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OCTOBER 20, 2024



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.” - Mk 10:43-44

The election is fast approaching and the Vicar General, on behalf of Cardinal Cupich, has asked that we distribute an election guide to help form consciences from a Catholic perspective. The full document from the U.S. Bishops is called *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>

Part of our duty as faithful Catholic disciples of Jesus, is to be pro-life in all its many facets which this guide enumerates, including protecting the unborn, elderly, just treatment for people of all races, stewardship over the environment, promoting marriage between one man and one woman, and more. This year's guide has a new introduction that includes this from the bishops: "*The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone.*"

Abortion is obviously not the only important issue for Catholics but a unique one that is not merely a question of prudential judgment in which people of good will might disagree, like what a just tax rate or just wage might be. To that point, in 2004 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a document on the *Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion*, that also has a section about abortion/euthanasia and voting that says:

A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate's permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.

I know most everyone reading this is well aware of who they're voting for and why. Pope Francis made the comment that our presidential election is a choice between the lesser of two evils. Each of us, with consciences formed by our Catholic faith as best as they can be, must vote and then be willing to stand before Jesus with that decision. In the end, politicians don't really change the culture. Christ wants us to, and then we will see politicians and parties more aligned with the Gospel.

--- This Sunday we are reminded that Jesus came as to save us as a suffering servant; "***Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.***" Jesus said that He would give His life as a ransom for us. Receiving the gift of the Lord's redemption and forgiveness is so freeing but admittedly requires our humility.

It's hard to acknowledge our own personal guilt, so we can be prone to displace our guilt onto others. Unforgiven sins can manifest in a desire to highlight someone else's injustices so that we don't have to acknowledge what lies within ourselves. We can feel self-righteous even by condemning people from the past, presuming we would have been insightful and brave and not just gone along with the errors and evils of that time. It doesn't cost us anything to condemn them.

When we don't personally acknowledge Christ's saving, atoning death...scapegoating abounds. The Levitical priests of old would speak the sins of the people onto a goat to get rid of them and send the goat away and a second would be sacrificed. There is so much blame and lack of personal responsibility right now, but the only path to peace of soul and for society is to receive the Lord's loving mercy.

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

God bless,

Fr. Mike

PLEASE HELP THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEXT WEEKEND



Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at all Masses next weekend, October 26 and 27 to collect NEW adult-sized gloves, hats, and scarfs plus blankets. These item will be distributed to homeless people in the local area.

Thank you for your support of this worthy project!



PICTURES OF DECEASED LOVED ONES

Once again, our parish Art & Environment Committee will erect a shrine by St. Joseph's statue during the month of November honoring all who have died.

You are invited to drop off pictures of your deceased relatives and friends at the rectory office to be part of this display. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back.

The pictures will be available for pick up in the vestibule in December.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Mon., October 21.

If you would like a Prayer Shawl to comfort someone as a reminder of God's love for them, please call Carol Ideler at 773-775-1649 or leave a message at the parish office: 773-763-8228. In addition to making prayer shawls, members are busy making hats and scarves for St. Vincent de Paul to give to the homeless. Come to the Oct. 21 meeting and see what's happening. We meet in the art room of the school. Entrance is through the gate on Moody Avenue.

Donations of new yarn is always appreciated. You may drop it off at the parish office. Thank you!



THE GUITAR ENSEMBLE

The Guitar Ensemble provides music for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Masses about once every three weeks. If contemporary Christian music helps you praise God more fervently, then you should try attending one of the Guitar Ensemble's upcoming masses. The Guitar Ensemble is scheduled to play on November 2, November 23, and December 14. The Guitar Ensemble always prepares a prayerful prelude song, so you are encouraged to arrive early to sing/pray the prelude song with us. Similarly, the Guitar Ensemble prepares a joyous postlude song. You are invited and encouraged to stay after mass to sing/pray the postlude song.

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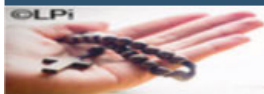


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(Call the rectory office to have your name added or removed)

ELECTION 2024



Weigh Your Conscience Before Casting Your Ballot

On November 5th, 2024, all Americans eligible to vote will have the opportunity to shape our form of government for the next 2 years and beyond. In the midst of the commotion surrounding elections, especially presidential races, it is worth taking time to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country where we are able to choose our leaders.

Before casting our ballot, we have the obligation to reflect on the issues affecting our state and our nation. To help guide us on the particular issues of concern to the Catholic Church, we offer the following as a reminder.

Millions of dollars are spent trying to influence how you will cast your ballot, so it is up to each of us to both form and inform our conscience by recalling the heart of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

What do we mean when we refer to “conscience?”

