



Parable of the Landowner from an ancient Greek manuscript

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I have a variety of house keeping notes, but do not worry, all of the following announcements will appear in the bulletin in the coming weeks. This is more or less just a heads up so that you can prepare and plan.

The month of October, just ten day away, is a special month and for two reasons; it is the month of special devotion to Our Blessed Mother and the prayer of her Rosary (the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on the 7th, a Wednesday this year), and it is also Respect Life month, an annual prolife campaign proposed each year by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Regarding Respect Life month, I will be making available in the bulletin some resources for your reflection and study. This year also happens to be the 25th anniversary of the publication of *The Gospel of Life* by now St. Pope John Paul II (his new feast day is on October 22nd by the way). The US Bishops have put together a simplified version of this encyclical letter so that it might be more easily read and enjoyed by everyone. Unfortunately the booklet is not yet in publication since things are moving a little more slowly these days, but as soon as they are ready, I will make a copy available to everyone in the parish. It is a must read.

For those who are interested and are able to participate, there are four 40 Days For Life prayer vigil campaigns taking place in Montana this year in Billings, Great Falls, Helena and Missoula. The dates of the vigil are Wednesday, September 23rd through November 1st. If you are out and about, or if you want to take the time to participate in one of these vigils, visit www.40daysforlife.com and you will be directed to information regarding the area you intend to visit. For local Missoula information go to www.40daysforlife.com/missoula. I am sure they would appreciate your participation and support.

Here locally we will observe the annual Life Chain on Saturday, October 3rd. Life Chain is a public silent witness to the dignity of the unborn child living in its mother's womb. That Saturday also happens to be a First Saturday. There will be Confessions available at 9:00 am, Mass at 10:00 am, followed by a Rosary and period of silent meditation. After Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, those wishing to participate in Life Chain will proceed to Highway 93 for a one hour silent witness. For more information about Life Chain, visit www.lifechain.net.

Finally, I think, the month of October also means that it is that time of year again; the bishop's annual appeal. The kick-off for this year's appeal begins on October 10th/11th. I do be-

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

20 September 2020

Sacred Heart, Ronan
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

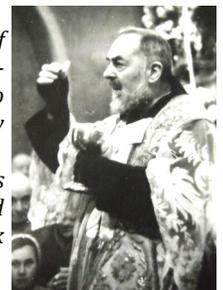
Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm
Confessions each day at 11:30 and after the Wednesday Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

St. Padre Pio
September 23rd

The devil is like a rabid dog tied to a chain; beyond the length of the chain he cannot seize anyone. And you: keep at a distance. If you approach too near, you let yourself be caught. Remember that the devil has only one door by which to enter the soul: the will.

You must not be discouraged or let yourself become dejected if your actions have not succeeded as perfectly as you intended. What do you expect? We are made of clay and not every soil

yields the fruits expected by the one who tills it. But let us always humble ourselves and acknowledge that we are nothing if we lack the Divine assistance.



Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!

Your temptations are from the devil and from Hell; but your sufferings and afflictions are from God and Heaven.

lieve that by then you will have received an envelope in the mail with some kind of pledge form and a reminder and explanation of what the funds are for and how they are used. Please be supportive and generous. As you always are. And you are.

As a side note to the month of October, the month always begins with the celebration of the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. Her full religious name is actually St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. *The Holy Face*. The devotion of reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus is a devotion that was born among the Discalced Carmelites in the 19th century and is a devotion we will be exploring together during the month of October, which also sees the feast day of another great Carmelite Saint and Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila on the 15th.

We have a full month coming up so please stay attentive to the bulletin, Flocknote and our parish Facebook Page. Have a great week and enjoy the Autumnal Equinox on the 22nd! The summer is officially ending folks...

Peace,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

Online Natural Family Planning Class beginning in October

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is fertility awareness. Couples will learn how to observe, record, and interpret a woman's natural signs of fertility.

The first class in a 3-part series will be taught online on October 7 at 6:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Ben and Rita Pehl, from Sacred Heart Parish in Terry, MT. Ben and Rita are a Certified Volunteer NFP Teaching Couple through the Couple to Couple League. Contact Ben and Rita for more information, and other learning opportunities 406-600-3987 (Ben) or 402-640-9494 (Rita), or visit ccli.org.



Endow study group for women will begin meeting on Thursday, October 1st at 10:30 am. This year's study will examine Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical letter *Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love)*. Please call Sheila LeBrun for more information at 406-208-5788.



That Man Is You!

Thursdays at 6:00 am. Meetings start with hot premium roast coffee and breakfast.

October 3rd after First Saturday Mass at Immaculate Conception.

www.lifechain.net



Prolife prayer campaign in Billings, Great Falls, Missoula and Helena September 23rd through November 1st. www.40daysforlife.com



Nature takes a sigh,
The air lets out a deep breath.
We reach for blankets.
- Judy Collis

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19th

Vigil Mass

The Deceased Priests of the Diocese

Sunday, September 20th

Twenty-fourth Sunday

The repose of Monserrat Venezuela/the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, September 22nd

Votive Mass in honor of the Holy Angels

The Intentions of Jesse Preiner rb Rita Rebein

Wednesday, September 23rd

St. Padre Pio (Pius of Pietrecina)

The Intentions of Virginia Gerde rb Rita Rebein

Thursday, September 24th

Votive Mass in honor of the Holy Eucharist

The Intentions of Bonnie Bott rb Rita Rebein

Friday, September 25th

Votive Mass in honor of the Mystery of the Holy Cross

Special Intention

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Anonymous Request (Greatly Improved!), Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Marge Welty, Donna Jacobs.

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

The Holy Father's prayer intention for September

Respect for Resources: We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney

