

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 29

Weekday

Eph 4:32–5:8

Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

OCTOBER 30

Weekday

Eph 5:21–33

Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday

OCTOBER 31

Weekday

Eph 6:1–9

Lk 13:22–30

Thursday

NOVEMBER 1

Solemnity

of All Saints

Rv 7:2–14, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Mt 5:1–12a

Friday

NOVEMBER 2

Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed
(All Souls)

Wis 3:1–9 Rom 5:5–11

or Rom 6:3–9

Jn 6:37–40

Saturday

NOVEMBER 3

Weekday

Phil 1:18b–26

Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday

NOVEMBER 4

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2–6

Heb 7:23–28

Mk 12:28b–34

Dear Padre,

I've often wondered about the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Are not all the souls we pray for also saints? Why not just celebrate a feast day for all those in heaven?

In the New Testament, *saint* meant “Christian.” In some way, then, all followers of Jesus were originally considered saints. But over the centuries, the word saint has gradually come to connote the holy people declared saints by the Church. The canonization process sometimes takes centuries. (It took nearly 500 years for St. Joan of Arc to be canonized.) In 2,000 years of Roman Catholic history, more than 2,500 saints have been recognized. On the feast of All Saints, we honor these holy men and women, especially our patron saint and those saints for whom we have special admiration.

The feast of All Souls honors loved ones who have died. It is safe to say that the Church has not officially canonized most of our family and friends who have died. As the Church gives official status to deceased holy persons by canonizing them, so too Christ's paschal mystery gives meaning to the death of faithful Christians. As it says in the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians: “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep” (4:14). When we pray for our dead—in purgatory or in heaven—on the feast of All Souls, we acknowledge the mystical body of Christ, which includes us, family and friends who have died, and the officially canonized saints of the Church.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus' life, especially during the three years of his public ministry, was a continual encounter with people. Among them, the sick had a special place. How many pages of the Gospel tell of these encounters! The paralytic, the blind man, the leper, ...we cannot fail to visit and assist those who are sick.

—General audience, November 9, 2016

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MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

MASS - Saturday at 6:00 pm, Sunday at 10:30 am
RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5:00 pm

Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office email: parishsec@gwtc.net

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All Saints Day Mass

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, October 31st @ 7:00pm

Sacristan: Marie Fisher

Lector: Jack Williams

EME: Kathy Scott, Jack & Dee Williams

Servers: Shelby Scott, Aiden & Lillian Barfuss

Ushers: Brad Assman, Phil DeMers, Ron DeMers, Mitch DeMers



Saturday, November 3rd

Sacristan: Maxine Fisher

Lector: Mary Elder

EME: Joyce Heath, Dick & Sandy Krantz

Servers: Ryan Sell, Carter Foster, Erick Marso

Ushers: Francis Bolander, Barry Grossenburg
John Janecke, Steve Meyer

Sunday, November 4th

Sacristan: Judy Arthur

Lector: Tovi Bartels

EME: Valora Eddie, Jack & Ellen Storms

Servers: Sadie Tegethoff, Gus Bartels, Aryn Meiners

Ushers: Dean Engel, Lance Engel, Jason & Finn Bartels

ICC COLLECTION REPORT

Oct. 20 & 21, 2018: Envelopes \$1,615.00, Loose \$351.00, Repairs \$10.00.
Total \$1,976.00.

The office will be closed on Fri. Nov. 2nd.



WINNER CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Tuesday, November 6th - 5:30 pm @ St. Joseph's Hall
Catholic Daughters \$25 dues are due.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

It is time to make the new ministry schedule.
Please get your unavailable or available dates
to Vicki or call the parish office. Thanks!



THE COFFEE IS ON!

Join Fr. Kevin at his home

Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders

Thursday ~ November 1st ~ 10:30am - 12:00 noon



Pantry Sunday is November 3rd & 4th

The Food Pantry is in need of shampoo,
4 roll packs of toilet paper,
syrup and Ramen Noodle Soup.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Please be generous in your support to the needy of our community!

