

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 28, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Panhandlers are utterly dependent on charity for their daily bread. They have nothing of real value, so they have nothing to lose. Might our self-sufficiency, self-defensiveness, and self-importance blind us to something that their poverty reveals? Like Bartimaeus, we must depend utterly on Jesus for mercy, vision, direction, and daily bread.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 29, 2018

Monday, October 29
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, October 30
8:15AM Orville Bievenue by Mike & Anita
Wednesday, October 31
6PM Shirley Cushman by Glenn & Mary Long
Thursday, November 1, All Saints' Day
8:15AM Elsie Bert by Friends
Friday, November 2, All Souls' Day
NO MASS
Saturday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres
5PM Mike & Alice Korando by Dorothy
Sunday, November 4
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OCT. 28 THRU NOV. 4

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Meatloaf/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Three Springs Communion Service 6PM Vigil Mass of All Saints Day HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Thursday	8:15AM Mass All Saints Day HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Friday	NO MASS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Mark's Gospel often reminds us how difficult it was for people to see who Jesus really was. For the people he was a miracle worker and healer. For his family and neighbors he was just the carpenter's son. For the religious leaders and the Pharisees he was a troublemaker who broke the law of Moses. For his disciples he was the Messiah but not one who would suffer. When Bartimaeus hears Jesus coming he begins to shout out, and when Jesus asks what he wants him to do, the blind man answers, "Master, I want to see" (Mark 10:51). Jesus recognizes his faith: "Go your way; your faith has saved you" (10:52). Bartimaeus saw Jesus in faith before he saw him with his eyes. The final line confirms this when Mark says "he followed him on the way" (10:52). To follow Jesus on the way means to be a disciple.

TITHE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,172.00
\$436.00 Cemetery; \$505.00 World Mission; \$40.00 Child Env.; \$10.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,201.95

Fiscal Year Week: 17

YTD Actual Giving: \$105,433.00

YTD Budget Need: \$119,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$13,567.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$798.06)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Nov. 3 & 4: 5PM, Koby Jany, Kolton Jany; 9AM, Maggie Caby, Paige Vasquez, Gene Bicket

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Our daily prayer can be, "Lord, I want to see." We can ask to see Jesus as he truly is, the crucified and risen Lord who came to call disciples to serve others. We can pray to see the way we are being called to follow the Lord.

THANK YOU for your generous response to the World Mission collection last Sunday. You may stay connected to the Pope's missions by visiting MISSIO.org.

DEAR FR. GENE & PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S,
Thank you for your generous check of \$427. Which reached me today. The gap between rich and poor seems to be widening and I thank God that we can help those who are so much poorer than we are. Sr. Ann Fearday informs me that the work in St. James Parish in Camata continues. Some of the donations will be used for 2 scholarships for higher studies (University level) for some talented students who otherwise would not be able to get a profession. They have promised to work in Camata and the communities when finished. Blessings of peace! Sr. Anne Irose

THANKSGIVING BAGS: Chester Area Christian Food Pantry is requesting monetary donations towards the purchase of supplies for the Thanksgiving Bags that they will begin to hand out on Monday, Nov. 5. Mark your envelope "Thanksgiving" and drop it in the collection basket. We will deliver the envelopes to the Pantry.

2ND ANNUAL "TRUNK OR TREAT" will be held at St. Mary's, Ellis Grove, on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5-8PM.

EVANSVILLE K OF C FISH FRY will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, from 4-8PM. Dine in or carry outs available by the plate, sandwich, or the pound.

SMS ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION will be held in the gym on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 6:30PM. Doors open at 5PM for Vendor Sales. Food and drinks will be sold by the 8th grade. New this year: TWO DESIGNER PURSES as a Lucky Card Raffle. Bring your family and friends to have an evening of fun and prizes.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 2019 CALENDARS are being sold by SMS students for \$15. Call the school office (826-3120) to place your order by Friday, Nov. 9.

TURKEY TROT 18 will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Cohen Complex Field 1. This is a 1 Mile Fun Run. Signup at 3:15PM and Race at 4PM. Forms for T-Shirts needs to be turned in by Monday, Oct. 29.

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY FUN NIGHT will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10. Donations for the Silent Auction may be dropped off in the school office during school hours. On Friday, Nov. 9, donations will be accepted until 7PM. Saturday, Nov. 10, we will accept donations from 8-11AM.

NEWMAN CENTER FALL GALA will be Saturday, Nov. 10. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call Susan (618-529-3311) by Friday, Nov. 2, to purchase your tickets.

AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 16, from 8:30AM-12:30PM each day for drivers age 50 and over. There is a \$15 fee for AARP members and \$20 fee for non-members for materials. Register for the course by calling the Chester Senior Center at 826-5108.