THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27
2019

The tax collector prayed, “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Luke 18:13
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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
Call or come to the Parish Center to register.
BAPTISMS: Dates for Baptism will be arranged after
attending the Pre-Baptismal Catechesis. Please call
Annette in the Parish Office for information.
MARRIAGES: Call Annette in the Parish Office to
arrange preparation 6 months in advance.
SICK CALLS: Call Annette in the Parish Office and
Ministers of Care will visit the sick or shut-in.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:20-4:40PM in the
Reconciliation Room.
FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is open Wednesdays
from 9AM-12PM. Call 630.393.2400 x 112.
FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families
to plan the Funeral Mass.
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: Call Dwight
Sherman at 630.393.3221 or 630.362.1324.
CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Deacon Joe Urso
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Thank you,
Fr. Jim,
for saying
“YES” to God!

Priesthood Sunday

Thirsty Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflecting on God’s Word
It’s not that the Pharisee’s prayer is a bad prayer. It
starts out well: “O God, I thank you...” Gratitude is
good. But then it gets into boasting: “I am not like the
rest of humanity...I fast...I pay tithes” (Luke 18:11,
12). It’s a Little Jack Horner prayer. Remember the
old nursery rhyme that ends with Jack saying, “What
a good boy am I!”? The Pharisee’s prayer is all about
him and what he does, all the while gauging the dis-
tance between himself and the rest of humankind.

In contrast, the tax collector “stood off at a distance”
with bowed head, beating his breast and saying, “O
God, be merciful to me a sinner” (18:13). He knows
who he is and who God is and what God alone can
do for him. No repetitive “I,” no swelling ego there,
just a repentant figure, one who asks to receive what
only God can give—mercy.

Jesus tells this story “to those who were convinced
of their own righteousness and despised everyone
else” (18:9). How do we hear it? It acknowledges
God who makes us “just,” that is, who helps us to be
in proper relationship with God, with each other, and
with all creation.

Sirach reminds us that our just God hears the cry of
the oppressed, the wail of the orphan, the complaint
of the widow, the petition of those who serve God
willingly, and the prayer of the lowly. These folks
allow room for God to enter their minds and hearts,
and then all kinds of things can begin to happen,
both within and all around them.

—James A. Wallace, c.ss.r.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We pray that God will
give us the grace of humility when we pray, the
ability to recognize who God is and who we are,
to trust that God will give us what we most need,
to be thankful for what we have received more
than what we have achieved.

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MASS SCHEDULE
- Daily: M-F 7AM  - Saturday: 5PM  - Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
All Saints/All Souls Day Celebration

As part of our All Saints Day celebration we will distribute luminaries for you to decorate with the name of a loved one or a Saint that is special to you. Bring them back to one of the Masses (7AM - 12PM - 7PM) on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st. We will again have a special altar to commemorate the faithful departed. Please bring pictures or other special remembrances of your deceased loved ones and place them on the altar located in the narthex.

Mass of Remembrance

Please decorate a luminary for your deceased loved one and bring it to 5PM Mass on Saturday, November 2nd. They will be used to light the path to the church entrance. Names of deceased family members will be read during the prayer of the faithful. Luminaries are available in the narthex.

Communion Assistance

We want to insure that every parishioner who wishes to partake in the Communion Sacrament be able to do so. In order to assist us with this process, please notify an usher prior to the start of Mass if you or someone in your party needs communion brought to you. Extraordinary Ministers will bring the Precious Body & Blood to you in your pew.

Eucharistic Adoration

We need coverage for ALL hours of adoration which runs from 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a 1 hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543 or Mary Mickel at 630.293.0774.

Friday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 7AM, Noon & 7PM.

Upcoming events at Regal Cantera

Two highly recommended films are being released to movie theaters in the near future - both scheduled for one-viewing only. With a packed house, we can send the message to film makers to extend and expand their viewing audiences. Please make every effort to attend these select viewing - you won’t regret it!

♦ Oct. 28th @ 7PM – Regal Cantera: **Love and Mercy: Faustina** - a docudrama detailing the incredible true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy given to her by Our Lord with His express instructions to spread His message throughout the world.