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - Oct. 27 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

Ralph & Margaret Pettit⁺ and Family by Tammie Pettit Memorial

Sunday - Oct. 28 - 8:30 am **Colome**

Robert & Vera Mansheim⁺ by Don Mansheim

Sunday - Oct. 28 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish

Monday - Oct. 29 - 7:15 am **Winner**

James F. (Shoey) Shoemaker, Jr.⁺ by Louie & Kathleen Polasky

Tuesday - Oct. 30 - NO MASS

Wednesday - Oct. 31 - 9:15 am **Elder Inn**

Communion Service

Wednesday - Oct. 31 - 9:30 am **Nursing Home**

Communion Service

Wednesday - Oct. 31 - 5:30 pm **Colome All Saints**

Patrick London Family by the Gardner Family

Wednesday - Oct. 31 - 7:00 pm **Winner All Saints**

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Bob Baden

Thursday - Nov. 1 - 9:00 am **Golden Prairie Manor**

Mary Jorgensen⁺ by Art & Betty Sattler

Friday - Nov. 2 - 7:15 am **Winner**

Pro-Life for Unborn Children

Saturday - Nov. 3 - 6:00 pm **Winner**

For all Knights of Columbus: past, present & future

by Knights of Columbus

Sunday - Nov. 4 - 8:30 am **Colome**

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future

by Colome Catholic Daughters

Sunday - Nov. 4 - 10:30 am **Winner**

For the Parish

*Sunday,
Nov. 4th*



Holy Hour
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
& Confession
Wednesday
@ 5:00 pm - ICC

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Thursdays - 10:00am @ ICC

Welcome to the Immaculate Conception family!

Seyla Jo O'Connor

Baptized on October 21, 2018

Daughter of James & Shelly O'Connor



'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'

Wendy Smith

Larry Zeigler

Reid Malnati

Gary Elder

Fr. Bill Zandri

Jackie McKenzie

Kate DeMers

Janet DeMers

Florence Fisher

Brittney Hansen

Dorothy Hejl

Doug Stiehl

Shirley Turgeon

Jolene Hagen

Bromley Heath

Lenna Thieman

Julie Stafford-son

Mike Rohde

Annette Bowman

Marianne Thompson

Jerry Schroeder

Marian Schroeder

Christine Wood

Inez Dockendorf

JoAnn Brown

Ruthie Storms Joachim

Carol Horstman

Prayers for our Family Members in the Military

Gene Fisher

Daysha DeMers

Spencer Hughes

Christian Hamilton

Jacob Debus

Jeff Butler

Kris Schwartz

Dylan Doering

Jacque Miller

St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so.

Thank you for your understanding.

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

301 Carr St. Colome, SD 57528
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Sunday at 8:00 am
MASS SCHEDULE - Sunday at 8:30 am

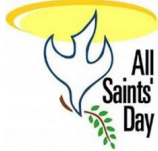
ST. ISIDORE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All Saints Day Mass

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, October 31st @ 5:30 pm

Gifts: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Bolie & family
Lector: Todd
EME: Todd/Janette/ Volunteer
Music: Janette/Cindy
Servers: Linkyn/Libbie/Preslie
Ushers: Kevin/Bruce
Sacristan: Rosemary



Sunday, November 4th

Gifts: Mrs. Jody Burger & family
Lector: Jody
EME: Van/Carol K/Volunteer
Music: Abby/Cindy
Servers: Michael/Alana/Kaden
Ushers: Lynn/Marlin
Sacristan: Carol M

ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

October 21, 2018: \$1,694.00

COLLECTION: October 28, 2018 ~ Holly & Jody
October 31, 2018 ~ Greg & Van
November 4, 2018 ~ Ryan & Craig



St. Isidore ~~ November Church Cleaning

Kathy Hrabanek (Chr.), Carol Moyer
Linda Leber, Patty DeMers

St. Isidore, Colome

Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
& Confession

WILL NOT MEET THIS TUESDAY, OCT. 30TH.

Colome Catholic Daughters

Nov. 7th a Rosary will be said in the church @ 6:45 pm

Meeting: Wednesday, November 7th
@ 7:15pm in the church basement

Hostesses: Anna LaDeaux, Sherrie Rhode & Rosemary King

Nov. 11th - CDA Brunch following 8:30 am Mass.
All are Welcome. Free Will Offering.



