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The School & Parish Office are closed Monday, Oct. 11, in observance of Columbus Day.

Mass Schedule

Monday.....8:30 am
Tuesday.....8:30 am
Wednesday.....6:30 pm
Thursday.....8:30 am
Friday.....8:30 am
Saturday.....4:30 pm
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

Confession

Saturday.....3:30 pm
Also, by appointment

Baptism

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



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Monday through
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Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven;

***then come,
follow me.***

Mark 10:21

GOD BLESSES AND HEALS US

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly depend on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

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Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 9 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Bob Zakrzewski
Sun., Oct. 10 8:30 am 10:30 am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners Fred Spence
Mon., Oct. 11 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Communion Service
Tues., Oct. 12 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Communion Service
Wed., Oct. 13 6:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Communion Service
Thur., Oct. 14 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Jerry Flowers
Fri., Oct. 15 8:30 am	St. Teresa of Jesus Don Beste
Sat., Oct. 16 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Kenneth Weber
Sun., Oct. 17 8:30 am 10:30 am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Parishioners Tom Connoyer

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Maxine Calhoun, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, John Richter, Jennifer Price, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy & Ralph Ruhmann, Mike Byers, Bea Albarado. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at re-joy128@gmail.com**



40 Days for Life—Tomorrow

OLQP has adopted Mon., Oct. 11, 7 am—6 pm. 2 prayer partners needed each hour to stand peacefully in prayer at Hope Clinic for Women, Granite City. Visit: www.40daysgc.com for more info. Contact Mary Terry, 830-0104 to sign up. Thank you for your participation!

Nut Sale

Sponsored by OLQP Civics Club/Space Camp students, Pecan halves/pieces, \$13/pound, walnuts, \$12/pound. Call the school office, 377-6401 to order. Thank you!!!



RCIA News

RCIA held every Wed., 7—8:30 pm in the church basement. To join, call Parish office @ 377-6519 or, call/e-mail Tim @377-5725, tzac54@sbcglobal.net or Jay @ (217) 827-1406, jay@allied.construction

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Fr. Robert Porter & Fr. Tom Gallenbach**, retired priests of our diocese.

Dear Parishioners, Do You Know Your Faith? (All answers begin with 'M')

1. Which sister of Lazarus was busy with all the details of hospitality while her sister sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to Him talking?
2. According to tradition, who wrote the first five books of the Bible?
3. What is the name for the pointed hat worn by a bishop?
4. Who is the oldest person mentioned in the Bible?
5. Who is the King of Salem and priest of the most high God who blessed Abraham?
A. Melchisedech B. Marsupial C. Micki Mantel

Father Tom

Welcome Father Benz



This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to: CrossCatholic.org/outreach or text **BLESSINGS** to 474747.

OLQP DINNER AUCTION MEETING

Please make plans to attend the first OLQP Dinner Auction meeting on Monday, October 11th at 7pm in the church basement. All parishioners and school families are welcome to attend in order to voice their comments, ideas, and suggestions for this upcoming event. Please volunteer your time and make this a very successful fundraiser! Feel free to contact the chairpersons, Amy at 618-444-7715 or Brian at 618-670-5427, with any questions.



Sunday Offerings

Week 13-14	Sept.. 25-26 & Oct. 2-3	Total to Date
Loose Envelopes	\$782.00	\$5,244.61
On Line Giving	\$19,724.00	\$133,692.24
Young People	\$4,563.00	\$39,477.00
Total	\$4.00	\$47.12
Operating Budget	\$25,073.00	\$178,460.97
Tithe to Diocese	\$28,955.66	\$202,689.62
	\$2,769.24	\$19,384.68
Difference	(\$6,651.90)	(\$43,613.33)
Total Envelopes received: 263 of 763 (2 weeks)		
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$350.00		
Other Charitable Donations: \$510.00		

