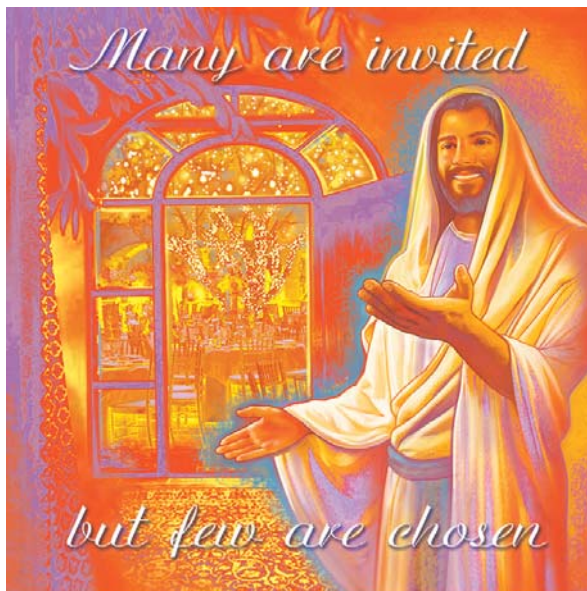
A Word from Pope Francis:

"Disciples are announcers of Jesus' resurrection not only in word, but with facts and with the testimony of their life! Jesus doesn't want disciples capable only of repeating learned and memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope with their way of welcoming, smiling and loving. And the most important part is loving, because the strength of the resurrection renders Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its meaning. Christian love is rooted in resurrection hope that is so much more than just 'optimism'. Believers are people that seem to have a "piece of heaven" with them, and who are accompanied by a presence that no one 'just thinks up'. Christians are missionaries of joyful hope, not prophets of gloom and misfortune. Even though disciples pay a dear price at times for their hope, they continue on with the love of God and power of the cross. True Christians are not sad and angry, but convinced by the strength of the resurrection, that no evil is infinite, no night without end, no man is definitively in wrong, no hate is invincible from love. (Papal Address 10-4-2017)

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
October 15, 2017**

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

Have you ever felt that God might be calling you to a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life but feel like you are not worthy or not capable? St. Paul reminds us that God gives us the strength to follow the plan that he has for our lives. If you feel called to serve God and the Church as a Catholic Priest, contact the Diocese of Owensboro Office of Vocations: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com or jason.mcclure@pastoral.org



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Readings for the Week

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Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-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 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Next Sunday Scripture Sunday: As the Year of Mercy ended, Pope Francis wrote a letter to the universal church suggesting the celebration of mercy never ends. Toward honoring the merciful example of our Savior, he recommended one Sunday a year be dedicated to studying the role God's Word plays in our lives. He calls that 'Scripture Sunday'. Pope Francis continually speaks about what drives each person's faith: that person's 'encounter' with Christ! And our pre-eminent experience of God's grace is through God's own telling: The Holy Scriptures! Romans 10:17 "faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." Be sure to pick up your Bible each day and spend time praying, listening and responding to God from in His Word!

Celebration

ANNIVERSARIES: Alvin & Margie Mattingly will be celebrating 55 Years of marriage on October 20th.

BIRTHDAYS: Phyllis Flood, Oct 19; Nancy Walz, Oct. 19; and Marie Burnette, Oct. 22nd.

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:

Gene Aldridge, Paula Anthony, Gene Bennett, Joe Bennett, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Brian Butler, Billy Carwile, Jerry Carwile, Kayla Christian, Mallorie Collins, Debbie Critchelow, Jim Curtis, Rick Dale, Amanda Douthitt, Marolyn Dowell, Roger Dowell, Kenneth Dowell, Treyten Drake, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Tijuana Duncan, Lottie Eauer, Tessa Farris, Carroll Ferguson, Ginny Flood, Cindy Getz, Jenny Ginn, Dorothy Greenwell, Bill Greenwood, Linda Greenwood, Susan Griffin, Janet Hallway, JoAnn Henning, Lisa Henning, Danny Herdt, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Doug Hinton, Johnny Howard, Rick Hurley, Merri Hurt, Braddock Inman, Robert Jackey, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, **Louise Kennedy**, Tracy King, Patricia Lane, Angie Lawrence, Parker Leslie, Annette Lucas, Margaret Lyons, Red McClellan, Bevan Michael Miller, Richard Miller, Blaise Mills, Sharon Morgan, Dorothy Morris, Emma Nottingham, Don O'Donoghue, Eddie O'Donoghue, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Earl O'Reilly, Janet O'Reilly, Libby Osborne, Martha Payne, Brian Phillips, Peggy Phillips, Joe Priest, Robert Priest, Sandy Priest, Bob Rankin, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Lincoln Roberts, Suzanne Rose, Carri Roth, Eric Severs, Rex Lee Sheets, Haley Sloan, Steve Smith, Jerry Sosh, Virginia Stanford, Lucye Stupak, Pam Sturgeon, Loretta Swink, Adalee Taul, Becky Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Calla Stiith, Paul Tucker, Tessa Wadsworth, Fallon Wen, Greg Wethington, Raymond Wethington, Jimmy Whitworth, Mary Rita Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Rebecca Wilson, Robert D. Wilson, Anne Wolfe, Sandra Zanone. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, James Howard, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



RCIA Topic this week—Scripture as Divine Revelation

The RCIA is our introduction program and basic instruction in the Catholic Faith. Each week we cover foundational topics outlining our weekly Scriptures, and our Catholic beliefs/traditions. Anyone who may be interested in joining the Church, or maybe any returning Catholics after having spent some away from the Church, or any Catholics desiring a 'refresher' course, please come out. We meet every Wednesday evening in the parish hall from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Join Cardinal Raymond Burke in offering a rosary a day, and especially on the 1st day of every month for our Holy Father's Intentions, for the conversion of souls and defense of family life (& unborn!). Enroll by visiting the website and begin praying today! May a million rosary warriors team up to bring about a prayer conversion within our world!
www.catholicaction.org/take_heaven_by_storm

In Sympathy

Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of **Pat Flood, Gene Hazelwood** (father of Cathy Lewis), **Eddie O'Donoghue**,

Timmy Stevenson (son-in-law of Raymond/Margie Wethington, and nephew of Brenda Duggins), and **Gil Urban** (brother-in-law of Kenny Potts). Pray for their families' comfort.

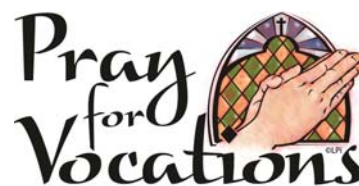
AROUND AND ABOUT

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat-Hope after Abortion:

This retreat offers a unique approach to healing the wounds of abortion. An experienced team accompanies you on a spiritual journey back to God, a journey in which we reflect on the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Healer, and allow Him to do what only He, our God, can do – to heal us and restore us to emotional and spiritual health. Next retreat is November 10-12, 2017. More info, please call Debbie: 270-570-4717 or contact her through debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com

Theology on Tap, Owensboro: Just War Theory Discussion presented by Dr Stuart Squires, October 16, 2017 @ 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant 2845 W Parrish Ave, Owensboro, KY 42301 Presentation begins at 7:00 pm For more info call Joe Bland, 270-852-8358.

St. Theresa Community Fall Festival, Sunday, Oct 29, Turkey Dinner from noon to 3:00 pm in the Meade-Breck Center/Matt Pike Memorial Gym, 9255 Rhodelia Road, Payneville. Games and booths for all ages!



SRIS NEWS

SRIS Fall Festival: The St. Romuald School is holding their annual Fall Festival Auction and Dinner on October 27, 2017. We would like to reach out to any parishioners or school alumni that would like to donate an item to our action. We have auctioned benches, toys, tickets to ballgames or events, cakes, paintings, furniture, etc. If you would like to donate something for the auction, please call Jennifer Barr at 270-617-0274 and she can arrange pickup. The school would love to see you at the auction and meal!