***Cindy is working on a new ministry
schedule starting on December 9.
Please give her a call with the dates
you are unavailable. Thank you for all that you do.***

ST. ISIDORE OR ICC PARISHIONERS

**Have you moved, changed your phone number,
would like your birthday added to the birthday
list or have never registered? Contact us
at the parish office, 842-3520,**

St. Isidore and Immaculate Conception Faith Formation Class Schedule

Wednesday, October 31st

ICC - NO CLASS - All Saints Mass at 7:00 pm.

St. I - NO CLASS - All Saints Mass at 5:30 pm.

Party to follow Mass. All are welcome.

Treats for the kids and soup will be served.

THAT MAN IS YOU

Thursday, November 1st ~ 6:30 - 7:30am @ ICC Rectory



RCIA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
6:00 - 7:00 PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S HALL
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If you have an emergency for which you are in need of a Priest,

please call the parish office at 842-3520 & dial
ext.13. If Father does not answer, leave your
name, number and your request.

Fr. will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore

The ***Book of All Souls*** has been placed in
the church. Please enter the names of your
deceased loved ones.



October 28th, 2018

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many of the challenges and difficulties of End of Life decisions,
stem from a fear of suffering, combined a lack of knowledge of the
ways in which palliative care can alleviate much suffering, and how
the suffering that remains can bring much grace to oneself and one's
family.

Pope Francis: Embrace of Hope, Compassion in Times of Illness is
filled with the pope's insight and inspiration for all who face the test
of sickness and illness. Pope Francis shows how hope is found in
seeing and experiencing illness in the light of the Good News of
Jesus Christ.

He reveals how grace grows in times of illness when:



- Christians bring the peace of Christ to the sick through service and care.
- Difficult moments become the path to forge stronger
- relationships with family, communities, and with Christ.
- Men and women in science cultivate and apply God's gift of creation for the treatment and cure of diseases, setting free the oppressed. Christ sets one free, helps one endure, and allows suffering for the sake of a greater joy yet to come.

This easy-to-read book has the best of Pope Francis's reflections on
this challenging human experience. Presented in an elegant design,
this small book is easy to take with you and a joy to read! This
book is available on www.usccb.org.



KILLING THE PAIN, NOT THE PATIENT: PALLIATIVE CARE VS. ASSISTED SUICIDE

Assisted suicide is radically different from end-of-life care and the practice of palliative care.

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Assisted suicide is in the news and on lawmakers' agendas. Supporters call it "aid in dying" and claim it is just another option for ending intolerable pain as part of end-of-life care. But assisted suicide is radically different from end-of-life care and the practice of palliative care, the healing art of relieving pain and other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill. In fact, these two agendas are at war with each other.

✧ Different Drugs, Different Results

When properly prescribed for the pain of serious illness, powerful pain medications like morphine and other opioids are safe and effective. Patients can have their pain well-controlled without risk to life, and generally stay alert as well.

Assisted suicide is very different. Where it has been legalized, doctors can prescribe a lethal overdose of pills to patients whom they think will die within six months, so they can kill themselves. The patient then intentionally swallows a massive overdose of barbiturates to cause unconsciousness and death.

✧ The Importance of Intent

Besides having opposite results, these two approaches express different intentions.

While pain medication is generally safe under medical supervision, it may have side-effects. For example, barbiturates may be used in rare instances to sedate an agitated patient in the final stage of dying if other pain control methods are inadequate, though this poses some risk of shortening life.

In such cases, the doctor and patient must assess the good they intend and proceed only if this good outweighs the unintended adverse effects. As risk cannot always be eliminated, modern medicine would be impossible without this "principle of double effect." The key is that no one involved intends the bad effects, especially the bad effect of killing the patient.

Assisted suicide, by contrast, directly intends the patient's death, which is never morally permissible. The doctor prescribes an intentionally lethal overdose, with instructions on how to use the pills to cause death. (Interestingly, there is no record that any patient accidentally surviving the overdose has ever tried it again.)

Medical organizations like the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians oppose doctor-assisted suicide, in part because it destroys this essential distinction between intended and unintended effects of treatment. Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death.

✧ Eliminate the Problem, Not the Patient

Palliative care also addresses symptoms beyond physical pain, in ways that go beyond medication. Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them. Consider that about half of patients who had requested assisted suicide under the Oregon law in its first three years changed their minds when the doctor provided palliative care.²

Yet in Oregon, almost none of the patients receiving lethal drugs are evaluated to assess whether their wish for death arises from treatable depression—and over half say they requested the drugs partly because they feel they are becoming a “burden” on others.³ Offering assisted suicide can only confirm and strengthen that feeling. It ignores the underlying problems, instead abandoning and eliminating the patient who has the problems.

