**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6 October 2019

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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**Daily Readings for October**

6 SUN TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
   Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
7 Mon Our Lady of the Rosary
   Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37 (461) Pss Prop
8 Tue Weekday
   Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42 (462)
9 Wed Weekday
   Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
10 Thu Weekday
   Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
11 Fri Saint John XXIII, Pope
12 Sat Weekday
   Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

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**FAMILY NIGHT**

Wednesday, October 9th

All are welcome and invited to attend. There is a little something for everyone from age toddler to senior adults. Classes start at 6:00 pm (pre-school, RE, Sacramental preparation, Come and See, Jr. High and High School groups). Fr. Kevin will continue a study of the Book of Revelation. Dinner is served at 7:00 pm and your salads, side dishes, desserts and appetizer are always welcome.

**Dates for October:** the 23rd and the 30th

There are no classes on the 16th.

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**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of the American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel. This confrontation lies within the plans of divine Providence; it is trial which the whole Church, and the Polish Church in particular, must take up. It is a trial of not only our nation and the Church, but, in a sense, a test of 2,000 years of culture and Christian civilization with all of its consequences for human dignity, individual rights, human rights and the rights of nations.

-From a talk given by Karol Cardinal Wojtyla (St. Pope John Paul II) at the Eucharistic Congress, Philadelphia, PA, 1976.

This week I am picking up where I left off two weeks ago with regards to the many questions that people have as little by little more and more folks are beginning to realize that we have something of a crisis on our hands within the Catholic Church. I chose to begin my continuing remarks with the quote from St. John Paul II which he delivered in the United States shortly before he was elected to the Chair of Peter, as a demonstration that what is taking place today is not and never was a surprise. There was a time, not too long ago, when that same quote elicited snickers among the faithful, but nobody is laughing anymore. Except the devil.

But St. Pope John Paul II was not the first nor was he the only one to point out that the Church would be and has now found herself tossed like a ship on stormy seas.

At the turn of the 20th century, Pope Pius X began to warn the Church regarding the errors of Modernism, errors with roots extending back to the French Revolution, and that if we were not cautious these errors would bring about the ruin of people’s faith.

Shortly after the pontificate of Pius X, in 1917, Our Lady began to appear to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal and warned us in fairly clear language about the road we were

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traveling upon and the need to change course, do penance and get back on track...to paraphrase using my own words...or else. After the apparitions of that year, Sr. Lucia, one of the three children to whom Mary appeared, would begin to talk about the *diabolical disorientation* that would come and hold the Church in its grip.

**Disorientation.** I believe that this word describes the situation perfectly. What makes the situation all the more pronounced and sometimes painful is that there does not seem to be that unifying voice of clarity and truth that would indicate without ambiguity where exactly it is that we all stand. The Holy Father, to whom we would naturally turn to to hear that voice, seems disinterested in clarifying matters, and quite the contrary began his pontificate with the exclamation, *hagan lio! or make a mess!* Well, we’ve got one.

Again, because of lack of space, there is not room to go any further into the issue and it is not my intention to leave you hanging. The central point that I wanted to make an impress upon you is that the present state of affairs is NOT a surprise. It has been predicted and foretold by every pope of the 20th century, and we have received numerous warnings from heaven...Fatima is only one. There are many more. The difference now I think is that people are asking questions and people are a little more disposed to hear the answers. More later.

God bless,

Fr. Kevin Christofferson

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**Pray the Rosary!**

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

September 29th, 2019

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Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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**Humbly asking for your prayers**


Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person’s privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

**Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all: Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing.** 1 Thessalonians 1:2

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**The Holy Father’s prayer intention for October**

A Missionary “Spring” in the Church: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

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**ENDOW WOMEN’S GROUP**

Meetings begin Thursday, October 3rd at 10:30 am. Materials need to be ordered this week, so if you plan on participating this year, please speak to Sheila LeBrun or call her at 208-5788.

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**Lake County Catholic Cursillo**

The next Ultreya is Tuesday, October 8th in Polson. Music starts at 5:50 pm and a fried chicken dinner will follow at 7:00 pm, so please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome and invited to attend.

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**Polson: First meeting Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 pm.**

**Ronan: Sunday, October 20th after the 8:30 am Mass.**

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**DATES & INFORMATION**

**Month of October** - The month of October is dedicated in a special way to devotion to the Holy Rosary and it is also a month dedicated to the awareness of life issues. Watch the bulletin for weekly inserts and announcements.

**September 25th through November 3rd** - 40 Days for Life. Pro-life prayer campaign in Missoula at the Blue Mountain Clinic. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**Monday, October 14th through Friday, October 18th** - Annual Presbyteral Assembly. Fr. Kevin will be out of town this week to join the priests of the Diocese of Helena for some days of fraternity and reflection.

**Saturday, October 19th** - 2nd Annual Parish Harvest Dinner at the parish hall in Ronan. Time to be announced. No Griz or Cat game that day.

**Sunday, October 20th** - Sherry’s Homemade Breakfast Casserole. Immediately after the 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart.

**Saturday, October 26th** - Life Chain. A silent one hour prayer vigil on highway 93 in Polson starting at 12:45 pm.
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Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

Through Christ our Lord.

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Sunday Homilies

Soundcloud.com/fr-kevin-christofferson
Sacerdos97.podbean.com

Rosary Groups

Mondays
St. Joseph Hospital
Chapel 6:00 pm

Fridays
St. Joseph Hospital
Chapel 9:00 am

Mass Times

Saturday
4:00 pm St. Joseph Mission, Charlo (first Saturday of the month)
6:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Polson

Sunday
8:30 am Sacred Heart, Ronan
10:30 am Immaculate Conception, Polson

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday
12:10 pm Immaculate Conception, Polson
A period of Eucharistic Adoration will follow the Mass on Wednesday and the Rite of Benediction will be celebrated at 1:30 pm.

O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for You; keep me closely united with You, may my heart be near to Yours. I want to be to You like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of yours; bind me forever, with your rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed be Jesus, my love.

-Pope John XXIII

Catholic Gifts and Articles

Catholic articles are for sale each week during normal office hours at Immaculate Conception. Special orders may be placed with Ruth Fischer 883-5025.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5th
Polson: Poor Souls in Purgatory rb Margit Groessler

Sunday, October 6th
Ronan: The Sick and the Shut-ins of our Parish
Polson: Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, October 8th
Polson: No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, October 9th
Polson: Ron Marquardt rb Sheila Marquardt

Thursday, October 10th
Polson: Loren Russell Dupuis rb Greg Dupuis

Friday, October 11th
Polson: Special Intention

Masses may be offered for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed or for the special intentions of the living. Please call the parish office to request a Mass intention, or use the envelopes provided at the entrances of the churches and give them to Fr. Kevin.

Confession Times

Immaculate Conception
11:30 am before each scheduled daily Mass
12:30 pm on Wednesdays during Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 pm on (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th) Saturdays

Sacred Heart
8:00 am on Sundays
St. Joseph Mission
3:30 pm on the first Saturday of each Month
September through May

Please try to arrive a bit early in advance of the scheduled confession times. Thanks!