October 10, 2021

Liturgical Ministries

4:30 pm	Saturday, October 16
Lector	Dale Osborne
E.Ministers	Judy Osborne Bob Sulsberger
Ushers	Rich & Sue Hayes Dee Zakrzewski, Cathy Gulash
Rosary	Jim Albarado
Music	Choir
8:30 am	Sunday, October 17
Lector	Brenda Tebbe
E. Ministers	Paula Mattix-Wand Joe Grabowski
Ushers	Loren & Raeann Summers Jim & Judy Griffith
Rosary	Carol Beste
Music	Kris/Becky
10:30 am	Sunday, October 17
Lector	Sonya Hagaman
E. Ministers	Justin Wilhite Marci Stein
Ushers	Lee & Janet Friedel Brad & Teri Fulk
Music	Praise Team

PSR Registration

Hello OLQP families! PSR registration is still open for students K-8. Submit completed forms to the church office or bring them to your first PSR session. (Wednesday evenings, Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by class 7:00-8:00 pm. Questions, email: psr@olqpbethalto.org or call Sam Waldo at 580-8725. Thank you and God bless you!

Come join us for a trip of a lifetime!

Italy - September 4-17, 2022 (14 days). Approximate cost: \$4000-\$4500 (Includes meals, travel, lodging, and fees) Join us for an informational meeting via Zoom on Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 PM Central time. Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3457339199?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3457339199?pwd=c2QreGIHbk0wVXRpc05HWUt2SWNGdz09)
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Meeting ID: 345 733 9199
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Bethalto KC Chicken Dinner

Sunday, October 17th

11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Dine In, All-You-Care-to-Eat: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 5-10)

Drive Thru or Carry Out: \$12 for half chicken or five (5) chicken strips, and choice of three (3) sides

No custom orders available for drive thru

Side Options: Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Public Welcome

FOR CARRY OUT OR DRIVE THRU: PLEASE ENTER FROM PRAIRIE STREET INTO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT FOR PICKUP

Proceeds go to Bethalto K of C Charities and OLQP Parish

Reflections on the Readings

IT CAN BE COMFORTING TO TREAT TODAY'S GOSPEL AS ANOTHER OF JESUS'S HYPERBOLES ABOUT THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP.

However, we should not avoid its truth.

The man in the Gospel seeking eternal life had observed all the commandments Jesus named from the law. Yet to enter God's reign, it is not enough to follow the rules. We must follow Jesus, whose very example goes beyond abiding by the law; he completely hands over his entire life to God's will. To follow Christ, we must reorient our entire lives and give up the things we hold most dear—systems that privilege us, laws that shield us from intruders to our comfort, possessions that secure us, control that seduces us into self-reliance.



There is another truth embedded here. Your relationships, not your possessions, give you a place in God's household. Again and again, Mark's Jesus calls us into relationship with those most powerless in the world. To be in relationship with them is to be in relationship with Jesus, who, on the cross, gives up everything—power, riches, control, life—for the sake of the Gospel.

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Mark 10:21). Personal engagement with the outcast and complete giving of ourselves to Christ: these are the marks of the disciple.

—Diana Macalintal,

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Hard But Not Impossible

"Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the Kingdom of God!'" **Mark 10:23**

When reading this familiar warning from Jesus, it's easy to do two things. First, we think Jesus isn't talking to us because we're not wealthy (compared with those we know who are wealthier). And second, like the disciples in this story, we may just throw up our hands and say, "What's the use, then? It's impossible!"

But Jesus chose his words carefully. He didn't say "wealthy," he said, "wealth." We all have wealth, and it can get in the way of our faith and reliance on God whether we count it in the hundreds or millions. Most importantly, Jesus never says "impossible." He says *hard*. Hard is always possible with God. *God, make all things possible.*

Steve Givens, Living Faith

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Martha
2. Moses
3. Mitre
4. Methuselah
5. Melchisedech



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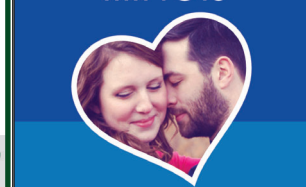
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