✧ Assisted Suicide Undermines Palliative Care

Assisted suicide is detrimental not only for individual patients, but also for patient care on a large scale. In countries like the Netherlands, where assisted suicide has been accepted for many years, progress in palliative care has stagnated.⁴ In Oregon, legalization was followed by an increase in severe untreated pain among terminally ill patients. During a period when 1,832 hospices opened in other states, only five

opened in Oregon. In other states legalizing assisted suicide, use of hospice care has fallen below the national average.⁵ By contrast, when states pass new laws forbidding assisted suicide, while affirming that doctors may use drugs like morphine for effective pain control, use of these medications has increased—indicating progress in pain management practices.⁶

The reason is obvious. Optimum palliative care requires years of training and experience, as well as a commitment to the patient as someone with inherent dignity who deserves excellent care. Assisted suicide avoids the need for this hard work and erodes this commitment. It provides a “quick and easy,” as well as cheap, answer to terminal illness. Once death is accepted as a solution, why bother to devote resources to more expensive medical progress?

Assisted suicide does not enhance medicine. As noted by a doctor specializing in palliative and hospice care in the Netherlands, killing “becomes a substitute for learning how to relieve the suffering of dying patients.”⁷

✧ True Love and Mercy

Do we see people as the problem, such that our responsibility begins and ends with helping patients kill themselves? Or, do we see seriously ill patients as fellow human beings who deserve our love and solutions for their problems? Will we succumb to the “false mercy” of assisted suicide, or will we endorse what Pope St. John Paul II called “the way of love and true mercy”?⁸ Will we dedicate ourselves to providing genuinely compassionate care, as a society and for our own loved ones? Our answer today determines the care available now and for years to come.

¹ Doerflinger, Richard M., M.A. “Oregon’s Assisted Suicides: The Up-to-Date Reality in 2017.” *On Point*, no. 21 (March 2018): 5. <https://lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Oregon-Assisted-Suicide-The-Up-To-Date-Reality-2017.pdf>.

² Ganzini, Linda, M.D., Heidi D. Nelson, M.D., M.P.H., Terri A. Schmidt, M.D., Dale F. Kraemer, Ph.D., Molly A. Delorit, B.A., and Melinda A. Lee, M.D. “Physicians’ Experiences with the Oregon Death with Dignity Act.” *The New England Journal of Medicine*, no. 342 (February 24, 2000): 557-63. doi:10.1056/NEJM200002243420806.

³ *Assisted Suicide Laws in Oregon and Washington: What Safeguards?* PDF. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, February 22, 2018: 2.5. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/upload/suicideoregonfeb2018.pdf>

⁴ *Physician-Assisted Suicide: Threat to Improved Palliative Care*. PDF. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, March 4, 2017: 2-3. http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/upload/suicide_palliative_care-2.pdf

⁵ Doerflinger, Richard M., M.A. “The Effect of Legalizing Assisted Suicide on Palliative Care and Suicide Rates: A Response to Compassion and Choices.” *On Point*, no. 13 (March 2017): 3. <https://lozierinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/The-Effect-of-Legalization-of-Assisted-Suicide.pdf>.

⁶ Brief *Amici Curiae* for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, California Catholic Conference, Oregon Catholic Conference, Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Health Association of the United States, and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioners, *Alberto R. Gonzales, U.S. Attorney General, et al. v. Oregon, et al.*, No 04-623, *18-22 (filed May 9, 2005). <http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/amicus-briefs/upload/amicus-sct-gonzales-v-oregon-2005-05.pdf>

⁷ Zylicz, Zbigniew, M.D. “Palliative Care and Euthanasia in the Netherlands.” In *The Case Against Assisted Suicide*, 142. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press.

⁸ John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (*Gospel of Life*) (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 66-67.

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Fr. Kevin Achbach, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Gertrude the Great

Born in 1256 in Germany, St. Gertrude

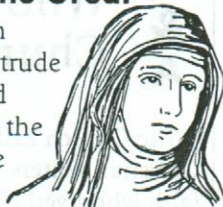
was raised and educated by the Benedictine nuns.

