



From the beginning of creation,
 God made them male and female.
 For this reason a man
 shall leave his father and mother
 and be joined to his wife,
 and the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8

Detail, Anonymous, *The Creation of the World*, Germany, c. 1170s

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

Today's passage from Mark's Gospel is in the context of Jesus' teaching about the kingdom, or reign, of God. A common understanding was that entering the kingdom was based on family origin, or achievement, or status in the community. Jesus pushes back on this, and presents a child as a model of receptivity and openness.

This is not to suggest that adults must somehow reject the wisdom gained through adult experience and return to childhood. Adult maturity also includes the difficult journey, usually later in life, of letting go of illusions that we have built up about our own virtue, skills, and autonomy. Jesus' teaching pushes back against our culture, which honors energy and vigor, expertise and achievement. These valuable gifts can fail us if we cannot accept our dependence on God who provides and cultivates these gifts. We can accept God's graciousness in our life when we open our hearts as a child does.

PROUD TO BE HUMAN

This is the first of seven consecutive Sundays that we will share passages from the Letter to the Hebrews. The letter is an extended sermon by an unknown author directed to a Christian community where likely many were converts from Judaism. The author attempts to link Jesus to the story of the people of Israel, building toward an image of Christ as God's perfect high priest. Christ the High Priest is described as the central link between humanity and God.

When we reflect upon the life and death of Jesus, we can more deeply accept that through Jesus, God knows what we humans experience. Jesus the High Priest embraces his humanity. In today's passage, the author claims that Jesus is proud to be human, proud to be our brother in the family of God. The letter to the Hebrews is not only a celebration of Christ, it is an affirmation of the dignity of our own human life.

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Today's Readings: Gen 2:18-24; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
 Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

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 8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush
 10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

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Mon Oct 4: 8:00 am Special Intentions
 Tue Oct 5: 8:00 am +Jayson Ebert
 Thu Oct 7: 8:00 am +Jimm Omodt
 Fri Oct 8: 8:00 am All Priests
 Sat Oct 9: 8:00 am +Elmer & Helen Sack
 5:00 pm +Louis & Cleona Weixelman
 Sun Oct 10: 7:00 am +Alma Fechter
 10:45 am Parishioners

+deceased

Confession: Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Wednesday (Oct 6)- 4:45-5:30 pm

Saturday (Oct 9)-3:30-4:30 pm

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Sun Oct 3: 8:45 am +Iris Straub
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Stewardship last Sunday: \$1,312 *Thank you*

Alzheimer's Workshop: According to Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's affects about 5.2 million people in the United States. We have been working with Meadowlark Hills & will be hosting an Alzheimer's Workshop at St. Bernard's on Oct 12 at 4:00 pm. This is a free event! To RSVP, please email Jamie at stbernard66547@gmail.com. Please join us for more information on this important topic!

K of C Breakfast: K of C will be having a breakfast next Sunday, Oct 10 following mass.

Faith, Food & Fellowship: Will be held Wednesday, Oct 6 at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph's hall. Feel free to come after high school practices. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Save the Date: St. Joseph's Day pot luck will be Sunday, Oct 24 at noon!

Book of Remembrance: The names of your deceased loved ones may be entered into the Book of Remembrance, located in the narthex. They will be remembered during November.

Altar Server Review/Practice: To be held Sunday, Oct 17 from 6-7:30 pm beginning at the hall and ending at the church. This is for anyone in grades 5 and older. Pizza dinner provided. Please RSVP to stjosephflushdre@gmail.com.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sun. Oct 10: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Shirley Miller		Kurt Roberts	Wyatt Heideman Payton Heideman	Ed Heptig Brenda Heptig	
Sat. Oct 9: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Patti Johnson		John Streeter	Austen Fulmer	Karla Rosell Patti Johnson	
Sun. Oct 10: St. Bernard 7:00 am	Tina Wick		Jeff Wick		Lisa Nyberg	
Sun. Oct 10: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Deacon Jody		Dee McKee		Thomas Vanderbilt Tricia Vanderbilt	

BOTH PARISHES

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— *Mark 10:14*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.

ENCOURAGEMENT

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.

—Anonymous

ST BERNARD

Sunset Rosary: This Sunday, Oct 3, at sunset. Please join us!

Rosary For Our Country: Monday, Oct 4 at 6:30 pm.

Clearing Snow: St. Bernard's is looking to contract someone to clear the parking lot of snow in the winter months. If interested, please call the parish office.

Alzheimer's Workshop: According to Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's affects about 5.2 million people in the United States. We have been working with Meadowlark Hills & will be hosting an Alzheimer's Workshop here at St. Bernard's on Oct 12 at 4:00 pm. This is a free event! To RSVP, please email Jamie at stbernard66547@gmail.com. Please join us for more information on this important topic!

Server Training: There will be a server training next Sunday, October 10 at 9:00 am. Open to 4th grade & on up. Experienced servers are encouraged to attend and get a refresher.

Formed.org: Formed is the Catholic equivalent of Netflix + Amazon books + Audible all in one! We just renewed our subscription. Check it out!

K of C Meeting: Monday, Oct 4 at 7:30 pm.

K of C Exemplification: Will be held Sunday, Oct 17 following the 10:45 mass. Please contact Steve Prockish with questions prockishsd@gmail.com.

K of C Breakfast: Sunday, Oct 17 after both Sunday masses. All parishioners are invited. Free will offering.

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Leaven: The Catholic Archdiocesan newspaper, is now due in the amount of \$23. Please help defray the cost to the parish & pay for your paper. Thank you!

Respect Life Sunday: Today is Respect Life Sunday! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month! respect-life.org/ celebrate.

Mass of Innocents: Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy? If so, Archbishop Naumann invites you to commemorate this loss at a Mass on Sunday, October 24, at 1:00 pm, at Holy Spirit Parish in Overland Park, KS. This annual Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation, whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Even if you have not personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to join us at this Mass to support those who have. For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at 913-647-0301 or bdupont@archkck.org.

Finding Hope: Join others on October 13 on Finding Hope: surviving suicide, accidental death, and sudden loss. It will be held at Church of the Ascension in Overland Park, KS. The event is Free. It will take place from 6:30-9 pm that evening.

Amazed by You – Rural Life Family Festival Tour – Save the date and plan to attend the regional event closest to you! All locations will include the music and stories of Steve Angrisano, adoration or Mass, food, teen breakout, and family fun. All are welcome!

Northern Region (St. Marys, St. Benedict) Saturday morning 9-12, October 9, 2021

Rural Topeka (St. Stanislaus, Rossville): Saturday 4-8pm, October 9, 2021

“Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven through Steve's music and storytelling.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7- 8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

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