♦ Nov. 6th @7PM – Regal Cantera: **The Divine Plan** - a docudrama showing the true story of how Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan teamed up to bring an end to Soviet Communism, resulting in the demolition of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union bringing to fruition one of the key predictions of Our Lady of Fatima.
Bridge Needs Volunteers

St. Irene will be adopting our 8th homeless family in November. In the past six years St. Irene has rescued seven homeless families and provided them with the tools to become self-sufficient. We now need a volunteer to join with three other committed parishioners to help guide our 8th family. Information about the mentoring opportunity may be found here: https://www.bridgecommunities.org/What-we-do/Transitional-Housing-Partners/Volunteer-Mentors.html.

For more information or if you can help, please contact the Bridge Committee at quinndel@aol.com or 630.291.1393. Thank you.

Whole Parish Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

♦ The Lord is a God of justice.

Background: In the ancient Near East, it was the king’s special duty to care for the most helpless members of the society. In Israel, God was the Most High King, and so those who were orphaned, widowed, and oppressed were the special concern of God. The basic principle of Israelite law was to be like God.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

♦ I have fought the good fight.

Background: The section from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy includes a description of Paul’s expectation of reward for his faithful service. Today’s letter emphasizes that death endured with Jesus will result in life with Him. Paul anticipated divine protection for his continued faithful service.


♦ Everyone who exalts him/herself shall be humbled.

Background: In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus contrasts the attitudes of two people praying. The paradox here is that the prayer of the tax collector was preferred by God. In theparable, Jesus once again combats the self-righteous attitudes that threaten spiritual growth.

Theme: God knows and sees our hearts.

Question for Adults:

This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we “humble” ourselves? What does that mean?

Question for Youth:

God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked? How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

Question for Children:

Jesus teaches us to be humble - but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

Family Faith Formation

(Religious Education)

Classes meet on Tuesday, October 29 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, October 30 (Gr 7-8 in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

♦ There is a Parent Child reconciliation meeting on Tuesday, October 29 at 5:30PM in ACL.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:

Gospel of Luke 18:9-14 - A Pharisee and a tax collector pray in the Temple. The Pharisee prays to God by listing his many virtues while the tax collector begs for God’s mercy for his sins. Jesus praises the tax collector for his humility and admonishes the Pharisee’s self-righteousness.

Question of the Week:

♦ What does being the “greatest” mean to you?

Gospel Questions:

♦ Why does Jesus praise the tax collector rather than the Pharisee?
♦ What is good about the tax collector’s attitude toward God?
♦ What would you like to say to the Pharisee?

Life Questions:

♦ What do you practice faithfully?
♦ What are putdown words? What are praise words?
♦ Who are children of God?

Family Prayer:

♦ Lord, help us to remember to do good deeds in your name. Amen.

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### Automated Giving

St. Irene Parish has an automated giving program called WeShare. It is a check-free, no-cost, convenient way for you to participate in stewardship and donate to special collections. For more information or to enroll, please visit [st-irene.churchgiving.com](http://st-irene.churchgiving.com) or call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 114.
### This Week’s Meetings

#### Sunday, October 27
- 10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-2p - Priesthood Sunday Luncheon (ACL)

#### Monday, October 28
- 1-2:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (ACL)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Education: Come Holy Spirit (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, October 29
- 5:30-7p - Elementary Religious Education (C, S)
- 5:30-7p - 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting (ACL)

#### Wednesday, October 30
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)
- 6:30-8p - Jr. High Religious Education (S, AC)
- 7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

#### Thursday, October 31

#### Friday, November 1
- 12:15-3:30p - Band (ACL)

#### Saturday, November 2
- 6-9p - Hospitality (ACL)

#### Sunday, November 3
- 10-10:45a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
- 11a-12p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)

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### St. Irene Rosary Tree

The Holy Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of our Catholic faith. Across the ages, both Jesus and Mary have frequently reminded us to pray the Rosary often. To promote this beautiful prayer, the Knights of Columbus are generously donating the cost of having a wood artisan carve a tabletop Rosary Tree stand to display in our Church. The stand, in the shape of a heart, honours the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and will serve as a beautiful reminder to all of us to pray the Rosary often.