Eventually, St. Gertrude became a nun herself. When she was about twenty-six, she began having visions of Christ, which continued until her death. She recorded them in a book called the *Herald of Divine Love* for her fellow nuns. She was known for her personal holiness, her kindness to the rich and poor, and her prayers for the souls in Purgatory.

Roomful of friends

Learning about the saints is like walking into a room full of strangers. You scan the faces looking for a friendly one who beckons you over. Scan the saintly faces until you find one with whom you would like to become friends.

"Only the one who can see hope in death can also lead a life of hope." Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *Images of Hope: Meditations on Major Feasts*



Stewardship is about love, not money

When you hear "stewardship," do you think, "fundraising?"

In fact, real stewardship is about love. When we practice good stewardship, we become more fulfilled, have a greater sense of purpose, and live happier lives. And while it's not just about money, good stewards have all the money they need.

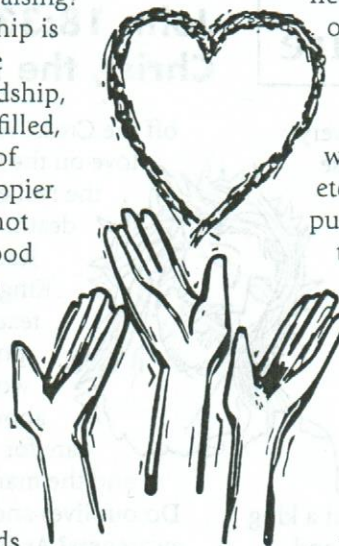
Good stewards are motivated by love. Strong families come together and are formed in love. Loving family stewards put the needs of members first before spending time or money on anything else, especially themselves.

In God's family, we also come together in his love to care for each other. As stewards, we find ways to use

our time and gifts to meet the needs of God's family through our parish.

Good stewards lend their strength. Take stock of the gifts you have: faith, wisdom, prosperity, energy, etc. Then ask where you can put your talents and resources to work for your parish so you can take your place at God's table. When you do, you will make God's family stronger and healthier.

Good stewards show gratitude. Practicing good stewardship means understanding that God has generously given us gifts which we, in turn, use for his purpose. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give. What God wants most is our love.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics attend Mass on holy days of obligation?

Just as many families gather to celebrate major life events, so does the Catholic Church when she requires Catholics to celebrate certain feast days by attending Mass together. These feasts include: Christmas, Mary's Immaculate Conception, Easter, and Christ's Ascension

and the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. All Sundays—in honor of Easter Sunday—are also holy days of obligation for the same reasons. The other holy days are listed on the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org>.

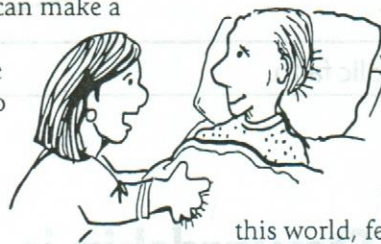


"Be not afraid"

When someone we love is dying, we may want to help but don't know what to do. We can feel powerless. Yet when they are transitioning from this life to the next, we can make a significant difference to our loved ones.

Bring love. Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes just holding a hand says more than words.

Bring attention. Ask him stories about his life. Let him know he has inspired you. You'll treasure these moments after he is gone.



Bring comfort. Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to welcome her. Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Bring peace. Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture or a favorite book.

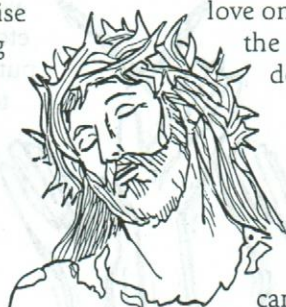
Bring strength. When someone is leaving this world, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus' words, "Be not afraid."

from Scripture

John 18:33b-37, Christ, the real King

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God's promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared.

Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn't want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down



off the Cross. Yet it was his sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death.

Jesus is King and he has a Kingdom, but as he teaches Pilate and us, his power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice and care for the poor, the needy and the marginalized in society.

Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more "Christ-like" in our lives, and that means more like Jesus the King.

Q & A Who are the Church Fathers?

