



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 7:15 am
The rosary is recited before weekend Masses @
4:35 pm on Saturday evenings and 8:05 am on
Sunday mornings

Confessions:

Wed., Thurs., & Fri. - 6:30 am - 7:00 am
Saturday - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Upon Request

Adoration:

Wednesdays: 8:00 am-7:00 pm in the Church

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Sacristan 10/13/25 - 10/19/25

Arlene Redeker

Weekend Lectors/EMHCs

10/11: Jana Redeker
10/12: Cass Coughlin
Carolyn Cole - EMHC
10/18: Donna Bolen
10/19: Carolyn Cole
10/25: Leanne Eberle
10/26: Dan Schneider



St. Joseph Prayer List

- Collins Baldwin
- Linda Barnard
- Maya Bishop
- Jeanette Reed Copeland
- Vicki Dickson
- Kauffman Dieker
- Susan Haag
- Sylvia Haag
- Darren Heins
- Kenneth Langley
- Debbie Markowitz
- Brian Martin
- Sylvia Miller
- Shea Mueting
- James Nunley
- Todd Orear
- Twyla Owen
- Olivia Pimpl
- Mrs. Ken Redeker
- Richard Scheve
- Danny Schmidt
- Jackie Schmidt
- Greg Schonhardt
- Mike Wecker
- Clara Young

United States Army:

- SGM Matthew S. Richter,
- Sgt. Austin Burenheide,
- Grant Fath,
- Major Jacob Haag

Marines:

- Lt. Col. James Bechtel

Navy:

- Grace Coughlin

Air Force:

- Megan DePauw

Army National Guard:

- Sgt. Mason Harmon

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This Sunday**

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Mark your Calendar



Hole-y Donut Sunday is next weekend, October 19th, in the Parish Life Center. We hope to see you there!



Please mark your calendars for our upcoming fall Prize Bingo/Soup Supper on Sunday, November 23rd. We will have more information to come in the near future, but plan to join us for this fun, fall tradition at St. Joseph Catholic Church. We will be reaching out for donations soon. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

SO MUCH FUN



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among the Peoples

World Mission Sunday 2025
October 19th

SHARE: GIVE NOW

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

82,498 Seminarians	8,769 Parishes and Organizations	11,992 Health Centers	843,785 Catechists	258,540 Religious Sisters
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The World Mission Sunday 2025 theme is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples". This theme, chosen by Pope Francis and carried on by Pope Leo XIV, invites all Catholics to embody and share Christ's hope, bringing it to those in need, especially in mission communities where the Church is still growing. There are envelopes in the back of church to make contributions. They can be dropped in the offertory basket next Sunday, October 19th.



Father's Corner



I'm sure I will say this more, but this Sunday's Gospel is one of my favorites. This grateful leper expresses the greatest and simplest disposition to the presence and mercy of Jesus by falling at his feet. This is where our relationship with God is the most true, I believe - when we confront our utter need for and dependence on Jesus, and we assume a lowly place in his presence. There can be shame and sadness and guilt present when we do that, but it is quickly overcome by grace, healing, joy, and fullness of spirit. We've been trained for a while, it seems, to say there should be no shame, that guilt is a weapon used against us, and to avoid pain at all costs. If we avoid those elements of lowliness and humility, though, we miss out on what the gospel actually is. We miss out on the forgiveness of our sins. We miss out on all of the gifts God wants to give us in place of the shame, the guilt, and the pain.

This leper, Mary of Bethany (Luke 7:37-43; 10:39), the repentant thief (Luke 23:39-43), and those present at the Cross are some of the best examples of how to pray: Humbly. At the feet of Jesus. We can do this anywhere, anytime. We *should* do it everywhere, in all of the ways. We literally and physically have the chance to do this in Reconciliation and with the Eucharist - whether it's at Mass or during Adoration. There is the chance to "fall" on our knees at all of these times in the presence of Jesus. We are meant to manifest the same beautiful posture as the grateful leper: Complete gratitude, complete humility, falling at Jesus' feet and receiving complete joy.

How do we receive Jesus in the Eucharist? This is the pinnacle of our relationship with God on earth, and maybe even in Heaven. The angels themselves do not have the privilege to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. What joy? What depth? What a gift?

How do I fall at the feet of Jesus in this moment like the leper or like Mary of Bethany? Am I aware of what is actually happening right now; that this is the Lord himself right in front of me? Is how I receive the Eucharist communicating in some way this awareness and the humility and gratitude appropriate to this moment?

One obvious need we have when trying to develop this lowliness and gratitude in Jesus' presence is to consider the state of our soul. Have I missed Sunday Mass for any reason besides being extremely sick or homebound? Have I committed sins of impurity? Have I manifested powerful anger or hatred toward another? Have I already received the Eucharist while in a state of serious sin? If so, then I need to fall at Jesus' feet in Reconciliation before I fully fall at his feet in the Eucharist.

So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." -Luke 7:47-50

She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." -Luke 10:39-42

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." -Luke 23:39-43



**HERE'S WHAT
FR. MERSMANN
HAS BEEN
LISTENING TO**