Thanks to the Knights’ generosity, we will be able to borrow a Rosary from the Tree…Pray…and then return the Rosary to the Tree for the next Prayer Warrior. The Tree will hold as many as 50 Rosaries; so we are looking for Rosary donations. There is a small, round cardboard box in the Narthex labeled Knights of Columbus Rosary donations. Please drop off any surplus Rosaries you have into the box. We will display them on the Rosary Tree when it arrives!

### K of C “Share Your Soles” 2019 Fall Shoe Drive

Please donate your gently worn shoes to the Share Your Soles® charity from Saturday, October 26th until Sunday, December 1st (the period encompassing All Souls Day) during the Knight’s annual fall shoe drive. We will accept shoes of any type and size, for any type of weather. This includes athletic shoes, sandals, school shoes, boots, dress shoes, work shoes, slippers, etc. Be sure that the shoes are gently worn or new, are clean, and can withstand heavy wear. Please no holes or worn off bottoms. Collection bins will be located at the entryways to the church.

The ongoing drive is being conducted in memory of the late Robert Geary, founder of the Knight’s annual shoe drive. For information, contact Joseph D. Kubal at 630.983.6159 or email: jdrk4715@aol.com.

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### Have fun and help make Christmas special for some children!

All parishioners are invited to help support children in need by enjoying a Pot Luck Dinner (main course provided—bring a dish to pass & BYOB) and “White Elephant” auction. This is a perfect time to REGIFT! Take that thoughtful, but unusual gift you got for your birthday, anniversary, Christmas etc; wrap it (so no one can tell what it is); then bring it to the auction. You then bid on any of the packages. Loads of fun and plenty of laughter!

All profits will go to help purchase Christmas Gifts for children in the WYFS LINK program. This event is being co-hosted by the Council of Catholic Women and the Ladies of Columbus. Questions or RSVP to suegosewehr@gmail.com or cakott1210@att.net.

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### Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

- Luann Johnsen
  Mother of Rebecca Barred
Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

The original 33-Days group is back! Join Mary, Jeannette, Donna and Amy as we delve deeper into Jesus’ Unconditional Love and Divine Mercy. This no-cost Retreat, titled Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, is narrated by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, and will move you like no other. Join us on this journey as Fr. Gaitley uncovers the many ways God has approached us through the ages to deliver the message that He truly is Love and Mercy. God’s Love abounds beyond anything we have experienced or could imagine. As for His Mercy…well, let’s put it this way…There is no sin greater than His Mercy. Discover the power that comes with complete Trust in Our Lord, as we follow Jesus’ path through history, and walk with the Saints He chose to help Him spread His Love and Mercy message. This 11-session Lenten Retreat begins January 6th and meets Mondays at 1PM or 7PM. It concludes at the doorstep of Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and the Feast of Divine Mercy. Sign up in the Narthex or via email: jaclark1129@gmail.com. Registration required. Contact Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349 with questions.

Readings for the Week

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Liturgical Calendar

- **Monday, October 28**
  - Ss. Simon and Jude
  - 7:00AM - Ben Bennett/ Cathy Kott
- **Tuesday, October 29**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - St. Irene Community
- **Wednesday, October 30**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry
- **Thursday, October 31**
  - Weekday
  - 7:00AM - For All St. Irene Community Children
- **Friday, November 1**
  - All Saints; First Friday
  - 7:00AM - Carolann Chiodo/ Friends
  - 12:00PM - Battaglia Family/ Family
  - 7:00PM - Linda Russell/ Family
- **Saturday, November 2**
  - Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 5:00PM - Kathy Ulanowski/ Family
  - Tom Cosgrove/ Family
- **Sunday, November 3**
  - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 8:00AM - Salvatore Alleruzzo/ J & M Kratochvil
  - Ronald Alverth/ Family
  - 10:00AM - Amelia Jung/ Marge Steinhoff
  - Elsie Simon/ Family

Lance CPL Jeff Sommer - 29 Palms, CA
Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
Capt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
E3 Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, San Diego
1st Class Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendleton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - Serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Sgt. Levi Dieter - Virginia Marine Base
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas