

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Oct. 25	8:30 AM (SP)	+Loretta Lillis
Tuesday	Oct. 26	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
Wednesday	Oct. 27		NO MASS
Thursday	Oct. 28	6:30 PM (SC)	+Michael Vaughan
Friday	Oct. 29	8:30 AM (SP)	+Joseph Gannon
Saturday	Oct. 30	5:00 PM (SP)	+Miss Vonnie
Sunday	Oct. 31	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Bohumil Sticha

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCT. 30 & 31

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/30	Karen Keenan, Jan St. Aubin
	10/31	Mike & Caryn Ryan, Ted Jirik, Don Pesta
Lectors	10/30	William Blocker
	10/31	Chris Bisek
Acolytes	10/30	Andrew Roach, Erin Roach, Vincent Blocker
	10/31	Ellen Puncochar, Patrick Puncochar, Tony Verhoeven
Ushers	10/30	Dave Roach, Steve Kreuser
	10/31	Dan Bisek, Don Pesta
Greeters	10/31	Mike & Caryn Ryan

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/31	Kevin Mahowald, Julie Giles, Dave & Rosie Nelson
Lector	10/31	Rosemary Hatcher
Acolytes	10/31	Matt Novak, Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm
Ushers	10/31	Gordy Giles, Dan Norman
Greeters	10/31	Clara Hrabe, Lee Hesse

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting ladies time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish office in advance and ask for a parish bulletin to be mailed to you. Keep up on parish events!

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER 31, 2004
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
 Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
 Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Oct. 27	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Oct. 31	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Nov. 3	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Nov. 7	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

*Everett & Joan Nelson, Vincent & DeeDee Meyer, Trisha Mikelonis, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Thomas & Elaine Onan, Laura Patch, Don & Elaine Pesta, Roger & Jackie Pomije. Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

S.W. DEANERY C.C.W. MISSION EVENT: Thursday, Oct. 28, 7:00 PM at St. Canice in Kilkenny. Raffle & guest speakers. Admission is a toiletry item for the mission in Haiti. For more information, contact LuVerne @ 758-3546.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

*Tony & Claire Robling, David & Rosie Nelson, Cory & Natalie Breitung, Billy & Teri Theis, John & Ann Timmerman.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, October 25 at 7:00 PM.

APPALACHIA MISSION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Once again our C.C.W., along with others in the Deanery, will be helping Fr. Valayath and Fr. Weglicki stock their Christmas Free Store in Appalachia. Our parish will have a box in the back of the church to accept donated gifts. The box will be at church until Sunday, October 24th. Our gifts will be turned in at the S.W. Deanery Mission event on Thursday, October 28th (see below). There is great need for unwrapped gifts for all ages. Please look at the list attached to the box for ideas. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please contact Ann Korbel @ 952-447-1454.

S.W. DEANERY C.C.W. MISSION EVENT: All ladies of our parish are cordially invited to attend the S.W. Deanery Mission Event on Thursday evening, October 28 at St. Canice in Kilkenny. This event is always a lot of fun. There will be an inspirational speaker, silent auction, and a lunch served. If you are interested in attending or would like to donate crafts or other items for the silent auction, please contact Ann Korbel @ 952-447-1454.

ST. CATHERINE DONUT SUNDAY: Sunday, October 24. Join us downstairs for coffee and donuts after mass.

ST. CATHERINE'S TURKEY BINGO: Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 PM. \$5.00 per card for the afternoon; \$1.00 for each of the two coveralls. Families with last names beginning A-M are asked to bring one dozen (double) sandwiches and are asked to help set up after mass on November 7th. Families with last names beginning N-Z are asked to bring a pan of bars and to stay to help clean up after the Turkey Bingo. We need everyone to bring the food for the bingo. Without everyone's help, we will not have enough to serve all the people. Please call Ann Korbel @ 447-1454 if you are not able to bring the food. The C.C.W. is looking for donations for door prizes. If you want to donate, please call Ann Korbel.



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Nicholas Arntz (nephew of Tony & Colleen Martinson), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Ronald Greger (brother of Diane Williamson), Peter Nytes, Rosie Pexa, Pam Boeser Spangrud, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), LaVerne Beuch, Lyla Bauer (mother of Cathy Theis).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICES:

*Parents please make sure your students are at the Social Hall by 6:45 PM when classes begin. Also, religion ends at 8:00 PM. Please be prompt when picking up your children. Thank you.

*Parents please don't let your kids bring skateboards and rollerblades to Religion. The traffic is such that it's a dangerous situation and we want to help keep your kids safe. Thanks!

*Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Christmas Program. Contact Deb Norman at the Social Hall during Religion @ 492-5723 or call 758-6113.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This weekend, Oct. 23 & 24, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer, at this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers, and our generous financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of our Lord. Your prayers and financial help offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, supports priests, Religious and lay people in the Missions who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing love and peace.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: St. Catherine and St. Patrick C.C.W. are sponsoring a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 24, 1:00-3:00 PM for all children of both parishes. There will be games, a pumpkin decorating contest, prizes for best costumes, and lots of fun! Come join us!

FLU SHOTS: Wed. Nov. 3rd from 12:00-2:00 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. Put this date on your calendar. Be healthy.

A COMMUNITY FOR LIFE BABY SHOWER: The shower will be going on through October, Respect Life Month. Items needed are: cash, gift certificates, baby wipes, disposable diapers, sleepers (called onesies), new baby clothes (size infant to 2 toddler), and new maternity clothes. Please no baby food or canned formula. There will be a playpen at St. Patrick and a bassinet at St. Catherine to drop off items.

NOVENA FOR WORLD PEACE: Oct. 25-Nov. 2 at St. Catherine, 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

**Whoever exalts
oneself will be
humbled.**



Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.

-Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, No. 38

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 31

Reflection Points

1. Today's scriptures are a testament to God's abundant mercy and forgiveness. None of us escapes the power that sin can hold over us. Yet, to each and every one of us, God, the "lover of souls," reaches out in reconciliation and healing.
2. In a time when the Church is still deeply in pain over the clergy sexual abuse crisis, we must remember to pray for those very few priests who have sinned and harmed children and others. This is a real way the proverbial "rubber hits the road" for Catholic Christians today. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is clear that we are to pray for those who do harm to us. While never forgetting the often-irreparable damage done to the lives of their victims, we are nonetheless called to pray for those who have abused others. We pray that God will show mercy and forgiveness to these priests.
3. Today's second reading presents us with a marvelous prayer for those who have responded to God's call in any way. Today we echo these words of Saint Paul and join together in asking God to strengthen the faith of our priests and, in turn, ask God to help these men nurture and strengthen our own faith. Lay Catholics can often forget that our priests, those who are conduits of God's healing and reconciling love, are themselves in need of that same love. Let us not be afraid to pray that God's grace and mercy will be generously poured out in the heart of every priest.
4. Just like Zacchaeus, we often find ourselves wanting to know more about the Lord Jesus. We need not climb a tree to catch a glimpse. We need not crane our necks to see the Lord. All we need do is gather here week after week, and experience the miracle of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist as we surround the altar with our priests leading us in the Church's great prayer of thanksgiving.
5. Perhaps the most fitting prayer that we can offer this day is taken from the Alternative Opening Prayer prescribed for this Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Father in heaven, may the changing moods of the human heart and the limits which our failings impose on hope never blind us to you, source of every good.

6. This prayer can help us understand that, even in the midst of crisis, we must look to God who is the source of every good. Through the gift of the priesthood, God continues to bring hope to us. Let us not allow the current crisis to blind us to the everlasting goodness that God has bestowed on us through Christ, the eternal High Priest.