

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

A FEW WORDS FROM FR. DAVE:

Continued thoughts and commentary on highlighted items in my prayer books.

In much wisdom there is much sorrow and he who stores up knowledge stores up grief.

Eccl 1

Suffering and sorrow are part of life. Thus, to have lived life is to have suffered often. To have accumulated wisdom is to have dealt with sorrow often. Strange as it may sound, there is a goodness about suffering. In our daily living we can sacrifice and offer things up. In this way, we can move through suffering with a purpose. We can try to make our suffering redemptive. But we certainly do not need to "seek to suffer". Suffering – part of being human – will find us.

In Hebrews we're told that Jesus was "made perfect through suffering". As followers of Jesus, we are invited to be made perfect through suffering. Perfect, biblically, has the meaning of "complete" or "whole". In our day, perfect also means, "without stain or fault", or "exactly right". These are things we want to be or have. Jesus' suffering/death/Resurrection brought us new life. Another way of looking at it is: Even with its suffering, sorrows, pains, life is worth living. There is goodness and life beyond suffering. There is even goodness and life beyond death. When we are suffering, we are near the Paschal Mystery. We are near Jesus, and that's always a good place to be.

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WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

This is the theme of the Fruitful Harvest 2018 biennial appeal. The first two weekends in October will kick off this new appeal to reach a diocesan goal of \$9,800,000. As a Catholic community, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives. Fruitful Harvest is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing your blessings. This appeal helps to fund:

Catholic Education & Faith Formation

- ✓ 10,688 students attending religious education
- ✓ 4,971 Catholic school students
- ✓ 2,028 First Communion adults & children
- ✓ 1,674 adults & young people confirmed
- ✓ 20 Catholic schools

Evangelization & Outreach

- ✓ 74 active priests
- ✓ 22 retired priests
- ✓ 17 diocesan deacons
- ✓ 17 seminarians

Clergy & Consecrated Life

- ✓ Project Rachel – Post Abortion Ministry
- ✓ Project Gianna – Helping Mothers & Infants
- ✓ Catholic Marriage Preparation
- ✓ Natural Family Planning
- ✓ Hispanic Ministry
- ✓ Food Pantries, Elderly & Homeless
- ✓ Youth Ministry & Adult Faith Formation

Watch your mail during the last week of September. It will contain an important letter from Bishop Doherty asking for your participation in this appeal. Also, enclosed will be a brochure and pledge card with envelope to return your pledge. This is a different process, but the 20-month cycle remains the same. I ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and plan to participate in our diocesan appeal, Fruitful Harvest 2018, and help us reach our goals of \$44,717 for St. John's and \$13,697 for St. Mary's.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers as we begin this next diocesan appeal, "Walking Together in the Light of Christ."

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PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Anya Aulbach received champion barrow and Reserve Champion Senior Swine Showman at Blackford County Fair and participated at state fair in swine.

Jaden Aulbach participated in swine, electric construction toys, and woodworking at the Blackford County Fair.

Jakob Aulbach participated in swine and electric, construction toys and arts & crafts and received Reserve Champion in woodworking at the Blackford County Fair.

Joshua Aulbach participated in swine and woodworking at the Blackford County Fair.

Matthew Aulbach participated in swine and woodworking at the Blackford County Fair.

Nick Aulbach received Grand Champion Market Gilt and Champion Junior Swine Showman at Blackford County Fair and participated at state fair in swine.

Allyson Henderson participated in scrapbooking, goats, rabbits, sewing and received Reserve Champion in arts and crafts at the Blackford County Fair.

Kayli Henderson participated in swine, goats, rabbits, foods, sewing and received Reserve Champion in arts and crafts at the Blackford County Fair.

Madison Henderson participated in scrapbooking, goats, rabbits, swine, sewing and received honor in foods and fashion revue, and Reserve Champion in arts and crafts at the Blackford County Fair.

Lydia Renee Holsten received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. John's

Ryan and Lauren Holsten became the proud parents of a daughter, Lydia Renee, born September 5, 7.2lbs., 20".

Mason Kitterman received Grand Champion Heifer, Champion Junior Beef Showman, Grand Champion Breeding Gilt, and Reserve Champion Swine Showman at Blackford County Fair and participated at state fair in swine.

Noah Kitterman received Grand Champion Steer, Champion Senior Beef Showman, Grand Champion Barrow, Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt, and Champion Senior Swine Showman at Blackford County Fair and participated at state fair in swine.