The Church Fathers were the early Christian writers and teachers of the faith who lived after the Apostles and preserved and handed on their



teachings. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his Apostles, "[The Holy Spirit] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"

(John 14:26). This collection of teachings—called Tradition—was handed on by the Apostles to their followers, the Church Fathers.

The Church Fathers include bishops, writers, thinkers, and martyrs. The most important thing the Fathers did, and why we still look to them today, is that they preserved "the written proof" of what the Apostles taught and handed on. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, on essential points of doctrine, the Fathers agreed with each other and with the Apostles on principles such as Jesus' divinity and humanity, Mary's sinlessness, and the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. Thanks to the Church Fathers, we can know what the Church believed—and still believes to this day.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. A Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are required to attend Mass, we commemorate people of extraordinary virtue who have gone before us to live eternally in the presence of God.

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. This day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 10 – Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As

pope, he defended the faith from heresy and worked for the unity of the Church. He also protected Rome from being destroyed by Attila the Hun and later by the barbarians.

Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623). Born in Lithuania, St. Josaphat, the Ruthenian Archbishop of Pototsk, made the unpopular choice to bring his diocese into communion with the Catholic Church. He suffered persecution by a schismatic party and was eventually martyred by an angry mob.



Our Mission

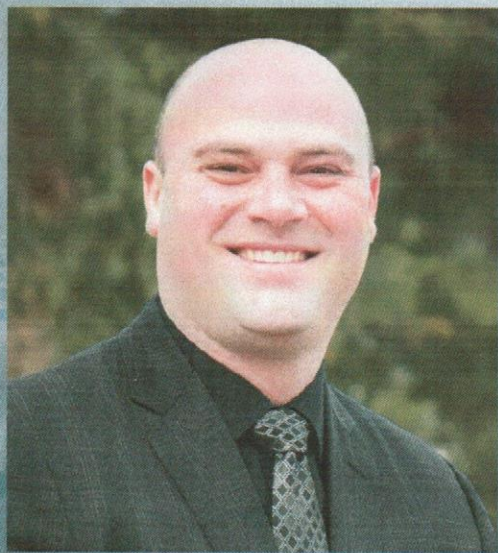
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Mon-Tues, Nov 5-6

*Monday, Nov. 5: 7-8:30pm St. Mary's Hall
Tuesday, Nov. 6: 7-8:30pm St. Mary's Hall*

The focus of the mission: The Gift, Change Yourself, Change the World. Tony and Chris will discuss the three pillars of the spiritual life in the light of the New Evangelization. Prayer, almsgiving and fasting have a transforming effect on us and on all those we encounter.

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Boldly Believe!

It rarely does any good to follow the crowd. Most people follow the path of least resistance, just floating along. Jesus said the path to heaven is narrow and few follow it. Dare to believe in eternal truths, in Jesus, and swim against the current.

Just look at what happened to blind Bartimaeus. He wanted the impossible, to be healed by Jesus, but he was at a big disadvantage. He couldn't see Jesus in order to find him. So what did he do? He started by using his only strength—his loud voice. He couldn't

run after Jesus but could only sit and call out. Lesson one: Use whatever talent you have to reach Jesus. Don't focus on what you lack but on what you have.

The crowd told him to be quiet and polite, not upsetting the moment. Bartimaeus “kept calling out all the more” (Mark 10:48). Lesson two: Ignore the crowd if they keep you from Jesus and your dreams.

Jesus hears his cry and calls for Bartimaeus, who springs up with a newfound joy because Jesus reached out to him. He stumbles toward him, directed by the crowd. Lesson three: Go to Jesus with your weakness!

It doesn't bother him. It attracts him.

Jesus asks what he wants, and blind Bartimaeus boldly asks for the impossible: to see. Impossible, unless he believed Jesus was in fact the Son of David, the Messiah, the miracle worker. Jesus gives him exactly what his faith merited. Lesson four: Boldly believe and pursue the impossible. Jesus wants to give it to you!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Scenes from the Legend of St. Peter the Martyr and The Blind and the Lame Pray at the Saint's Tomb* (circa 1440)

Artist: Sano di Pietro

Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Is there some need you want Jesus to fill? What is it?

Might you be the answer to how Jesus wants to fill someone's need? Don't be one of the crowd holding him back.

[Bartimaeus] threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus....

“Master, I want to see.”

Mark 10:50–51