

Twenty-Ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
October 22nd, 2017

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday	October 23rd
8:05 a.m. -- +Phero Nguyen Van Niem	
Tuesday	October 24th
5:15 p.m. -- +Joseph Tran Quoc Ngo & +Pham Van Phuong	
Wednesday	October 25th
8:05 a.m. -- +Lonie Meyer	
Thursday	October 26th
5:15 p.m. -- Sil & Esther Weber	
Friday	October 27th
8:05 a.m. -- +Marvin Younger	
Saturday	October 28th
5:00 p.m. -- People of St. Mary's Parish	
6:30 p.m. -- Rex Lorson, Jr & Katy Lorson Conley	
Sunday	October 29th
8:00 a.m. -- +Chet Gisik	
9:30 a.m. -- +Sr. Mary Francis Klausing	
11:00 a.m. -- +Thomaso Pham Quang Than	

CONFESSIONS

Monday, October 23rd at 8:30 am
Thursday, October 26th at 5:45 pm
Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Sunday, October 15 th :	\$18,192.00
October to date:	\$52,317.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY for Cindy Curran, Michael Metro, all those who are disabled, in rest homes and hospitals, and service personnel serving overseas. (Names will be on this list for 1 month and then removed unless notified otherwise.)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	October 22nd
C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center	
Monday	October 23rd
SMGS Council of Education/5:30 pm/Meeting Room "A" Adult Education/7 pm/ Meeting Room #1	
Tuesday	October 24th
SHJSHS Instrumental Concert/7 pm/KWU Sam's Chapel	
Wednesday	October 25th
Grief Support Group/3 pm/Meeting Room #2 P.R.E./6:45-8 pm SHJSHS Vocal Concert/7 pm/Mariamante at Marymount	
Thursday	October 26th
Bible Study/9 am/Meeting Room #1 1 st Reconciliation Parent Mtg/10 am & 7 pm/Parish Hall Parish Choir Practice/7:45 pm/Church	
Saturday	October 28th
SMGS Extravaganza/5 pm/SMGS All Purpose Room	
Sunday	October 29th
C.Y.O./4:00-7:30 pm	

Notes from the Pastor

Last March we contracted with a company to re-caulk the stained glass windows of the church because a couple of them were leaking when it was windy & rainy. They did a fine job and there have been no leaks since. I then started visiting with the Pastoral and Finance Councils, as well as the Building & Grounds and Liturgy Commissions about the possibility of repainting the inside of the church. These conversations led to questions about upgraded lighting, sound system, bathrooms, and expanding the gathering space. I decided to create a steering committee with representatives from these different entities as well as a few other people from the parish at large. Through this steering committee it was decided we should hire an architectural firm to help us with the planning of a major renovation project. I visited with the Diocese and received their approval to proceed. We sought portfolios from a dozen firms, narrowed it down to five for interviews, and then selected two that we asked to work together in helping us on this project. SFS (a firm out of Kansas City, MO) and Bieberly Architects here in Salina have agreed to assist us in our planning and the eventual implementation of a renovation project. Sometime in the near future we will start having parish interviews with various groups and the parish at large to determine needs and desires. I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you so you might start formulating your own thoughts as to what you might like to see. The architects will take all the information they gather and assist us in formulating a design and plans to move forward in phases.

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Kevin

PARISH NEWS

A Message from Bishop Weisenburger

Dear Friends: The images of Puerto Rico coming to us in the news media are deeply disturbing. The power grid has collapsed from the hurricane and the humanitarian situation may be the worst yet of the multiple crises we have faced in recent weeks. I understand fully the financial strain I am asking many to undertake once again by contributing to help our brothers and sisters so greatly I need. However, not to provide you with an opportunity to be of help would be a grave lack of charity on my part. We will take up a special collection on the weekend of **October 28-29**, which will be disbursed by Catholic Charities USA. Checks should be made out to your local parish.

I also am asking that all members of the Salina Diocese pray the ***Novena for Victims of Natural Disasters*** printed below. It will begin on the weekend of October 21/22 and conclude on the ninth day, October 29th. Whether you are able to make a monetary contribution or not I urge you to take part in our emergency spiritual assistance for our brothers and sisters so greatly in need. You are an exceptional people and I am deeply grateful for your goodness. Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Lord God, we pray for those who have been devastated by the recent natural disasters, especially the people of Puerto Rico, many of whom have lost everything and are now refugees from home. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly, and hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayer for strength, and inspire us to perfect unity with them as our brothers and sisters. Bless those who have survived and grant them the strength and courage to face the long road of rebuilding their lives.

We ask too, that you bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their efforts be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in aid, to the best of our abilities. And keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over. We ask this in Jesus/ name. Amen.

This weekend is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – A day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission. Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING will be held on Thursday, October 26th in the parish hall. Please choose between the 10 am or the 7 pm session. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

ALL SAINTS DAY is Wednesday, November 1st. Mass will be on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 5:00 pm and on Wednesday, Nov. 1st at 8:05 am (SMGS students attending), 10:15 am (SHJSHS students attending), 5:15 pm, and 7:00 pm (P.R.E. students attending).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: There will be a sign-up sheet in the Ministries Room if you are able to help at any of the Masses for All Saints Day.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS: If you have not yet returned your forms to the parish office, please take a few moments to do so soon. Forms can also be filled out online through our parish website: stmsalina.org. We would love to be able to get the names of those of you who have expressed an interest in a new ministry out to the person responsible for contacting you. Thank you so much for filling out these forms, and for being generous with your time, your talents, and your treasure.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY will be observed on October 29. The mission and purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the church through the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic people to express their gratitude and share their love and support for priests. It also provides an occasion to promote vocations.

