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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

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Today's Readings & Reflections

Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]

God Does Not Give Up

Our readings today point to God's deep commitment to human relationships. Our passage from Genesis begins with the declaration that God created human persons to be social beings, who can only thrive when they live in deep connection with each other and with God. The author of Hebrews teaches that the coming of Jesus as one of us shows God's radical commitment to human life. Jesus' teaching about divorce, described in today's Gospel, shows God's deep investment in marriage and, implicitly, all human relationships. When our personal relationships with others are distant or broken, God seeks to heal them. When social structures serve to maintain oppression, or to keep groups in ongoing conflict, God is working to overthrow them. Even when we give up on each other, God does not give up. God will work ceaselessly, in us and through us, within all the pain and joy of the human situation.

Like a Child

Today's passage from Mark's Gospel is in the context of Jesus' teaching about the kingdom, or reign, of God. A common understanding was that entering the kingdom was based on family origin, or achievement, or status in the community. Jesus pushes back on this, and presents a child as a model of receptivity and openness.

This is not to suggest that adults must somehow reject the wisdom gained through adult experience and return to childhood. Adult maturity also includes the difficult journey, usually later in life, of letting go of illusions that we have built up about our own virtue, skills, and autonomy. Jesus' teaching pushes back against our culture, which honors energy and vigor, expertise and achievement. These valuable gifts can fail us if we cannot accept our dependence on God who provides and cultivates these gifts. We can accept God's graciousness in our life when we open our hearts as a child does.

Proud to be Human

This is the first of seven consecutive Sundays that we will share passages from the Letter to the Hebrews. The letter is an extended sermon by an unknown author directed to a Christian community where likely many were converts from Judaism. The author attempts to link Jesus to the story of the people of Israel, building toward an image of Christ as God's perfect high priest. Christ the High Priest is described as the central link between humanity and God.

When we reflect upon the life and death of Jesus, we can more deeply accept that through Jesus, God knows what we humans experience. Jesus the High Priest embraces his humanity. In today's passage, the author claims that Jesus is proud to be human, proud to be our brother in the family of God. The letter to the Hebrews is not only a celebration of Christ, it is an affirmation of the dignity of our own human life.

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Prayer Intentions

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lord, we lift up those who are in our hearts and facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus, name. Amen

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Lord, remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

Mass Intentions this week

+Deceased

MONDAY, October 4, 2021
9:00am +George & +Margaret Murray

TUESDAY, October 5, 2021
9:00am +Peter A. DiPaolo
+Robert Duraski
+Vittorina Maggi

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 2021
9:00am +Jerome & +Martha Rondeau

SATURDAY, October 9, 2021
4:30pm People of Holy Spirit Catholic Community

SUNDAY, October 10, 2021
8:00am +Fr. Michael Komachak, OSB
9:30am +Fred Allen
11:00am +Gerry Tomazin & +Jim Powell

October - Respect Life Month

During the month of October, the Catholic Church in the United States observes Respect Life Month. During this Year of St. Joseph, the Holy Father invites us to reflect more deeply on how St. Joseph loved Jesus with a father's heart. Joseph's unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians to safeguard God's gift of human life.

May St. Joseph help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life, especially where it is vulnerable or threatened, and obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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This Week at Holy Spirit Catholic Community

FEAST DAY of St. Faustina Kowalska

Monday, October 5, 2021

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, an apostle of Divine Mercy, belongs today to the group of the most popular and well-known saints of the Church.

Through her, the Lord Jesus communicates to the world the great message of God's mercy and reveals the pattern of Christian perfection based on trust in God and on the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbors.

April 18, 1993 our Holy Father, John Paul II raised St. Faustina to the glory of the altars. She was canonized on April 30, 2000.

Pets teach us a lot of things, but one of the best is how to love unconditionally. We look forward to blessing your pets on Monday.

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Blessing of Animals

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:00pm

In front of Church

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Do you have Tech talent you'd like to share?

The Holy Spirit Music Ministry is seeking a Technology Team! We are looking for individuals to assist at each Mass with various tasks involving our sound equipment and our live stream. No experience needed. We will help train you! Please email your interest to music@hscc.us.

