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OCTOBER 10, 2021

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

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“All things are
possible for God.”

MARK 10:27

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.
Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.
Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

STAFF

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: FINDING THE BALANCE

Picture yourself in the scene of today's Gospel. Many of us can resonate with the response of these disciples — 'amazed,' and 'exceedingly astonished,' or from another perspective, shocked and perplexed — because they are our own responses today when Jesus teaches. The poverty that Jesus invites His followers into can run in opposition to the "self-made man" perspective of the American culture. Cardinal Cantalamessa describes four aspects of this Evangelical Poverty: material poverty as a social phenomenon to be addressed (as in combating world hunger); material poverty as an evangelical position to be embraced (as in radical frugality and simplicity of life); spiritual poverty as an evil to be fought (as in deliverance ministry); and spiritual

poverty as an ideal to strive for (as in St. Therese of Lisieux). Evangelical poverty is the pursuit of a characteristic of the heart, a quality of our being that ennobles the effort to attain it.

We find this quality beautifully exemplified in the life of St. Francis of Assisi. As his material needs decreased his capacity for enjoyment increased. It is written that the poorer Francis became, the less cramped was his soul. Jesus' invitation here is to embrace the upside down perspective of being his follower.

Somewhere in between destitution and opulence lies the balance for Jesus' invitation to Gospel poverty. The "nah-uh, Jesus" response that so many of us have to these ideas is indicative of the

impossibility of being a follower of Jesus on our own power. That's why Jesus gives his followers grace and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in order to attain the lofty heights of virtue. We cannot do it on our own; our attachments to carnality, pleasures, and possessions, as well as the fickleness and frailty of our flawed character are indeed strong and difficult to surrender unless we are convinced that something greater is available and worth the sacrifice. But Jesus' offer of salvation and eternal life is available to all without hesitation or reserve ... how shall we respond today?

Br. John Marmion Villa (edited)



OCT. 9	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	James & Elizabeth Silver† <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>
OCT. 10	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Mary Nadolski† <i>Nadolski Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Charles Freeman† <i>Mary Sue Rodriguez</i>
OCT. 11	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Vince Scarbin† <i>Theresa Novel Baker</i>
OCT. 12	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Tom Ferris† <i>Libby Magnone</i>
OCT. 13	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hitt Myers† <i>Mary & Mike Fallova</i>
OCT. 14	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bob & Bernadine Miller <i>Miller/Porter families</i>
OCT. 15	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bob† & Maggie Yeater <i>Jerry & Lottie Durbin</i>
OCT. 16	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Deceased members† Bishop Donahue Class of 1971 <i>BDHS Class of 1971</i>
OCT. 17	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Thomas & Nora Abraham† <i>Lucille Hicks</i>
10:00 a.m.	Tommy Silver† <i>Lucille Hicks</i>

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

To the Blatt Family upon the loss of Marilyn Bloise, our heartfelt condolences.



Serving Children Heart of SJI Order

This is the third in a series offered by Sr. Agatha about her religious order located in Zimbabwe.

Places of Service

The SJI Sisters work in four of Zimbabwe's eight dioceses: Bulawayo, Gweru, Harare and Masvingo. Sisters are engaged in hospital work, education, social work, pastoral ministry, care for orphans, and care for mentally challenged children. Sr. Agatha is among seven sisters in the United States--three in Charleston (Sacred Heart Parish), two in Clarksburg (Immaculate Conception), one in San Antonio. One sister in Charleston is DRE and does home visits for shut-ins and the hospitalized, another provides after-school care for the elementary school, and the third works as a nurse at Charleston Area Medical Center. One sister at Immaculate Conception is DRE and runs the youth ministry, and the second sister does home visits to shut-ins and the hospitalized and is the sacristan of the parish. The sister in Texas teaches at a Catholic university.

Hostel for Care of Mentally Challenged Children

Twenty years ago, at the request of parents, the sisters built a hostel in Zimbabwe for mentally challenged boys and girls to give them a safe place to live during school terms. The sisters are in the process of having a solar power generation system installed there to replace its hydroelectric system, which has become unreliable because of persistent droughts.