Jenna Payne participated in photography, and received Grand Champion in gift wrapping, received

Champion in arts and crafts and home environment, Reserve Champion in foods and sewing, honor in fashion revue at the Blackford County Fair.

Joseph Payne participated in beef, received Reserve Champion Senior Beef Showman, Reserve Champion Gilt, and Champion arts and crafts at the Blackford County Fair.

Cameron Rinker participated in photography, foods and rabbits, received Grand Champion corn, farm toy scene, Champion in soybeans and small grains at the Blackford County Fair.

Kelli Rinker participated in arts & crafts, rabbits, wearable art, received Champion in fashion review, dog poster and received Reserve Champion in sewing, consumer clothing, construction toys, and goats at the Blackford County Fair.

SEPTEMBER RETREATS AT ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

The following retreats are being offered during September at the beautiful St. Joseph Retreat and Conference Center in Tipton, IN.

St. Francis Day of Reflection - 9 am to 3:30 pm, Wednesday, October 3, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi is one of the most well-known and beloved saints. Come and experience a day of reflection about his life, and lessons from it that we can apply to our lives. The retreat will include a morning and afternoon conference, Mass, lunch, and time to pray in the St. Joseph Chapel, walk our beautiful and peaceful campus to visit the shrines or make the Way of the Cross.

Cost: \$40, includes a single, day room and lunch.

This retreat is available for men and women age 19 and older. Register before September 28th.

Our Lady of the Rosary Day of Reflection - 9 am to 3:30 pm, Wednesday, October 24, 2018

The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come and experience a day of reflection centered on the Rosary and Marian devotions. The day will include a morning and afternoon conference, Mass, lunch, and conclude with praying the Rosary outside (weather permitting).

Cost: \$40, includes a single, day room and lunch.

This retreat is available for men and women age 19 and older. Register before October 19th.

SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE BY K OF C

“Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’ (Gospel for Sept. 22, Mk. 9:35)

When I was in seminary, I had a roommate who was an early riser. Every morning his loud alarm went off at 5:15, at which point he'd say the same thing: "Gladly, Jesus, gladly!" My comments went in a different direction. Let's be honest. In a selfish, me-first world, it's just as hard to hear Jesus say, "the first shall be last" as it was to hear my roommate at 5:15. And yet, my brothers, Jesus calls us to be servants of all; to step out of our comfort zone and say "gladly!" as we go to serve others in our lives. 'Gladly, Jesus, gladly!'

SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to become even more like Jesus, the “servant of all,” by making an act of charity for someone in your life from whom you have been distant, or whom you have wronged. Secondly, I challenge you to prayerfully reflect on these words from Scripture: “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another” (I Jn. 4:11).

--Knights of Columbus.org

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE TO HOST COME AND SEE RETREAT

What are you looking for? Come and see if God might be calling you to a life full of joy as a Sister of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The retreat will take place on Oct. 26-28 at the spirit-filled Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Spend time with sisters in prayer, ask our younger sisters questions you may have and get to know our foundress, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, while exploring where God may be calling you. The retreat is free and is for single, Catholic women ages 18-42. Learn more or register at ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org.

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

- Oct. 1-Pope Francis I
- Oct. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
- Oct. 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
- Oct. 4-Fr. James Goodrum, retired
- Oct. 5-Fr. Dennis Goth, St. John the Baptist, Tipton
- Oct. 6-Fr. Paul Graf, Franciscan St. Elizabeth Healthcare Lafayette
- Oct. 7-Fr. Don Gross, retired
- Oct. 8-Fr. Kevin Haines, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
- Oct. 9-Fr. Thomas Haan, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel, St. Theodore Guerin High School
- Oct. 10-Fr. Phil Haslinger, retired
- Oct. 11-Fr. David Hasser, Consultant in the Office of Divine Worship, Director of Vocations, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
- Oct. 12-Fr. Dave Hellmann, St. Lawrence, Muncie
- Oct. 13-Bishop Emeritus William Higi, retired
- Oct. 14-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
- Oct. 15-Fr. Patrick Hosey, retired
- Oct. 16-Fr. Paul Hudson, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Remington
- Oct. 17-Fr. David Huemmer, St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton, with ministry to the Monastery of the Poor Clares, Kokomo
- Oct. 18-Fr. Kevin Hurley, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Oct. 19-Fr. Samuel Kalu, Emmas House West Lafayette
- Oct. 20-Fr. Mike Kettron, retired
- Oct. 21-Fr. John Kiefer, retired
- Oct. 22-Fr. Leroy Kinnaman, St. Peter, Winamac, St. Joseph Pulaski, St. Henry, Medaryville, St. Francis Salono, Francesville
- Oct. 23-Fr. Bob Klemme, St Charles Otterbein & St. Patrick Oxford
- Oct. 24-Fr. Tim Kroeger, medical leave
- Oct. 25-Fr. Peter Logsdon, St. Joseph, Winchester, and St. Mary, Union City
- Oct. 26-Fr. Gustavo Lopez, St. Boniface Lafayette
- Oct. 27-Fr. Jeffrey Martin, All Saints, Logansport
- Oct. 28-Fr. Adam Mauman, St. Charles Borromeo, Peru
- Oct. 29-Fr. Brendan Mbagwu, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Carmel
- Oct. 30-Fr. Mike McKinley, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
- Oct. 31-Fr. Mike McKinney, St. Joseph, Rochester

