

St. Mary's Catholic Church

29th Ordinary Sunday

October 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

St. Lawrence Brindisi wrote: "We are made in the image and likeness of God. So you, O Christian, because you are a human being you are God's tribute money—a little coin bearing the image and likeness of the divine emperor. Therefore, with Christ I ask, Whose likeness and inscription is this? Your answer is, God's, to which I reply, Then why not give God what belongs to him? We bear the imprint of your glorious face, O Lord."



St. Lawrence's words can be very challenging to us as we wonder and ask ourselves: "Do I always give to God what belongs to God?" So what does belong to God? Simple answer...everything. All that we have, all that we are, and all that we will ever be belongs to God.

Today's Gospel passage from St. Matthew reminds us of that we must give everything (including our lives) back to God. Today's passage begins a series of controversies between Jesus and some of the religious (Pharisees and Sadducees) and secular leaders (Herodians) that He encountered. These leaders wanted to entrap Jesus, putting Him on the spot by asking Him to respond to a trick question. The Pharisees and Herodians were bitter enemies yet they plotted together to entrap Jesus by asking Him whether it was lawful or not to pay the poll tax to the Roman government. The Pharisees opposed the payment of the tax purely on religious grounds. The Herodians claimed it must be paid based on civil grounds. Jesus knew if he said "yes" then the Pharisees would accuse Him of not being a faithful Jew. Jesus also knew if He said "no" the Herodians would accuse Him of breaking civil law and stirring up unrest within the Roman Empire. Either answer would put Jesus in bad stead so He masterfully escapes His seemingly inescapable dilemma by asking for a coin which happened to have the emperor's image on it. Jesus then simply said: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' answer to the leader's question is both practical and spiritual. His reply to the leaders can be interpreted as His teaching on our temporal and religious obligations. His reply was an invitation and challenge to the Pharisees and Herodians (and us) to work out the proper interplay of our religious and political loyalty. Therefore they, and we, should give back to Caesar what belongs to him (taxes).

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Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 17	4:00 p.m.	Rosemary Meyer
Sun Oct 18	8:00 a.m.	Wanda Kiene
Sun Oct 18	10:00 a.m.	Teresa Rieman, Will Schulte
Sat Oct 24	4:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving
Sun Oct 25	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sun Oct 25	10:00 a.m.	Urban Selhorst

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,060.00	Loose \$768.00
Total	\$3,828.00	
56 envelopes returned = 27%		



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Assignments for October 24 & 25, 2020

Money Counters: Tonya Meyer, Courtney Gerten
4:00 p.m.

Cantor: Dave Roby
Ushers: Jeanne and Jerry Wehri
Lector: Jenny Roby
E.M.: Edna Conkling
Servers: Adelyn Althaus

8:00 a.m.

Cantors: Courtney McLaughlin
Ushers: *Volunteer*
Lector: *Volunteer*
E.M.: *Volunteer*
Server: *Volunteer*

10:00 a.m.

Cantor: Courtney McLaughlin
Ushers: Roger Brodman
Lectors: Lisa Welch
E.M.: Michelle Risner
Servers: Izzy and Ally Stechschulte

Readings for October 25, 2020

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1st Reading: Exodus 22:20 – 26
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5 – 10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34 – 40

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BIBLE STUDY If you are wanting to get out and get together with others to grow in your faith, we are thinking about starting a Bible study group. Everyone is invited – college and high school students, too! If you've never been to a Bible study before, or don't even own a Bible – don't fret. As of right now, we just want to see how many people are interested. Please contact Deb Hohenbrink at (567) 204 – [REDACTED] if you are interested!

Prayer for Vocations:

Send forth your spirit, Lord, into the hearts of your faithful people, that we may be conscious of our vocation to holiness and service to others. Grant that many of us may dedicate ourselves to you through the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

We pray for the needs of our parish and diocese. Grant that we may always have sufficient good and holy priests and deacons, dedicated sisters and brothers, and committed lay ministers to serve our community.

We pray too for the Redemptorists, that generous men may join them to become zealous missionaries, preaching the gospel in word and action to the most abandoned, especially the poor.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

A very generous donor has donated the Formed.org subscriptions to all the parishes in the Toledo Diocese. This is a great opportunity to watch video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. To register, go to: <https://signup.formed.org/> and type in St. Mary or use our zip code, 45817, and click on our parish. Enter your name and email, and then check your email for a link to begin using FORMED. It's that easy!

Landeck St. John the Baptist Church will have their annual "Sausage & Sauerkraut" dinner on **Sunday, November 8, 2020**. This year, due to COVID 19, we will have drive-thru carry outs only. Cars will line up, heading north on Kill Rd, from 3-7pm. Volunteers will direct traffic, keeping the flow moving. Dinner includes Homemade Sauerkraut & Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Pancakes, Applesauce and Pie. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and Children (8 and under) are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased either pre-sale at the parish office or on the day.