

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 14, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Some believers tithe. Others try to keep a balanced perspective by living simply. There are some who choose to place a self-imposed limit on their savings. And then there are those radical few who choose to live without any possessions or belongings beyond what is absolutely essential. Regardless of the path we choose, we must seek to remove every obstacle to embracing our loving God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 15, 2018

Monday, Oct. 15, St. Teresa of Jesus
8:15AM Cleo Gross
Tuesday, Oct. 16, St. Hedwig
8:15AM Curtis Jany by Lawrence Jany
Wednesday, Oct. 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch
10:30AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, Oct. 18, St. Luke, Evangelist
NO MASS
Friday, Oct. 19, Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues and Companions
8:15AM Ethel Bievenue by Ron & Sue Meyer Family
Saturday, Oct. 20, St. Paul of the Cross
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, Oct. 21
9AM M/M Earl Jungewaelter & M/M John Jungewaelter

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OCT. 14 THRU OCT. 21

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Pork Loin & Gravy/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 7 & 8 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass (Grade 5 & 6 Liturgy) PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The responsorial psalm has a thoughtful verse today: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart" (Psalm 90:12). Gaining wisdom of heart means acquiring what Solomon speaks of in the first reading. Riches are nothing compared to the gifts of the Spirit of wisdom: "all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands (Wisdom 7:11). What do we consider "gain" in our lives? In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching about money. A man's enthusiasm quickly turns to reticence. The open hand generously stretched out becomes the closed hand lowered in disappointment. He was missing a return to a childlike acceptance of a greater power to sustain and save us. Counting up our achievements, even religious ones, is easier than recognizing our need. And yet, it is in the very recognition of our need and in our persisting in ministry in the face of this recognition that God sustains us in this life and leads us into the next.

TITHE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,602.00
\$517.00 Cemetery; \$40.00 Sr. Anne; \$9.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,220.60
Fiscal Year Week: 15
YTD Actual Giving: \$93,309.00
YTD Budget Need: \$105,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$11,691.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$779.40)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Oct. 20 & 21: 5PM, Grace Welborn, Garret Hopkins; 9AM, David Grau, Jared Landeros, Luke Miller

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Pray that God will do what we may consider impossible, allowing us to move away from those attitudes and habits that prevent us from drawing more closely to Jesus, who continues to lead us to the kingdom.

THANKSGIVING BAGS: Chester Area Christian Food Pantry is requesting monetary donations towards the purchase of supplies for the Thanksgiving Bags. Pantry staff will assemble the bags and include perishable items. The Pantry will begin to distribute the bags on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Mark your envelope "Thanksgiving" and place it in the collection basket. Thank You!

BLOOD DRIVE will be at the American Legion on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 12:45-5:45PM.

WURSTMARKT at St. Patrick, Tipton, on Sunday, Oct. 28. Mass at 10AM, Family Style Dinner served 11AM-4PM, and Meat Shoot beginning at Noon.

SMS ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION will be held in the gym on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 6:30PM. Doors open at 5PM for Vendor Sales. Refreshments will be sold by the 8th Grade Class. Invite your family & friends for an exciting evening of fun and prizes.

NEWMAN CENTER AUXILIARY will host its Annual Fall Gala on Saturday, Nov. 10. This includes a prime rib dinner, music and dancing, and a silent auction. It begins with hors d' oeuvres at 6PM. Dinner at 7PM and the silent auction will run from 6-8PM. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be obtained by calling Susan (618-529-3311) at the Newman Center by Friday, Nov. 2.

PLEASE SAVE Box Tops for Education, Tyson Project A+ labels, Best Choice (ONLY the UPC codes) and empty computer ink cartridges. Please know that your efforts do make a difference. The first Box Top submission deadline for this year is Thursday, Nov. 1. Thank you so much.

SCRIP CARDS can be ordered through the school office for your shopping needs.

ANOTHER LOOK AT ABORTION: If someone takes an innocent person's life after he or she is born, it's against the law; before birth (even minutes before, in most states), S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision in 1973. Abortion results in the death of a child. For many, abortion causes severe and long-lasting emotional, psychological, and spiritual trauma, and other detrimental effects have also been documented. (Visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org.) So, what are we to do? The Church does not approach difficult pregnancy decisions with a false "either/or" mentality, pitting mother against child. We love them both! Learn more at www.usccb.org/abortion.

THE REAL PROSPERITY GOSPEL: Don't we like to think that wealth solves our problems? Don't we wish, at least from time to time, to win the lottery, to have wealth, to have "more than enough"? Yet Jesus says to the man of many possessions: give it to the poor so you can thread the needle into the Kingdom of God. Whew! Not what we want to hear. Not what some of us believe. The real prosperity Gospel is having "just enough". The real prosperity Gospel is seeing that no one goes without. What mercy work will I do today? How can I care for those poorer than me? What will I share, divest, give away this week?