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER'S - A LADIES NIGHT

Thursday October 11th
The Event Center,
555 S. Bridge St.
Portland, IN

Doors open 5pm, Dinner 6pm
Silent Auction till 8:15pm
The dinner is free.

There will be door prizes and
good food, fun, laughter &
fellowship.

If you would like to go and/or
carpool, please call Loretta
Wilson @ 765-744-1611 by
October 1st.



HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU RESCUED ME?

(From 100 Prayers, Reflections by
Fr. Leo Piguet)

Lord Jesus,

How often have I questioned
whether or not you are in the
midst of my life's trials and
tribulations?

Like the Israelites of old, I
grumble when things are
difficult.

Help me, loving Jesus, in life's
continuous conflicts to
remember always that, win or
lose, you are with me in my
rejoicing and in my weeping.
Amen.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER— ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 5:00 pm **Reader:** Vince Cimino **Gifts:** Judy & Lee
Dobbels **Announcements:** Barbara Houseman **Communion**
Ministers: Sarah Montgomery, Anna Cimino, Serena Merkel, Scott
Hutson, Lisa Rinker

Sunday 8:30 am **Reader:** Religious Ed 7, Claire Aulbach 14, 21, 28
Gifts: Religious Ed 7, Terry & John McVicker Family 14, 21, 28
Announcements: Becky Cain **Communion Ministers:** Linda Trant,
Becky & Jack Cain, Bernadette & Gary Elkins



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER— ST. MARY'S

October 7: **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Laverne Watson
Communion Ministers: Colleen Bicknell & Kelli Grady **Greeter:**
Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Jane Crouch & Dan Watson **Song**
Leader: Amy Blakely

October 14: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Jeff & Lisa Geesaman
Family **Communion Ministers:** Danette Hamilton & Amy Grady
Greeter: Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette
Hamilton **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

October 21: **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Matt & Jenny Johnson
Family **Communion Ministers:** Loretta Wilson & Dan Watson
Greeter: Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Jane
Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

October 28: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Amy & Brad Grady
Family **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagle & Susan Louck
Greeter: Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie
Burruss **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely



WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

This year in this section of *The Good News Letter*, we will focus on Catholic furniture, fixtures, sacramentals and icons.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops defines **Catholic devotions** as "...expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Catholic devotions are not part of liturgical worship, even if they are performed in a Catholic church, in a group, or in the presence of (or even led by) a priest.

Common examples of Catholic devotions include the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Holy Face of Jesus, the various scapulars, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Seven Sorrows of Mary, novenas to various saints, pilgrimages and devotions to the Blessed Sacrament, and the veneration of saintly images. These devotions may include formalized prayer, multi-day prayers such as novenas, as well as other activities such as adoration, wearing of a medal, or placing a statue in the home or garden.

Always keep in mind that no matter what specific devotion you are talking about, or practicing, the person of Jesus Christ is central to everything! A devotion to a particular saint, for example, does not take the place of or even equal our love of and devotion to Jesus Christ and the Holy Trinity. Rather, it is more like having a mentor in the faith who can help you to know and understand things, pray for you, and help you when appropriate. We should keep in mind that all things should point us to Jesus. The saints and angels, especially Mary the Mother of Jesus, want only to help us grow closer to Him.

