

### PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

*We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy.  
We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below.  
The remainder will be introduced gradually.*

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.  
**Unvaccinated.** From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

*God's blessings upon you all.*

*Father Gerry*



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*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 3, 2021 Year B*

At first glance, today's readings especially the Gospel appear to be about marriage, divorce, and adultery. However, when one considers this Gospel in its long form, the focus seems to be on discipleship and fidelity to God's will. The invitation to the disciples is to move from a legalistic mindset to one that accepts the kingdom of God like a child. Further, true discipleship entails being detached from all possessions including attachment to self so as to allow God's grace to flow.

In the gospel today it is interesting to notice the way the question to Jesus was put. 'Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife'? They were interested in what is legal... the legalistic part of it. But should we always ask 'what is lawful' before doing something? Or better what is right? what is good, what benefits me and the other.

Jesus widens out the discussion recalling the creation story in Genesis, which is also our first reading, where it is said that man and woman are created equal by God and have complementary roles. It is therefore clear that marriage is the union of equal beings. Jesus tells us quite clearly that divorce is not part of God's plan but fidelity, being faithful to one's call in life. God's plan is that marriage union mirror the fidelity of God towards us, his people. A married couple is asked to reflect the covenant love of God for his people, a God who never fails in his promise of fidelity to us. He will never abandon us.

But God knows as Jesus knew that we do not live in an ideal world. We are not ideal people. It is very important to have ideals before us and to live by them. But being human and sinners we will fail despite our most noble intentions. We are dishonest if we think otherwise. Any couple married for a long time will say that it takes a lot of 'I do' for a marriage to succeed. The same to each one of us, we need always to say 'Yes' to God's will in order to be true disciples. We all know from experience that life is full of mistakes and compromises. But God's grace, his Spirit is always there to empower us if we call on it. Who doesn't make mistakes from time to time? This is equally true of priesthood and religious life. It is a process and a lifetime's work of constant renewal of our commitment to God and to one another.

Any relationship, be it in marriage or with God, is based on fidelity. Being faithful. But as it is in marriage also in our Christian life, we fail to live up to that expectation of faithfulness. The readings today provide a chance to talk about all this, in the context of mercy and compassion. And this is the GOOD NEWS of today's Gospel. It proclaims the message of God's mercy, of his liberating forgiveness. The gospel gives every person a future. There is no human failure so great that it is completely hopeless and no longer open to God's mercy. God is the God of the second chance and the third and so on.

We are not all able to live up to what Jesus teaches us, but this does not exclude us from his love. The point is to focus on what God wants from us, what is His plan for us, Surely, He wants us to be happy. He wants us to be pure and holy. He wants us to have self-worth. He wants us to be in relationships that truly build us up. He wants us to be free from the pressures of society which distort the Gospel. He wants us to live our lives in true and fulfilling love. Fidelity to this God's plan, excludes the idea of divorce or of giving up, there is no abandoning the choices we made in faith, because it is a plan based on mutual love, mutual support, and mutual forgiveness.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

## TODAY'S MASS

### First Reading:

*Genesis 2:18-24*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*May the Lord bless us all  
the days of our lives.*

### Second Reading:

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

### Gospel:

*Mark 10:2-16*

## TODAY'S ASSINMENTS

Community Leader: Kevin Hayes

Altar Server: Kaylee Kirsch

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Donna Brandl

Lectors: Tom Shoemaker/Becky Nunn

Collection Counters: O'Brien/Smith

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER 10TH

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman

Altar Server: Ray Kostaskey

Cantor: TBA

Eucharist Minister: Barbara Smith

Lectors: Ray Kostaskey/Lynne Dreelin

Collection Counters: King/Dreelin

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Carter Williams, Jack Dougher, George Dembeck & Virginia Banks*



### PARISHIONERS

James Peddicord, Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Peggy Williams, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meanely, Jack & Louise Petralia, Paul Pearce, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Bill & Linda Gray, Carol Smith, Pat & Lee Reamy, Carole McPherson, Colin Walsh.

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*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please contact the office by email or phone.*

### MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: September 26, 2021

Collection: \$ 2,118  
Second Collection: Retired Religious \$ 162  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 29,077  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 30,200



There is no second collection today.

We signed the following principal check this week:  
\$213 August phone bill.

"Hyperlink"

### *BIRTHDAY'S FOR OCTOBER*



1st-Charles Walsh (young) & Anne Baltrusaitis, Kevin Hayes, Dottie Edwards, & Mary Ellen Sherwood, 3rd-Bryan Miller & Cayden Miller, 4th-Jean Kostaskey, 8th-Bill Campbell, 12th-Diane Weidner, 13th-Marilynne Cerullo, 15th-Stuart & Father Gerry Kaggwa, 17th-Lois Farrell, 18th-Fredrick Johnson, 19th-Tom Jessee, 20th-Len Swinehart, 23-John Donner, Becky Nunn, & Blair Pausic, 24th-Tony Robusto, 25th-Noelle Harvey, 27th-Jan Smith, & Tom Dorman, 29th-Natie Smith, 30th-JoAn Nolte.

### *ANNIVERSARY'S OCTOBER*



5th-Kevin & Germaine Hayes, Mike & Joyce Ballato,  
7th-Lee & Barbara Hollingsworth, 10th-John & Andrea Moore,  
19th-Gary & Jo Brown, 25th-James & Cathy Davenport,  
27th-Steve & Lisa Forte

### *OKTOBERFEST*

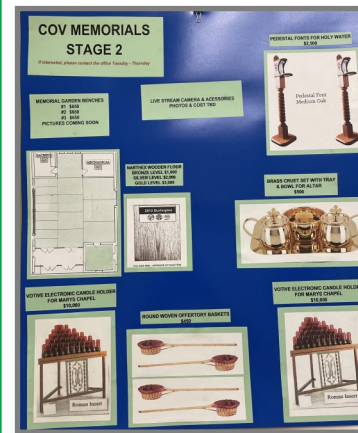


At press time, we were eagerly awaiting the celebration.  
The weather report is looking food, and the beer is on TAP to  
enjoy with your Bratwurst/BBQ Meal.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents, if you would like your child to participate in our Faith Formation classes, please sign them up this week. October 17th is our starting date. There are forms to fill out in the table in the foyer. We are ordering materials so we really need to know how many children we will have.

Thanks so much! Eileen O'Brien



As promised, we have entered Stage 2  
in our Memorial Campaign for the  
New Worship Area.

Listed below are the new memorial items:

### MEMORIAL UPDATE

- \*Memorial Garden Bench
- \*Live stream camera & Accessories
- \*Pedestal Fonts for Holy Water
- \*Round Woven Offertory Baskets
- \*Pews and Choir Chairs
- \*Votive Electronic Candle Holders-  
Mary's Chapel (only one left)

For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the **Lord**, plans to **prosper** you,  
and not to **harm** you,  
plans to give you **hope** and a **future**.

Jeremiah 29:11

To view some of these artifacts, please view  
the poster located in the alcove.

Any questions please come by the office  
or give us a call.

### KITCHEN/FELLOWSHIP HALL

A committee is looking at potential uses and configurations of the space made available when we begin celebrating Mass in the new church. The team is focusing on the current worship area and an expanded kitchen. We're looking for any ideas or suggestions you may have for using and setting up this new Fellowship Hall. Please pass them on to Gary Richardson at [lynnegary@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegary@gmail.com).

### NEW MEMORIALS

I know I surprised many of you with my announcement that we have four more stained glass windows to offer as memorials in the new worship area. During the planning phase for the church I believed we needed to have natural light entering the nave and held to that view until the stained glass windows were installed last week. I then realized that natural light was not that necessary and additional stained glass would enhance the environment and appearance of the interior. That is the sole reason for my announcement. I am in the process of choosing new biblical scenes and when chosen, will offer the windows as memorials.

Fr. Gerry



### SILENT AUCTION

Due to space constraints, the *Silent Auction Fund Raiser* usually held in conjunction with our Golf Tournament is being planned for later this year. Once we are using the new worship area, we will have lots of space in our "Social Hall" to display auction items.

Talented and generous parishioners, and friends of parishioners, have already donated items including jewelry, quilts, hand-crafted pens and pillows, original wall hangings, and more!

Please consider all your **talents** (Painting? Woodwork? Pottery?) and **treasures** and decide if you can donate to the effort.

Past auctions have raised \$1500-2200!

Call or email Lynne Richardson for more information.

571-239-0980 [lynnegary@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegary@gmail.com).

### EXCITEMENT AHEAD (updated)

The end of September and the beginning of October will add excitement galore to our parish as we reach construction completion and celebration. There are still many wickets to cross such as walk-throughs and inspections, On October 7th pew installation will commence. October 1st is the final walk-through with the contractor, and October 2nd was Oktoberfest. Assuming the walk-through goes well, we begin the process of moving in which will require much backbone and manpower. If we stay on schedule, in the middle of October we begin laying down new flooring in the Narthex (rear of our present nave). Helter skelter appears in the offing, but we shall prevail with a lot of your help and prayers.



### RESPECT FOR LIFE BEGINS TODAY

During the month of October, the Catholic Church in the US observes *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. 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.

### WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal "in remembrance" of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have-in both material and non-material things-have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?



*Potential, Purpose, Promise*

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are closed for the elections. The following person have been nominated:



Gary Brown  
Cathy Davenport  
John Donner  
Steve Forte  
Cindy Jessee  
Tom Jessee  
Steve Kirsch  
Al Langer

Pat Marchant  
John McCormack  
Michele Meanly  
Roseanne Moncure  
Cindy Powers  
Tom Shoemaker  
Barbara Smith  
Nancy Wirth



If you have been nominated and **do not** wish to run, please cross your name off the list located in the rear of the church or call the office. Elections are scheduled for Sunday Oct. 17th. Absentee ballots are acceptable and may be picked up in the office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY MEAL DELIVERY

The holidays are approaching and the Cryer Center is reinstating Holiday Meal deliveries. The deliveries are made in the mornings of

Thanksgiving and Christmas. The time is 9:30 am and is about 1 hour of work delivery. The way it works is meals will be prepared at the Cryer Center by a limited number of individuals. Drivers will pull up to the front of the building. A representative will ask you which area you want to deliver to. You will be given those address cards. Pop your trunk and the number of meals you need will be put in your trunk and off you go. The center needs volunteer drivers. If you desire to be a driver, please let the office know.

