

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10th

8:30 am St. John – Intentions of Joan Hahr
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John

4:00 pm St. John – Marion Handy by Isabelle

Sunday, October 11th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:00 am - St. John – Randy Mackay by Priscilla & Bob Messier
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall by his estate
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, October 12th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by his estate

Tuesday, October 13th

8:30 am - St. John – Lee & Julienne Haselton by Reg, Rose and Renata

Wednesday, October 14th St. Calitus

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John – Donald & Melania Trump by Chris Hahr

Thursday, October 15th St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 am - St. John – David Hale by Deacon/Mrs. Christopher Ryan (5th Anni)

Friday, October 16th St. Herswig

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Francis Horne by Amy Marcinko

Saturday, October 17th St. Ignatius

8:30 am St. John – Priest Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm St. John – Marion Handy by her sister Isabelle

Sunday, October 18th St. Anthony

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John
 8:00 am - St. John – Margaret Su by Mary Lou Sales
 9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Raymond Belanger by his children
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
 Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas.

Please Note: To help relieve overcrowding at St. Elizabeth's, the 7:30am Mass at St. John will move to 8:00am beginning October 11th; St. Elizabeth's Mass will begin at 9:35am

Oct. 17-18, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
Lector	4pm M. Noyes 8:00am H. Robertson	9:30am B. Gessner	11:30am D. Rivard

PARISH EVENTS

Tues Oct. 13th 6:45pm St. V. de Paul/Ctr
 Thur. Oct. 15th 7:00pm St. E. K. of C.
 Sat. Oct 17th 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center
 Sat. Oct. 25th 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$43,950.13+On-Line: YTD: 21,503.55
Collections and Receipts: September 27, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$4,114.50

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THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

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1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

NEED A PLACE TO PARK THIS WINTER?

We have a few spaces remaining on Winter St near the Fr. Lively Center that are available for parking this winter. If you or someone you know are interested please give the Rectory a call. (Various rates available)

October 15th: Feast of Saint Teresa of Avila



Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.

~ Saint Teresa of Avila

A beginner must look on himself as one setting out to make a garden for his Lord's pleasure, on most unfruitful soil which abounds in weeds. His Majesty roots up the weeds and will put in good plants instead. Let us reckon that this is already done when the soul decides to practice prayer and has begun to do so.

~ Saint Teresa of Avila

All Souls Envelopes-please note the All Souls envelopes are in your packet now for All Souls Day November 2, 2020

Holy Mass is the Sacrifice of the Cross

Only in Heaven will we understand what a Divine marvel the Holy Mass is. No matter how much we force ourselves and no matter how holy and inspired we are, we cannot but stammer on this Divine work which transcends men and Angels. One day St. Pio of Pietrelcina had been asked, "Father, please explain the Holy Mass to us." "My children," replied St. Pio, "How can I explain it to you? The Mass is infinite like Jesus ... ask an Angel what a Mass is and he will reply to you in truth, 'I understand what it is and why it is offered, but I do not, however, understand how much value it has.' One Angel, a thousand Angels, all of Heaven, know this and think like this."

St. Alphonsus of Liguori came to affirm, "God Himself cannot bring about an action more holy and greater than the celebration of one Holy Mass." Why? Because the Holy Mass is, one could say, the synthesis, because the Holy Mass can be said to sum up the Incarnation and Redemption and contains the Birth, Passion and the Death of Jesus, mysteries which God accomplished for our sakes. The second Vatican Council teaches, "At the Last Supper, the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus initiated the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood, in order to continue the Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until His return."

St. Thomas Aquinas, in an enlightening passage, wrote, "The celebration of the Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the Cross." For this reason, St. Francis of Assisi said, "Man should tremble, the world should vibrate, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest." Indeed, inasmuch as it renews the Sacrifice of Jesus' passion and death, the Holy Mass, even taken alone, is great enough to restrain Divine justice. St. Teresa of Jesus said to her daughters, "Without the Holy Mass what would become of us? All here below would perish, because that alone can hold back God's arm." Without it the Church certainly would not last and the world would become hopelessly lost. "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass," said St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. He was following St. Leonard of Port Maurice who had said, "I believe that if there were no Mass, the world would by now have sunk into the abyss under the weight of its wickedness. The Mass is the powerful support which sustains it."

