

October 2 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Lives Are Sacred Even the Guilty Ones

October is Respect Life Month. What does it mean to be pro-life? Some people would move heaven and earth to convince a desperate, frightened mother not to kill her unborn baby but would not consider trying to convince a court to spare the life of a convicted murderer. The reasoning goes something like this: An unborn child is innocent; a convicted murderer is guilty. But aren't we missing a key teaching of the Catholic faith? Each life may not be innocent, but each life is sacred (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2258).

During his 1999 visit to St. Louis, Pope John Paul II called for us to be pro-life in all issues, including the death penalty, which he called "cruel and unnecessary." And in 2018, in a letter to the bishops of the Church, Pope Francis explained his approval of the revision of the Catechism: "The death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."

Yet when I speak against the death penalty, someone inevitably asks, "But what if someone in your family were murdered? How would you feel then?" In the heat of the moment, my personal and emotional response would probably be to get revenge.

But the death penalty is not the emotional, personal, or impulsive response of a distraught victim; it's the measured and calculated response of the state. The state doesn't lose its temper; the state doesn't act on impulse. The state is supposed to embody the ideal, to represent the best of us. Granted, the state has the responsibility to protect its citizens and maintain peace, but it is possible to separate dangerous people from the rest of the population without putting them to death. And in some cases, science and faith make it possible for us to transform their hearts and give them the hope of rehabilitation and redemption.

Maybe if we could protect the guilty, defense of the innocent would follow. After all, even a murderer was once an unborn child. Does life cease to be sacred once we're born? Does sin erase the fact that God created that life and sent his Son to redeem that person? Didn't Jesus die for that person's sins as well?

God said, "I am the Lord your God....You shall not kill" (Exodus 20:2a,13). We quickly added exceptions (see Exodus 21-22). But Jesus proclaimed if we are angry with others, we "will be liable to judgment" (Matthew 5:22).

For our words to have validity when we speak in defense of the unborn, we must speak in defense of all life. + (Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR)



SANCTUARY LIGHT

October 2 – Father John Geis
October 9 – Dale Tunny
October 16 – Harold and Virginia Reisman

MASS INTENTIONS

October 1 – Harold and Virginia Reisman
October 2 – Lucille Simon
October 8 – Don and Mary Gilland
October 9 – Caleb Kramer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – October 8 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – October 9 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker
Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – October 15 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – October 16 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
Eucharist Minister: Susan Schutte

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2126.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 15.52
Loose Collection	\$ 350.00
Total Collection	\$2491.52

Capital Improvement	\$652.00
Religious Ed	\$25.00
Catholic University	\$25.00

YOUR GIFTS ARE ACCEPTED IN A SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE!

Gracious God, enlighten our minds and open our hearts so we may humbly receive the message of your truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Lou Michael Purdy**, the son of Jayson and Torie Purdy. May he come to know how precious he is in the sight of God!

THANK YOU – Thanks you to all who attended our parish gathering last Saturday and to our Faith Formation Committee members for planning this event. A huge “thanks” to **Joe and Donna Johannigman for donating the pulled pork, chicken and hamburger lasagna. We are extremely grateful!**

PRAYERS – The family of Mary Scholle requests prayers for her. She is presently in Christ Hospital. And continue your prayers for Mary Gilland and Lou Wolter.

RUMMAGE SALE – Our Fall Rummage Sale is this Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. Wednesday evening, October 5, is the last day to bring in your items. If you can help in any way, call Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191.

FALL SMORGASBORD – Our smorgasbord will be held Saturday, November 12, in our parish hall. Donations of fresh frozen corn, sweet potatoes, and good locker ground beef will be needed. If you can help with these items, please see or call Judy Steuri, 812-614-5839, or Susan Schutte, 812-933-0140. Please let us know by October 15-16.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Next class for the children will be October 5, 6:45 PM. **Pet Blessing:** On this evening, we will remember the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Pets at **6:30 PM in the parish shelter.**

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED
– No classes next Sunday, October 9, for students. Enjoy your Fall Break! Give thanks to God for the blessings of creation during this fall season.

HAPPENINGS – Faith Formation Committee Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 4:30 PM.

Pet Blessing: Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 PM.

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 6:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 noon.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

“**Serving Moms in Need**” is the theme of this year’s Respect Life Month. Parishes are invited to join the effort to increase the Church’s outreach and support to pregnant women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and neighborhoods, but in desperation, they are turning to other places for help. These women should see the Church as a place they can find help.

“Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent,” wrote Pope Francis. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for all human life is sacred.

St. Maurice Parishioners, during this year’s Respect Life Month, will be having the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Clarity Pregnancy Center. Take home a bottle and place money in it throughout the month. Return your bottle on the last Sunday of October, the 30th. Please prayerfully consider donating and returning the bottles overflowing with your love for families and moms needing help. **We are Better Together!**

GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS

October 8 – Brian Horan and Dennis Wagner
October 15 – Joe Wagner and Steve Gilland
October 22 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner
October 29 – Paul Simon and Ken Hellmich

GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS





October 9 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
October 16 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
October 23 – Kevin Tunny and Steve Wagner
October 30 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

DONUTS AND COFFEE – Beginning this Sunday we will return to having donuts and coffee each week following Sunday’s Mass. Let’s see some new faces at this weekly social.

CALLING ALL SINGERS – On October 9, 1:30 PM, practices begin for the Christmas cantata “Mary Did You Know” by the Community Choir. These practices will be at the United Methodist Church in Osgood. The performance is on December 4. Contact Sharon Miller for additional information.

THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – “The Lord giveth and the IRS taketh away.” – Author unknown

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 <p>POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.</p>						Mass 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
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RE Classes 8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks Donuts & Coffee 11:00 AM		FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS 	Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM Blessing of Pets 6:30 PM RE Classes 6:45 PM	Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM	FEAST OF HOLY ROSARY Adoration 8:00 AM - Noon Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - Noon Mass 4:00 PM
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NO RE CLASSES (FALL BREAK) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass 10:00 AM Donuts & Coffee 11:00 AM	Columbus Day	FEAST OF POPE JOHN XXIII	NO RE CLASSES (FALL BREAK)			FEAST OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS Mass 4:00 PM
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