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# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 16, 2022

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## HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** We turn to God so that he may listen, watch and grant our continual pleas, since God will speedily see to it that justice done to his chosen ones who cry out to Him in prayer night and day.

As we are Persistent in the Works we Do so are we Expected to be Persistent in Prayer as Children of God: Just as we go about our jobs, so also should we pray. Everybody is serious with the work or job they do. We are at it all the time in the morning, afternoon and evening. We generally attend to our jobs with due consideration, care, respect, love and dedication. The connection between work and prayer is that just as hard work pays and our love for our job is certain and always, the person who prays and never gives up will also always obtain the desired goal: "The slack hand impoverishes, but the busy hand brings riches" (Proverbs 10: 4). To be persistent in prayer is like our being persistent in the work we do because we do certainly take work seriously. Our hard work pays because those who do their part and attend to their work as it is expected will not go on wanting. So is it too with the person who prays and never gives up praying because God does not give us the good things we want without our asking for them. When we pray and keep at it, we will obtain the desires of our hearts. So, given that we become wise, strong, patient, and persistent only by observing our work, what is true of work is also true of prayer. God instituted prayer and Jesus calls on us to pray always without becoming weary so that we are made patient, courageous and strong. Being who He is, Our Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth, God could have automatically or even miraculously provided us with the desires of our hearts but rather than doing so God founded prayer, he allows us to pray and calls on us never to give up when we pray so that we become real causes, active co-workers and co-operators with God.

Persistence in Prayer as a Christian: Jesus commended persistence in prayer when he recounted the parable about a widow and the unjust Judge. As a result of the widow's persistence in her pleas for justice, the ungodly judge finally relented and gave her what she asked. As followers of Jesus we are challenged to persist in our prayers in the same way (Like 18: 1). Just as the widow remained strong, courageous, purposeful and focused, so Jesus urges us to keep on praying and not lose heart until we have obtained the desire for which we pray. Our duty is to pray and never give up because God will answer our prayer. Even when we think God has not answered our prayer or delays to answer our prayer, the act of prayer in itself should be considered as an answer, since when we pray we are granted a sense of God's nearness. The prayer of a sick person is answered, not by having his disease disappear, but by his attainment of a sense of God's nearness, the assurance that his illness is not a punishment from God and that God has not abandoned him. Prayer may not change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. As a community in this parish we act in persistent prayer when every time we gather for the celebration of the Mass we present our requests to God, and I believe God has answered our prayers many times. Every Mass we celebrate is offered for a particular intention. We also provide ourselves with the opportunity before the celebration of the Mass to notify and request one another to offer prayers during the week for someone or something. As a community we also offer the Prayers of the Faithful at every Mass so that what is a private need becomes a group concern. We share our needs with the persistent community so that through the help of each other our prayers are presented to God. Just as Moses couldn't do it alone but needed the help of Aaron and Hur who supported him to raise his hands so that Joshua and the Israelites remained victorious in war, so, we too, cannot be persistent by ourselves, we need the support of each other as Church community.

Persistence in Faith as a Christian: After relating today's parable of the persistent widow who did not relent until she obtained her heart's desire, Jesus ends his parable with a probing question: "...But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18: 7). The kind of faith Jesus refers to here is the faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God but perseveres to the end of our lives and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All. We are persistent in faith when we are able to live our lives as children of God without giving up. When life becomes difficult as a result of trials, tribulations and desperate situations, the person with persistent faith is able to carry on. The person with persistent faith believes in God and does not give up but pushes forward no matter what the situation might be. Jesus said, in this world we will have trials and tribulations but to take heart, for He has overcome the world (Cf. John 16: 33). Jesus also admonishes us his disciples that in this present life we would experience trials and adversities, but those who perseveres to the end will be saved (Cf. Mark 13: 13). Persistence pays off and that's especially true for those who trust in God. The story of Moses holding up his hands as the Israelites were in battle against the Amalekites serves as an illustration of the impact of faith when we pray. Turning and fixing his gaze on God, Moses remained on the hilltop praying with extended hands for his people in their life-or-death battle with the Amalekites. Every time the hands of Moses dropped, the Amalekites prevailed, but when he held his hand up, the Israelites triumphed. As long as the Jewish people put their faith in God, they moved forward. As soon as they forgot to look to God, they faced defeat.

**Closing Prayer:** As we turn to God in prayer night and day, may our lives and hearts be filled with persistent prayer as we are persistent in doing our works so that we will obtain the desires of our hearts.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

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#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

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Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	37,011.15	42,115.50	12,236.40	7,471.16
Actual Year-to-Date:	40,611.87	37,014.44	11,791.41	8,324.40
Date: Oct. 2, 2022:	1,720.00	TBD	694.00	TBD
Other Collections:	3,507.20	TBD	1,519.00	TBD

#### **THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

#### Saturday, October 15, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael(For all Priests, Deacons, Brothers & Sisters)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel(Donald Bushey)

#### Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Phyllis Tessmer)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
12:15 pm Luncheon with Bishop Walsh
in Maria Hall following Mass!

#### Monday, October 17, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (Sharon O'Callaghan)

#### Tuesday, October 18, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Antonija Ovcjak)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation
6:30pm Mass for Health Care Workers
at St. Catherine
(Intention for All Health Care workers)

#### Wednesday, October 19, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Flavia Gagnier)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation
at St. Catherine

#### Thursday, October 20, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Lorraine Probst)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

#### Friday, October 21, 2022

No Mass Today

#### Saturday, October 22, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Julius Schepke)

#### Sunday, October 23, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Curtis Pleiness) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Daniel Bruske)

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022, ST. RAPHAEL SODALITY ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS PARTY—ALL LADIES ARE INVITED! More information will follow soon.
- ATTENTION ST CATHERINE AND ST GABRIEL PARISHIONERS: The Ossineke Council of Knights of Columbus #6851 have placed kiosks in the main entrance of St. Catherine and St. Gabriel churches. The kiosks contain fifteen different booklets focusing on Building the Domestic Church. A variety of interesting and informational topics are covered. Stop by the kiosks and have a look at what is available. Booklets are yours to keep and are free.
- COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!
  - St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, October 23rd following mass.
  - St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sundays!
  - St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for the month of December and all of 2023 for St. Anne Church.
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE



# BOX OF JOY SPOOKTACULAR | SUNDAY 10/30 | 12-3PM

Crafts, Games, Trunk-or-Treating, refreshments and a great way to give back to those in need! BOX OF JOY brings hope to children in developing countries, providing them with Christmas gifts and a much needed reminder of God's Love. **Volunteers Needed!!** Vehicles for Trunk-or-Treat, event staff, and more! Contact Jaci Fitzgerald or Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

#### **SUNDAY:**

EX 17:8-13, 2 TM 3:14-4:2, LK 18:1-8

#### **MONDAY:**

EPH 2:1-10, LK 12:13-21

#### **TUESDAY:**

2 TM 4:10-17B, LK 10:1-9

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

EPH 3:2-12, LK 12:39-48

#### **THURSDAY:**

EPH 3:14-21, LK 12:49-53

#### FRIDAY:

EPH 4:1-6, LK 12:54-59

#### **SATURDAY:**

EPH 4:7-16, LK 13:1-9

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

#### **Sunday:**

Rev. John William

#### Monday:

Rev. Innocent Zambua

#### Tuesday:

Vocations to the priesthood and all religious life

#### Wednesday:

Rev. Robert Zuchowski

#### Thursday:

Rev. James Bearss

#### Friday:

Rev. Stanislaw Bereda

#### Saturday:

**All Seminarians** 

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2022: As of Monday, October 3, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$17,720 which is 75.8% of our goal. We need an additional \$5,672. To date, 46 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 28% of our members. St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$27,045.00 which is 96% of our goal. We need an additional \$1,059.00. To date 65 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 65% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached there CSA goal in contributions but not in participation. If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal. Thank you to all who have responded so far!

#### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

MARIAN CONFERENCE 31-WEEKEND RETREAT- GAYLORD OCT. 21-23, 2022: This year our focus is on the Eucharist, as the Bishops have set aside the next three years to be a Eucharistic Revival. The conference features daily Mass, confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Eucharistic Healing Service, the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Marian Center Gift Shop and talks that will help you grow in your Faith. Bishop Jeffrey Walsh of the Diocese of Gaylord, will also be with us on Sunday, October 23, as the Main Celebrant for our closing Mass. For more information on Marian Conference 31, visit marianconference.org or call us at (231) 347-MARY.

**K of C BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE | NOVEMBER 3-6:** On November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2022, the Knights of Columbus will hold a bottle and can drive to benefit the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. The following Knights have volunteered to collect them now until November if you do not want to store them. Please call one of them and they will be happy to pick them up. Jim Youngblood- 989-335-3588, Chris Gauthier- 989-471-2429, Greg Szydlo- 989-736-3916, Gerald Labaza- 989-724-5682, Bob Sierota- 863-558-1872, Gerald Boerner- 517-449-7352

**Aquinas College Open House** | **Nov. 12:** Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Fall Open House on **Saturday, November 12!** Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

**AVE MARIA FALL FEST INVITATION / OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS | NOV. 5:** Attention high school and homeschool Juniors & Seniors (and parents), college students, and post graduates! You are invited to the annual Ave Maria Fall Fest on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 in the EBA Café at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. 5:30 pm – Dinner / 6:15 pm – Program.

Enjoy fall food favorites, sundae bar, and prizes. Meet admission representatives and alumni and learn about these generous scholarships: **Ave Maria University:** Michigan/Toledo Scholarships \$28,000 (\$7,000 per year) **Ave Maria School of Law:** Michigan/Toledo Full-Tuition Scholarship (Plus 1st year Stipend).

**Event is FREE** – Registration is required by Monday, October 31st to attend! For more information & to register go to AveMariaFoundation.org or call 734-930-3441.

#### FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN' AND JOIN CAMPAIGN TO PRAY AND FAST FOR DEFEAT OF PROPOSAL 3'

Catholics know the battle to defeat Proposal 3 must also be waged on the spiritual front. That's why the faithful across the state are invited to join a 54-day Rosary Novena that will cover the entire campaign season leading up to Election Day on November 8 to pray for the defeat of Proposal 3. **The novena began this past Thursday, but sign-ups are still welcome. To do so, text the phrase "FightLikeHeaven" to 84576 to receive text alerts and daily prompts.** The prayer campaign was initiated by Bishop Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, but the invitation to pray and fast is extended to every Michigander and beyond.

**Prayer for Life and Right Laws:** Almighty ever-living God, you bestow the gift of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb. Look on our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart reverence for life. Protect our state from unjust laws. In your Name, bring to defeat every attack against the sacredness of life. Safeguard the rights of parents, whom you have entrusted with the care and formation of their children. Help all who believe in Jesus to proclaim the Gospel of Life to their neighbors. Dispel every anxiety and fear. Strengthen the bond between parents and their unborn child. May mothers and fathers accept and nurture the gift of life made in your image and likeness. Our Lady, Queen of the Family, pray for us! St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!