PARISH DIRECTORIES: We still have many copies of the parish directories that have not been picked up. If you had your picture taken for the directory, or if you submitted your own picture for publication, and haven't picked up your copy, please stop by the parish office and visit with Kathy to get yours.



SCHOOL NEWS

FAST CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

Sunday, October 15 – Elmo Dauber
Tuesday, October 17 – Kathy Gasper
Thursday, October 19 – Paul Marak

GIVE BACK TO ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NIGHT: Little Caesar's Night on Tuesday, Oct. 24th from 4-8 pm. Little Caesar's scrip cards are available at the grade school office (after Wed., Oct. 18) and can be used on October 24th. Please mention St. Mary's School and 10% will go back to the school. If you use scrip cards to pay, an additional 8% of the gift card is given back to the school.



LOVE 'N LEARN CHILD CARE CENTER has an opening for part-time help. If interested, please stop by

and pick up an application at Love 'N Learn or call 827-4822.



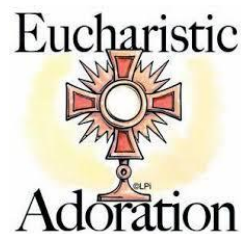
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA will be held next Saturday, October 28th. There will be a poker tournament, cash giveaway, silent & live auctions, and casino games. Cost is \$35/person for a ticket which also includes dinner, drinks, and tons of fun!! All proceeds go directly to St. Mary's School.

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE

FAREWELL MASS with BISHOP WEISENBURGER: On Sunday, October 29th, Bishop Weisenburger will be celebrating Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 3:00 pm. This will be his final public celebration in our Diocese. All are welcome to participate in the Mass and to express their farewell to our Bishop. A reception will follow in the Hall of Bishops.

BIRTHRIGHT is in need of volunteers to clean the Birthright House for approximately two hours every three months. Please contact Marge Ahern at 827-5627 if you have questions or are willing to help.

THE REGISTER is the only place to find this much news about the Diocese of Salina, its parishes, and the universal Church. Every registered family receives The Register twice monthly. Instead of subscriptions, we ask for a donation of \$25 to cover printing and mailing costs. Your November 10th issue will include a donation envelope, or you may mail your donation check to The Register, P.O. Box 1038, Salina, KS 67402-1038.



The PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL has several openings they need help to fill. Current openings are Tuesdays from 2-3 am; Wednesdays from 12-1 am, 2-3 am, 7-8 pm; Thursdays from 12-1 am, 1-2 am, 6-7 am, 7-8 am; Fridays from 1-2 am, Sundays from 5-6 pm, 607 pm. If you are interested and would be willing to help out with any of these times, please contact Stephanie Bellerive at 823-3401 or email her at stephbellerive@cox.net.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN SOLOMON invites you to their Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner on Wednesday, October 25th from 5-7 pm in their parish hall. Dinner tickets are \$9/12 and older, \$3/children 5-11. Children under 5 eat free. There will also be a quilt raffle. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or 6/\$5.

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE



THRIFT STORE

NOW OPEN

10:00am - 4:00pm

Wed & Thurs

10:00am - 2:00pm

Friday

9:00am - Noon

Saturday



Look for the OPEN sign

1500 S. 9th St, Salina

Open to the Public

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THRIFT STORE is now open at 1500 S 9th St. They carry a variety of clothing, house wares, bedding, toys, etc. and are open to the public. Clients of Catholic Charities will receive vouchers for limited merchandise based on need. The store will be

open Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9-4, Fridays from 9-2 and Saturdays from 9-12 noon. To donate items or volunteer, contact Cara Ivey at civey@ccnks.org or 825-0208.

DID YOU KNOW.....

ELECTRONIC TITHING: Many parishioners have found it convenient to set up electronic tithing to the parish through their bank or credit union. This may be set up on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis. This way a person or family does not need to write a check each week or month. For more information, please contact Kathy at the parish office.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Charities Food Pantry and the Emergency Aid Food Bank each week. Thank you to those parishioners who already make this a regular practice of their faith.

FOOD PANTRY BOXES: Many new parishioners may not know that there are two large wooden boxes or bins on either side of the baptismal font area which allow parishioners to bring dry food items and other supplies for families in need (diapers, paper products, toiletries, etc.). These items are given to Catholic

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

FOR THE SAFETY & HEALING OF CHILDREN the Diocese of Salina provides an **Abuse of Minors Pastoral Response Hotline: 785-825-0865** along with an email: reportabuse@salinadiocese.org. Calls/emails will be answered by the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator. All calls/emails are confidential with the following exception: Any allegation of child abuse concerning those who currently are minors, must be reported to the Kansas Protection Report Center (1-800-922-5330) as required by Kansas State Law and Diocesan Policy. *This announcement is provided by the Diocesan Office of Safety and Security.*

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

(adults and students grade 8 & over) to help one Sunday a month or so in the parish nursery. Childcare is provided each week during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. Please call or text Melissa Goetz at 820-7584 or email at



mgoetz@kcgvalue.com for more information or to volunteer.



Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of

the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED EACH WEEK to participate at the offertory. Children are always invited to come forward during the time of the offertory and place their own offering in a large basket at the front of the altar. This will take place while the offertory hymn is being sung and the ushers are conducting the regular offertory with baskets. Children may bring forward a small food item or a coin/cash and place it in the basket. Children may participate in this at any of the weekend Masses every week. The purpose of this is to increase involvement of young children in the Mass in a way that they feel included and helps them to share and give thanks to God.



ARE YOU MISSING SOME DISHES? Thank you to all of our parishioners who have been helpful by providing food for funeral luncheons. You can pick up your containers at your convenience. They may be

found on the shelves in the storage room next to the parish kitchen.