Why then, you may ask, do we need to pray to the saints? Why not simply go directly to Jesus? Jesus is sufficient in and of Himself for all things we need. What could possibly be lacking from the sufferings of Christ who is God incarnate and perfection itself? Very simply, our participation is lacking. Though Christ does not need us he does invite us to participate in the salvation of others. In fact, He chose to include us as an integral part in the plan of salvation. Christ invites us to work for, suffer for, and pray for our brothers in Christ and all humanity.

How does this relate to the saints in heaven? God gives them a lively desire to love and help us as well. This is because they want what God wants and God wants all of us to go to heaven; he wants all of us to know Him; He wants all of us to love Him; and He wants all of us to strive to do His will. In the Catholic Church we call this ability to help each other the Communion of the Saints; and this applies to the saints in heaven (the Church Triumphant), the saints in purgatory (the Church Suffering), and the "saints" on Earth (the Church Militant).

Since the Middle Ages, popes have encouraged devotions such as Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. However, the position of the Church with respect to the primacy of liturgy over specific devotions has always been maintained.



BUILD A BETTER MARRIAGE

Learn to handle anger more constructively, resolve conflicts, and communicate better. Hear couples share how they overcame problems in their marriages. **The Third Option** support group for married couples meets every Monday night from 7-9 pm at Central Catholic High School, 2410 S 9th St., Lafayette. For more information call: (765) 269-4662.

FAMILY SECTION— JOY FOR THE WORLD

As parents, and leaders of our domestic church, we are responsible for forming our children in our Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand the liturgy as much as they are able.

Before Church

- Make sure children are well-fed right before Mass. Limit food or drink in the pews to non-spill containers.
- Dress children, even infants, in some special clothing that they wear only for church or other special events. This does not have to be expensive. It helps them to identify what we do at Mass as different from everyday activity.
- Check your diaper bag to make sure it is stocked for any possible needs, including a small toy or book that is quiet and made of soft material.
- Put on a fresh diaper or visit the bathroom right before walking out the door of your home or into the church.

For toddlers or older children

- Before going into the church take a moment to remind children what you are about to do and that it is a time for quiet prayer and participating (according to age).

At Church

- Sit up front. It makes a world of difference for little ones to be able to see the action. Over time it also helps them to understand what is most essential about Mass.
- Hold small children until they are able and understand how to sit, stand, and kneel. The children get a better view; you gain a bit more control over their behavior. If an infant or toddler gets squirmy, often switching who is holding them is enough to calm them down.
- If a child cries or makes continual noise, it is best to calmly step out of the pew and take the child out of the main assembly until they have calmed down or are quiet then return to the pew.

After Mass

- Praise your children abundantly for their good behavior.
- If they need some improvement, mention briefly how they might do better next week and explain why.

- Answer questions children have about Mass and encourage them to understand the liturgy and its place in our lives.

In taking our children to Mass we operate on the principle that we need to teach our children how to be in church as long as it does not distract others around us from their prayer. Some days are better than others, but the gift of passing on how we pray as Catholics is worth all of the challenges.

--foryourmarriage.org

By: Josh & Stacey Noem



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

None reported for October

BIRTHDAYS:

5 Anya Uggen
8 Corey Hardesty
15 Marilyn Blankenbaker
22 Kiara Shields
22 Shea Aulbach
23 Serena Merkel
29 Mark Aulbach

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*.

“Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.”

--Pope John Paul II

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Lord's Day Liturgy

SATURDAY: 5.00 pm at St. John's

SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

**THIRTY-ONE PRODUCTS FUND
RAISER**

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will have a

Thirty-one Open House,

Thursday October 4th, 6-8 p.m.

Open to all Cluster members & friends.

Refreshments will be served.

Babysitting will be provided so mothers can shop.

Need a birthday gift, wedding gift or Christmas gift? Want to get organized or need a new piece of jewelry?

Thirty-one now has products for guys, too!

The October specials & Christmas items will be available October 1st.

Call Loretta Wilson if you have questions or would like to order online. 765-744-1611

Hope to see you there!

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On World Mission Sunday, October 21, Pope Francis calls all of us – children of God – to be “voices for mission.” Today we “speak up” through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters in the Missions – in places like Uganda where people face food uncertainty and violence... in the Philippines where local clergy face martyrdom... in Oceania where peoples’ livelihoods are threatened by climate change... and in remote regions of Latin America where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Raise your voice this world Mission Sunday by supporting the priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. May your faith remain ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. Thank you. Envelopes can be found in your packets.