Home for Orphans

The sisters constructed two housing units that accommodate five children each. Two more are needed.

Antenatal Clinic

The sisters created and run a pregnancy management clinic in a deprived rural area where most women cannot afford hospital fees. Work is ongoing to properly equip the clinic so that it can meet the

requirements of Zimbabwe's Ministry of Health.

Primary and Secondary Schools

The Sisters intend to build an elementary and high school for children who walk long distances to attend school. For the children's convenience and safety, the schools will be built close to the communities where the children live.

Solar Project – Bethany House

Bethany House was built by the sisters 20 years ago as a place for annual retreats and formation seminars. Any sister who wants to spend some quiet time in prayer or simply to rest is welcome to come to this place and recharge. The sisters want Bethany House to run on solar power and are slowly assembling the needed equipment. So far, one wing of the house runs fully on solar power.

Gratitude for Support of SJI Projects

The SJI Sisters are very grateful for the support in cash and kind they receive from several parishes and individuals in the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Without this support they would not be able to get their projects to start and continue.



Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Kelsey Miller, Annie Miller.

CALENDAR

Mondays until Nov. 8	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Joseph Cathedral 7 p.m.
Ongoing to November	EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS Wednesdays 9 a.m. Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Church Hall
Oct. 16 @ Church Lot	COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENT Noon- 3 p.m.
Oct. 17 @ Fellowship Hall	ST. JOHN CHURCH BENWOOD SPAGHETT DINNER Call 304-905-8036 for Info
Monday Oct. 18 @ Xavier Hall	K of C Council #1907 BLOOD DRIVE Schedule at 1-800-733-2767 or RedCrossBlood.org (Enter the word KNIGHTS)
Until Oct. 20	ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL CANDLE ORDERS

SCHEDULES OCT. 16 & 17

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
4:00 p.m.	L. Freeland / M. Taskalines
8:00 a.m.	C. Frame / S. Kent
10:00 a.m.	E. King / J. Klug
ALTAR SERVERS	
ALL MASSES - Please Step Up	
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Ruth Bertrand / Julie Anderson	

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Attendance	191

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Philip and Hilary holding Lana, Father, and Quinten with Monette and David.

CELEBRATING NEW SOULS

Fr. That Son welcomed two new souls into the Church Oct. 2—cousins Lana Justine Emmanuel Jereza and Quinten Jereza Williams. Lana is the daughter of Philip and Hilary Jereza, and Quinten is the son of David and Monette Williams. Congratulations, and blessings for them all!

COME CRUISE THE OHIO RIVER

on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 11, from 4– 7 p.m. and enjoy the Fall beauty of West Virginia and Ohio on a day when beautiful weather is in the forecast.

The cruise is free to parishioners, and a sign-up board is in the back of the church. Seats are still available, but the maximum allowed is 70, so feel free to stop by before weekend Masses to claim a spot.

The cruise departs from the ferry landing in Sistersville. Parking is nearby at Wells Inn, so allow some time to walk to the dock. Be sure to bring lawn chairs! You may also bring snacks if you wish.

- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):** Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.
- SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):** Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

Happily Ever After ...

Congratulations And our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lee Varner, who exchanged wedding vows Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. Francis Xavier Church. May God bless them abundantly in love, joy, and happiness as they begin their new life together.



OUR PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

group gathered last weekend to start the new year, and the children were excited to be together and receive a special visit from Fr. That Son.

Father talked about the Holy Cross and prepared the children to receive special blessings during 10 a.m. Mass. We are especially excited to welcome some new families and helpers! Families may still sign up. Just show up 9 a.m. Sunday at the school.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

our 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct. 16, to remember deceased members of Bishop Donahue's class of 1971. We hope to see many BDHS faithful there!

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR

All Souls' Day memorial candles. Forms are in the vestibule and at our website. Candles are \$5 each, and the parish provides candles to families who lost loved ones this year. Deadline to order is Oct. 20.

- SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.
- REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:** Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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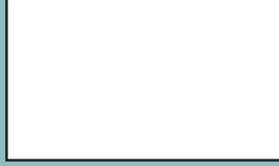
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