October 16th: Feast of Saint Hedwig

Saint Hedwig was born in 1174, and died October 12th or 15th in 1243. At the age of twelve, she married Henry I of Silesia, who succeeded his father Boleslaw as Duke of Silesia. Henry and Hedwig founded and endowed many monasteries. Henry also founded of the Hospital of the Holy Ghost at Breslau, and Hedwig tended with disinterested charity the leper women in the hospital at Neumarkt. On the suggestion of Hedwig, after the birth of their last child, she and her husband pronounced a vow of chastity. Duke Henry took the tonsure and allowed his beard to grow, like the Cistercian lay brothers. From this time forward Hedwig spent much of her time at the Abbey of Trebnitz, where, on the death of her husband, she took up her permanent abode. She transferred to the abbey her inheritance and took the grey habit of the Cistercians, but was not received into the order that she might spend her revenues on charities. The duchess practiced severe mortification, endured all trials with the greatest resignation, cared for the sick and supported the poor; in her interior life of prayer, she gave herself up to meditation on supernatural things. Her piety and gentleness won for her, even during life, the reputation of a saint.

Also on October 16th: Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun and mystic, is greatly recognized for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was born in 1647 in France as the only daughter of Claude and Philiberte Lamyn Alacoque. Margaret always showed an intense love for the Blessed Sacrament and preferred silence over typical childhood play. She began practicing severe corporal mortification after her first communion at 9-years-old. She continued this until rheumatic fever confined her to her bed for four years. After making a vow to the Blessed Virgin Mary to consecrate herself to religious life, Margaret instantly returned to perfect health. In recognition of this favor, Margaret added the name Mary to her baptismal name. St. Margaret Mary experienced visions of Jesus for most of her life, but thought they were a normal part of life and continued to practice austerity.

After the death of her father, Margaret and her family were forced into poverty when a relative refused to hand over the family's assets. Margaret's only comfort in life was her frequent visits to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. At 17-years-old, Margaret's family was able to regain control of their assets. Margaret's mother began to encourage her to be more social, in hopes she would find a suitable husband. One night, after attending a ball, Margaret had a vision of Christ, scourged and bloody. He accused Margaret of forgetting about Him. He showed her that His heart was full of love for her because of the promise she made to His Blessed Mother as a child. After this vision, Margaret was determined to fulfill the vow she made years ago. She entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in May 1671 to become a nun.

During her time in this monastery, Margaret received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These visions showed her the "form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a 'Holy hour' on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart." The Lord Jesus requested His love be made evident through her. In her vision, she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night meditating on Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, a practice, known as "The Holy Hour," that later became widespread.

In December 1673, Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary again, and allowed her to rest her head on His heart. His human heart was to be the symbol of His divine-human love. He revealed to her the wonders of His love. He explained to her that he wished to make these wonders known to all the world, and that He chose her for His work. Margaret Mary convinced her superior, Mother de Saumaise, her visions were authentic. However, she struggled with convincing others of the validity of her apparitions, even those in her own community. A group of theologians declared her visions delusions and suggested she eat better. Even parents of children she instructed began calling her an imposter. Margaret eventually gained the support from the community's confessor, St. Claude de la Colombiere, who declared her visions were genuine. Finally, all opposition from the community, regarding Margaret's visions, ended in 1683. St. Margaret Mary, who later became known as Novice Mistress, led the monastery in observing the Feast of the Sacred Heart privately, and inspired the construction of a chapel built to honor the Sacred Heart. She died a couple of years later, at the age of 43, on October 17, 1690, while being anointed. She spoke the words, "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."