

SUNDAY BULLETIN OCTOBER 13, 2024
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October

For A Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 AM—Don Tomasek+

Wednesday, October 16—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:15 AM—Special Intention

Thursday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 AM—Renee Jones+

Friday, October 18—St. Luke

8:15 AM—Deanna Luetticke+

Saturday, October 19—St. Peter of Alcantara

7:30 AM—Delbert Thompson+

5:00 PM—Edward O'Connor+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, October 20—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM— People of the Parish

10:00 AM—Father Alex Kreidler

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org,

if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND WE WILL SING FOR JOY!”

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

October 15: St. Teresa of Avila

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Revolt and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman “for others.” Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

October 16: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Her early years were marked by sickness and a painful home situation. “The heaviest of my crosses was that I could do nothing to lighten the cross my mother was suffering.” After considering marriage for some time, Margaret Mary entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24.

A Visitation nun was “not to be extraordinary except by being ordinary,” but the young nun was not to enjoy this anonymity. A fellow novice termed Margaret Mary humble, simple, and frank, but above all, kind and patient under sharp criticism and correction. She could not meditate in

the formal way expected, though she tried her best to give up her “prayer of simplicity.” Slow, quiet, and clumsy, she was assigned to help an infirmarian who was a bundle of energy.

On December 21, 1674, three years a nun, she received the first of her revelations. She felt “invested” with the presence of God, though always afraid of deceiving herself in such matters. The request of Christ was that his love for humankind be made evident through her.

During the next 13 months, Christ appeared to her at intervals. His human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. By her own love Margaret Mary was to make up for the coldness and ingratitude of the world—by frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and by an hour’s vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted.

Like all saints, Margaret Mary had to pay for her gift of holiness. Some of her own sisters were hostile. Theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions and suggested that she eat more heartily. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor, an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor, the Jesuit Claude de la Colombière, recognized her genuineness and supported her. Against her great resistance, Christ called her to be a sacrificial victim for the shortcomings of her own sisters, and to make this known.

After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, while being anointed. She said: “I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus.”

October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. “The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground

SUNDAY BULLETIN- TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES OCTOBER 19-20		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Jackson Reeter
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Jude Lentz Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Oliver Perry Rocky Sherer Nick Radcliff Tanner Kremer Rowdy Miller Harry Goad Dominic Sherer

by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ.”

October 18: St. Luke

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the *Gospel* writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke’s unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy

**Mark your calendars for the Holiday
Bazaar on Saturday, November 23rd!! Contact
the school office at 660-646-0705 for booth**

LECTOR SCHEDULE OCTOBER 20	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Ken Lauhoff
Sun. 10am	Mary Pauley

RECENT MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Peyton Dodson and Riley Brobst who were united in the sacrament of Matrimony on October 5, 2024 in St. Columban Church by Father Ryan Koster.

RECENT BAPTISM

Kaden Vera Sanchez, son of Adolfo Vera Rodriguez and Emma Alejandra Sanchez Ruvalcaba was baptized at St. Columban Church by Father Ryan Koster on September 22, 2024. Congratulations to the family.

BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

There were ‘pets galore’ for the **Pet Blessing** in our school yard to be blessed by Father Koster on Friday, October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We had horses, rabbits, cats, dogs, a dwarf goat, and a turtle. The students loved checking out their friends’ pets! Laurie Fairchild, our Title I teacher, led the **K-4 teacher collaboration** on October 2. Laurie has been working with our teachers on writing instruction. We appreciated Melissa and Charlie Pepper supervising the students in the lunchroom so teachers could work together during the lunchtime.

Teachers observed **Fire Safety Week** this past week. The national focus was **Smoke Alarms**. Staff and students also participated in a fire drill on Wednesday.

Our students performed **community service** at the end of September. Our Kindergarten students made cards for their Seminarian partners, first graders wrote letters to encourage men in the Abba House, second graders made cards for their seminarians and for a person who is sick, third and fifth graders picked up trash around the area, fourth graders made get well cards for a person who has been ill, sixth graders made cards to thank a volunteer who spends an extraordinary amount of time helping our school, and seventh and eighth graders cleaned and sanded down picnic tables in the back of the school. These activities help our students to think of others in need around them and of ways they can help the school.

May God bless you,
Pam Brobst, Principal



Weekly Offering

October 6
Offertory \$6,918
Property Maint \$142
Birthingright \$320

September Income/Expense
Income \$120,616
Expense \$113,559
Income over (under) Expense \$7,057

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events.