2021 HSCC Capital Campaign

Goal $300,000

It is our hope that you will make a financial investment to help us reach our campaign goal and tend to the greatest needs of the parish. The bricks and mortar of our campus are the path to greater spirituality and parish life. Repairing the concrete floors in the church, along with repairs to the parking lot and our sidewalks will greatly improve safety. Staining the church siding and painting the steel support beams will prevent further damage and more expensive structural repairs.

New this year, our Annual Capital Campaign features three ways to participate.

- CATCH THE SPIRIT RAFFLE - a raffle with large cash prizes
- Recurring Donation
- One Time Donation

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Serving Our Community

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RESPECT LIFE

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! The GOAL is to recruit enough prayer warriors to bring about continuous prayer for a 40-Day period.

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers**!**

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 19,198 babies saved from abortion
- 221 abortion centers converted
- 112 abortion centers closed
- Abortion appointment no-show rates are as high as 75% during vigils.

Help Save Lives in Aurora

September 22–October 31

Vigil location: Outside Waterleaf across Planned Parenthood at 3051 E. New York Ave.

Vigil Hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily. Monday - Saturday

Sign-Up: **www.40daysforlife.com/aurora**
Everyone is encouraged to commit to an hour weekly.

Let us bring our family and invite friends to storm heaven with our supplications to save precious lives and open the eyes of those involved in abortion.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ella Ibay at ellaibay@gmail.com or at (630) 212-3605.

ABORTION & MENTAL HEALTH Webinar

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
10:00 am – 11:30 am

At the webinar, we will examine:

- why women really have abortions
- the emotional complications that follow abortion
- how abortion contributes to mental health issues
- how abortion can negatively impact parenting and marital relationships
- the obstacles in the way of post-abortion healing
- how we can all help to promote the conversion and healing of those who have been involved in abortions.

For more information and to register visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life or contact Respect Life Ministry of the Joliet Diocese at 815.221.6251 or email prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org

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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

October 7th, 5:00pm – 6:30pm
St. Joan of Arc Church
820 Division Street, Lisle
Parking lot opens at 4:00pm. Please look for the truck on the north side of the property.

St. Joan of Arc
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non perishable items) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in-need of food!**

Mobile Food Pantries use a "drive thru" method to distribute food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, immediately following the 9:00am mass

Benediction
Tuesday, 7:00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:30pm

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

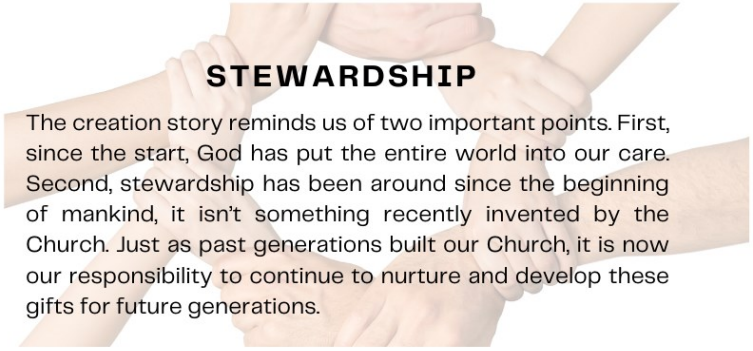
Baptisms & Weddings - please contact the Parish office

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MONDAY, October 4, 2021
Bible Study Core Team, Gathering Place (10:00am)
Pet Blessing, HSCC Parking Lot (5:00pm)

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 2021
Bible Study - AM session, Gathering Place (9:30am)

SATURDAY, October 9, 2021
Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room (7:00am)
TMIY - That Man Is You, Gathering Place (7:00am)



STEWARDSHIP

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

Monthly Offering	August 2021
WeShare Online Giving	$11,418
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	$19,343
Envelopes & Loose Cash	$55,673
Total June Collection	$69,348

July 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021	
Current Year	$155,782
Budget*	$149,994

Budget reflects a 23% decrease in offerings compared to pre-covid results.

August - Special Collections	
Mortgage Reduction Offerings	$2,887
Mortgage Loan Balance	$793,608

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