

October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOVE

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with
all your mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37

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- *ST. PIUS X*
(*SOLON SPRINGS*)
- *ST. ANTHONY*
(*GORDON*)
- *ST. MARY*
(*MINONG*)

One of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

— Mt 22:35-37

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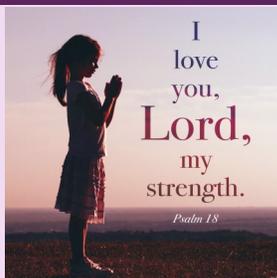
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New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

Mass Schedule

Sundays, 8:30 am at St. Pius, 10:30 am at St. Mary. Due to limited space it will be a first-come first-seated basis Live-streamed masses can be viewed on Facebook on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Tue.—Fri. at 9:30 am. Live-streamed masses are also available on the tri-parish website.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The second collection this weekend is for the Haiti Fund

Mass Intentions Week of 10/19—10/25

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The Church is Losing Touch With Working-Class Catholics

Article by America Magazine Reporter Kevin Clarke

Kevin Clarke

October 16, 2020

Charles Perko admits it will not stand up well as an excuse, but he does offer it up as an “explanation.” Too many Sundays he has missed Mass, he says, because he was too tired after a 12-hour shift the night before to make it to church. Work-weeks loaded with overtime have not helped, of course. “After 60- or 72-hour weeks, I’m absolutely exhausted,” he says.

Despite the physical grind and the impact on his family, he, like most of his fellow steelworkers, is reluctant to turn down overtime. “You can’t live on 40 hours a week,” he explains.

Bouncing back and forth between day and night shifts also weakens his resolve to get to Mass. “I think a lot of people in the bottom 40 percent work jobs that have rotating shifts,” Mr. Perko says.

He has other reasons for an at-times tenuous connection to the church. He is a bit annoyed by those Catholic bishops who denigrate Pope Francis, whom he holds in high esteem as a risk-taker and truth-teller. And as the president of a United Steelworkers local in Pueblo, Colo., he has bristled when church leaders attempt to dictate how he should vote, pushing parishioners toward candidates who may share the church’s position on abortion but otherwise fail to check any political boxes for this union leader.

“When you have someone reading a letter telling you that you’re going to hell because you support the candidate who wants people to eat—that doesn’t jibe with me,” he says.

“I’ve never lost my desire to be in the church,” Mr. Perko adds, “but I had no desire to be part of a growing conservative movement that I saw in the church.”

No Time Off for Mass?

Mr. Perko’s disaffection reflects an ongoing challenge for the contemporary Catholic Church in the United States. Attendance and affiliation have been eroding steadily since the 1970s for all income brackets, but the sharpest decline has been among the two bottom economic quartiles, according to data gleaned from the U.S. Census American Community Survey.

When Ryan Burge, an assistant professor of political science at Eastern Illinois University, ran the numbers for **America**, he located the greatest drop-offs in Mass attendance among self-described Catholics in the lowest income bracket. Those who said they “never attend” Mass jumped from 6 percent in 1972 to just under 25 percent in 2018. In the bracket just above these Catholics, Mr. Burge found another significant leap in never-attenders, from just over 1 percent to 21 percent.

Meanwhile, at the top income quartile, never-attenders went to 13 percent from 4 percent, and in the quartile just below the top, the percentage jumped to 17 percent from almost 2 percent.

Mr. Burge reports that in 2018, some 30 percent of white Catholics who earned \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually said they attended Mass weekly, similar to the 33 percent of those who earned more than \$100,000. Weekly attendance among non-white Catholics in the same income groups was about five percentage points lower.

At the same time, only 23 percent of white Catholics who earned less than \$50,000 said they were attending Mass each week, and non-white Catholics in that income bracket slipped six percentage points in just two years, falling to 21 percent from 27 percent between 2016 and 2018.

Church attendance “is a luxury for many people who are low-income,” Mr. Burge says. “They have to work long hours at multiple jobs, and they just have scheduling conflicts or are just too tired to do one more thing.”

Crunching a different data set at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, Mark Gray, the director of Catholic polls and a senior research associate, found drops in weekly Mass attendance since the 1970s among all income groups but separated by only a few percentage points between economic groups. A few other numbers stood out, however. The share of “lower class” Catholics who maintained “a great deal” of confidence in the church declined to 21 percent from 49 percent between the 1970s and 2010s; and the retention rate, measuring the share of people raised as Catholic who still identify with the faith, declined to 59 percent from 92 percent for this quartile.

Read the article in its entirety on the tri-parish website: <https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/fr-kinney-bulletin-articles>

| 10/11/20 | Solon | Gordon | Minong |
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| Envelopes | 494.00 | 81.00 | 3243.70 |
| Loose Change | 27.00 | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| Fuel | 10.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 |
| Building Fund | 13.00 | 14.00 | 42.00 |
| Catholic Herald | | | |
| Haiti | 100.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 |
| Holy Days | | | |
| Charity | 5000.00 | | |
| Total | \$5,644.00 | \$137.00 | \$3342.70 |
| CSA Goals | \$10,531 | \$6,789 | \$13,639 |
| CSA Results | | | |
| % of Goal | | | |
| Electronic Dona- tions (Monthly) | 565.00 | 235.00 | 308.17 |

Mass Schedule

Sundays:

St. Pius X - 8:30 am

St. Mary - 10:30 am

Due to limited space masses will be on a first-come first-seated basis.

A copy of a "Letter to the Faithful" from Bishop Powers addressing the masses can be found on the tri-parish website:

<https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/>

Live streamed masses appear on Facebook: Tuesday—Friday at 9:30 am and Saturday at 5 pm. These are also posted on the tri-parish website.

**Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop Powers
Sunday, October 25, 7:30 PM**

Throughout the month of October, bishops representing each of Wisconsin's five Roman Catholic dioceses will lead rosaries online to celebrate Respect Life month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. All are encouraged to go online and join Bishop Powers in this statewide prayer initiative to preserve and protect the sanctity and dignity of human life.

The event will take place Sunday evening, Oct. 25th from 7:30-8:00 pm. Click the link below to participate in the livestream.

To participate visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/CathedralOfChristTheKing/>

Letter from Haiti

As part of the Haiti Outreach our tri-parish sponsors a child in Haiti. We received a letter from the sponsored child, Margory, in September sending thanks and well wishes to everyone. You can view the letter on the tri-parish website:

<https://www.stspiusmaryanthony.com/haiti>

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

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Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Kids Corner

Today, October 25th is the thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time on our liturgical calendar. You know it is also the last Sunday before **Halloween** which is the "hallowed" (or Holy) "een" (or evening) before **All Saints' Day** November 1st, NEXT SUNDAY! Our Holy Roman Catholic Church honors every "saint" not just those whose names are known, but people like g-pas and g-mas, aunts, uncles, and friends who have been "holy" enough to get into heaven.

Maybe you could really celebrate "Halloween" this year by doing something really special for the "saints" in your life—write them a letter, send them an e-mail, make holy cards for them, write a special prayer about them ---maybe you could even make holy cards to give to all the people who give you treats for "trick or treating." Wouldn't Jesus just love for you to "Trick and Treat" and be safe this year? Thank you, Jesus, for Halloween and all the "saints" in our lives!