SRIS Booster Club's Holiday Bazaar: Booths are still available for rent for the Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 11, 2017. Booths cost \$40. If you need more information please call or text Jessica Phillips 270-863-1896 or email jphillrdh@yahoo.com

The Rebel Café is looking for a new or gently used electric meat slicer. If you have one that you would consider donating to the cafeteria please contact Brenda Elder 270-580-4218 or email caferomuald@yahoo.com



Sunday, Oct 15, 2017

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Accept the invitation**

Have you ever shown up at a party or other social function only to realize you're woefully underdressed? It's unnerving to realize everyone else is in formal wear when you came ready for a picnic. In today's gospel Jesus taps into the powerful symbol of clothing as revealer of our interior disposition when he tells about the wedding guests who uninvite themselves by showing up in the wrong clothes—that is, unprepared to join the celebration. It's not that Jesus is a stickler for fashion do's and don'ts, but he cares enormously about the state of our hearts. And so should we.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142).* "Many are called, but few are chosen."

Monday, Oct 16, 2017

**MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN
Take heart in Jesus**

Devotion to the physical heart of Jesus goes back to the Middle Ages, but it really did not become widespread until a Visitation sister, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, had a series of visions between 1673 and 1675 that gave a clearer shape to the devotion. Though prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became one of the most popular devotions in the history of Catholicism, it did have its opponents, who thought it meant separating the human part of Jesus from the divine and worshipping it—idolatry, in other words. What they failed to see was that the Sacred Heart testified to the Incarnation: how God took human form and showed mercy and love for humanity. Adore Jesus' humanity by showing that same mercy and love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467).* "Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise."

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017

**MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR
The same yesterday, today, and tomorrow**

Ignatius, born in the first generation after Jesus, became bishop of Antioch in the year 69, shortly after the deaths of Peter and Paul. On the way to his own martyrdom in Rome, Ignatius wrote seven letters revealing much about the early church. They affirm that the humanity of Jesus was not simply an appearance; that the Eucharist is the "flesh of our Savior"; and that the bishop is the primary teacher of the faithful. Ignatius was also the first to describe the church as "catholic" as in universal. Appreciate the gift of consistency in teachings across the millennia.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468).* "But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2017

**FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST
Retell the story**

To Luke is attributed the authorship of both the gospel bearing his name and the Book of Acts; the two books are really one continuous work. Reputed to have been a physician, Luke also went with Paul on one of his missionary journeys. Each of the gospel writers addressed a somewhat different audience and brought out somewhat different aspects of Jesus and his ministry. Luke emphasized Jesus as both the fulfillment of the hopes of the Jewish people and the light to the Gentiles. What does your picture of Jesus include? If you were retelling the story of Jesus to someone, how would you frame it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661).* "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest."

Thursday, Oct 19, 2017

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES,
PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Faithful to the end**

Saints Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf were among a group of Jesuit missionaries who tried to evangelize Native Canadians in the 1640s in what is now Ontario and upstate New York, often meeting fierce resistance. After a long imprisonment, Jogues returned to France to recuperate, so altered by his experience that his own brother did not recognize him. Given the option to stay in France and teach, Jogues decided to go back to the colonial territories even though it meant certain death, and indeed this time he was martyred. Determination and endurance can make an effort worthwhile, regardless of the outcome.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470).* "Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication."

Friday, Oct 20, 2017

**MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST
Be slow to anger**

Though Jesus could have resisted his persecutors, he chose not to. Paul of the Cross, a mystic, saw in the Lord's suffering and dying the greatest demonstration of God's love. He encouraged us to imitate Christ especially when tempted to lash out at someone who is bothering or irritating us. On a small scale we can choose the path Jesus chose on a very large scale: "When you feel the assaults of passion and anger," wrote Paul, "then is the time to be silent as Jesus was silent in the midst of His ignominies and sufferings." Though this approach runs counter to our assertive culture, try it out sometime and see if it does not bear unexpected fruit in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471).* "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

Saturday, Oct 21, 2017

**MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Shed some light on things**

One of the great biblical themes is the presence of light in the world. Light is "God's eldest daughter," according to clergyman Thomas Fuller, who noted that God separated light from darkness as the primary action in Genesis. God's presence is ever after associated with light, from the flaming torch Abraham sees in a trance, to the burning bush drawing Moses to his destiny, to the pillars of fire guiding the Israelites through the desert, to the fiery tongues of Pentecost. The psalmist calls the word of God a "lamp for our feet," and Jesus calls himself the light of the world. Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary today, asking God for this discerning light in your decision-making.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).* "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."

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