



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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Traveling With Jesus

Have you noticed how, every now and then, a particular Gospel passage will strike you in a way you never noticed before, no matter how many times you have heard it? That's the reaction I had recently when Luke 9:1-6 was proclaimed during a weekday Mass. It's the one where Jesus summons the Twelve and gives them instructions before He sends them out.

He tells them: "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic." The reading goes on, but my mind was already drifting to a thought: These instructions are completely opposed to how I would have wanted to prepare for the journey if I'd been with the Apostles that day.

Take nothing with me? According to my wife, I am a legendary over-packer. I tend to overthink what we might encounter on any given trip, so I make sure I have a backup on everything: extra slacks, shirts, shoes, undies, socks, toothpaste, you name it. Just that part alone about "taking no food" leaves me uncomfortable; I don't feel fully prepared unless we have a bag of snacks and a small cooler full of pop at the ready.

Of course, this passage is about much more than travel preparations. Jesus is really asking the Apostles — and by extension all of us — to trust. He wanted them and us to be open to whatever might occur on the journey, then to react to it with faith, no matter how unexpected, challenging or dangerous that might be. And while our 21st Century travels might be vastly different from those dusty, arduous treks Jesus subjected His followers to, Luke captures good advice from the Savior for our faith journeys in modern times as well.

Good advice, to be sure, about "shaking the dust from our feet" where we are not accepted. We should do our best to tell others about Jesus, but if the message is ignored or rejected, it's time to move on to the next "village" or person. Wise advice for weary pilgrims.

Meanwhile, I can't help but think of how hard it must have been on a practical level for the Apostles to travel without food or money, trusting entirely in where the Lord was taking them. Today, do we trust God enough to believe that He has our best interests at heart, and will be with us no matter what we encounter?

— Lou Jacquet

Altar/Rosary Meets Today in 102

St. Brendan's Altar/Rosary Society will meet today in Room 102 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Please be sure to bring envelope for annual dues.

Other dates to remember: Nov. 17, A/R meeting; Dec. 8, A/R Christmas party.

Padre Pio Event at St. Christine's

St. Christine Church will be the site of "An Evening with Padre Pio" Tuesday, Oct. 15. The gathering will include 6 p.m. Mass, a 6:45 p.m. presentation by Cindy Russo, Padre Pio visionary, and 7:30 p.m. veneration of relics of St. Pio's chalice and glove. The evening is presented by the parish's Padre Pio Prayer Group.

Cindy Russo, Third Order Franciscan, is a Padre Pio visionary, group leader of the Padre Pio Prayer Group of Cleveland, custodian of the holy relics, and U.S. representative for the Disciples of Padre Pio.

Her presentation will include Padre Pio's life and journey to sainthood and her personal encounters with St. Pio.

Altar Servers Needed

Anyone who may be interested in becoming an Altar Server at our 9 a.m. Sunday Mass, please call Fred Merlo at 330-509-8179.

This invitation is for children and adults who have made their First Communion.

Sunday, October 13

9:00 a.m. John and Lucy Prosenjack
by Rosie Marich

Wednesday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Infante and Drozdik Families
by Patty Infante

Sunday, October 20

9:00 a.m. Daniel and Brian Patrick by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Phil Conti, Tiffany Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Drive-Thru Turkey Dinner Offered

St. Brendan's will offer a Drive-Thru or Dine-In Turkey Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 3 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Chef Christopher Bonacci will prepare the meal which includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn and dessert. A freewill offering will be asked.

The parish is currently seeking volunteers to bake desserts and help with distribution of the meal.

Potato/Wedding Soups Offered

St. Brendan's is offering Chef Christopher Bonacci's Potato or Wedding Soups for \$9/quart. Order deadline: Monday, Oct. 21; pick up Sunday Oct. 27 after Mass in Maxwell Hall. Make check payable to St. Brendan's Parish in envelope marked "Soup Sale" into Sunday collection basket. Forms to fill out available in parish hallways. Questions? Andrea, 330-770-4297.

Incontinence Items Available

Anyone in need of Incontinence Items from the parish pantry please contact Fred or Shirley Merlo at 330-509-8179.

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Call Jackie Niznik with questions at 330-792-3875.

St. Teresa of Avila: 'A Good Friend'



'All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example. What more do we desire from such a good friend at our side? Unlike our friends in the world, He will never abandon us when we are troubled or distressed. Blessed is the one who truly loves Him and always keeps Him near.'

Feast Day: Oct. 15

Sunday's Scriptures: Wisdom, Choosing Wisely (the Best)

The readings are from Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Gospel of Mark 10: 17-30

Wisdom is often called the "queen of all virtues." St. Augustine speaks of wisdom as "ordered love." This gift of the Holy Spirit helps us see the proper value of things.

Our first reading instructs us: "I prayed and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her."

The author of this text prayed and pleaded to God for wisdom...not health, wealth, or a good life. Praying for wealth without the ability to use it wisely is utter vanity, pride, and foolishness. What we think we need or want is frequently the worst thing for us, and can lead to sin and destruction.

Our Gospel tells the very sad story of a rich man who kneels down before Jesus and asks what he must do to have eternal life. Jesus answers by telling him that he must obey the Commandments. The rich man replies,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus looks on him with love and says to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." With this the man's face fell and he went away sad.

The author of the first reading pleads for Wisdom so that he may see the proper value of everything. The rich man lacks wisdom and is weighed down by his attachments and weaknesses. He is unaware that the greatest treasure is standing in front of him, looking at him with love, and asking him to follow Him, to stay and live with Him.

Our hearts are frequently like the rich man; we like the life and spirituality we have, and we turn down Jesus when He asks for total surrender and our total love. We follow Jesus from a distance. "Wisdom of God, come to us. We need you desperately."

— Geri Jacquet

Mission Collection Set 10/20

Check the envelope in your packet for Sunday, October 20, for the Mission Sunday Combined Collection.

This important collection benefits the Home Missions and the Propagation of the Faith, two critical ministries of the Church.

Our Turn To (SVDP) Volunteer

St. Brendan parishioners are once again being asked to volunteer as servers for meals at the St. Vincent de Paul food kitchen for the needy the week of October 21. The meals are served 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Note that the meals program, formerly housed at SS. Cyril & Methodius, has been moved. Meals are now being served at the former St. Stanislaus Parish on Williamson near South Avenue. Sign-up sheets can be found in our school hallway or the back of our church.

Franciscan 'Come/See' Event

The Third Order Franciscans, a body of lay persons striving for perfection in their own station in life under the guidance of the Order of Friars Minor, will hold a "Come and See" event 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at the Shrine of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, 517 Belle Vista, Youngstown.

The event is hosted by the St. Padre Pio Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis. It will be held in the lower hall; please use the rear door to enter. Light refreshments will be served. Persons who plan to attend should call the Shrine Office at 330-799-1888 to leave a message, or see Geri Jacquet after Mass.

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For October 2024 **\$29,440.00**

Week of October 6, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$2,948.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$90.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,441.00

1 week total \$5,198.00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00

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10/6-85



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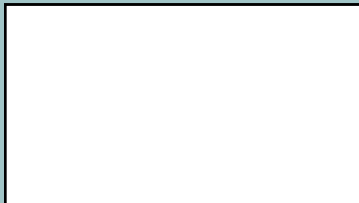
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