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.” (1777)

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has re-issued its document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which may be found at:

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>

This note will not tell you who to vote for, but it will help you to reflect on the issues and the person that can best promote the common good for each office. **We ask that you keep in mind the following questions that stem from the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching.**

- ✓ Does the Candidate work to protect sacred human life from conception to natural death? Does the candidate oppose abortion, physician-assisted suicide, human cloning and racism? These are all evils that must be guarded against and avoided.
- ✓ Does the candidate care for God’s creation? Does the candidate support policies that protect the planet and understand the importance of our stewardship of the Earth?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize traditional marriage and family as the central social institutions that must be supported?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize that every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required for human decency, including food, water, shelter, employment and healthcare?
- ✓ Does the candidate embrace all those in greatest need who deserve our preferential concerns, such as children, the disabled, the elderly, refugees, the unemployed and the poor?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize policies that promote basic rights for workers, such as fair wages, workplace safety, collective bargaining, and the right to private property and economic initiatives?
- ✓ Does the candidate recognize that whatever our national, racial, ethnic or ideological differences, we are all our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers? We must all work to create unity through dialogue and a civil discourse that is respectful to others.

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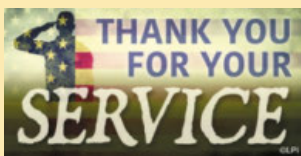
Imaginations are beginning to turn a little spooky around our school.

Eighth grade and second grade Faith Partners teamed up to write a Halloween story together.

Older students interacting with younger students gives them the chance to act as leaders, to play teacher, and to develop creativity, empathy, and kindness.



Veterans Day Photos / Information for Veterans Day Mass / Celebration on November 7, 2024



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School is collecting photographs of veterans for our Veterans Day celebration next month. If you did not give us a photograph or other veteran information previously to this year, please drop off a photograph, with the name, rank, and other information of the veteran, at the school or parish office. Please note, make a copy of the photograph because it will not be returned. You can also give us a veteran's name, rank, and other information, if you are unable to give us a photograph. We will need the photograph and/or information by Friday, October 25.



**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 63,
Exchanging the Sign of Peace
by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



Continuing with the **Rite of Peace**, how do we exchange the sign of peace? For a little more background on this part of the Mass, the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “This prayer reaffirms the holiness of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church, insofar as She is the Bride of Christ, is holy and without blemish. While the Church remains holy, Her members are prone to sin and error, and so we beseech our Lord to look upon His Church with favor and grant us the peace and unity of the kingdom of heaven. Upon asking our Lord for this peace, the priest extends this peace to the congregation as he says: ‘The peace of the Lord be with you always!’ [The people reply] ‘And with your spirit.’ [The Deacon or Priest then says: “Let us offer each other the sign of peace.”] According to local custom, we exchange with one another a sign of peace. Typically, in the United States, the normative gesture is a handshake to those around us” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 18).

An Expression of Christian Community

For more description of what happens after the words from the sanctuary, the *Catholic Encyclopedia* states, “It is then that the people of the assembled community turn to their immediate neighbors and exchange a greeting, a shake of the hand, or other sign of peace and friendship. This need not be an elaborate exchange. There are no ritual words to be said, some preferring to say: ‘Peace be with you’ or ‘the Peace of Christ be with you’ or ‘God bless you.’ The response may be equally simple. This kiss of peace, both as a sign of recognition of fellowship, respect, or friendship is essentially a sign of reconciliation, of expressing the mutual regard of Christian for Christian... St. Paul recognized this sign of peace as an expression of Christian community (Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12). And St. Peter considered this greeting a sign of union with Christ, or Christ-like togetherness (1 Pt 5:14)” (*Catholic Encyclopedia*, p. 465).

Practical Gestures of Peace

While the deeper meaning of this gesture may be more clear for us, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* included a new paragraph addressing the practical gesture itself, which says, “As for the actual sign of peace to be given, the manner is to be established by the Conferences of Bishops in accordance with the culture and customs of the peoples. However, it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest” (*GIRM*, 82). So, what is the norm for us? While we don’t have a defined standard, as mentioned previously, our typical local norm is a simple handshake with people that are nearby. Certainly, spouses, families, and others may have more intimate exchanges of peace such as a hug or a kiss. During times when people are being more cautious about illness and contact, a simple bow or a wave and a smile can be fine gestures of peace as well. Generally, I would encourage people to choose the sign that is comfortable for people around us. The main thing we want to remember is to make the gesture a real sign of peace, while at the same time not being too carefree or moving throughout the church, where we might risk being disrespectful to Jesus present on the altar (which is also why we shouldn’t have conversations at this time).

For a few more summary thoughts, the Diocese of Peoria says, “This rite of peace acknowledges a few things: forgiveness, humility and community. In Matthew, Chapter 5, our Lord taught us we must first be reconciled with one another before approaching the altar. We approach the altar to receive the Prince of Peace; His command is that we be peacemakers ourselves by forgiving others and asking pardon for our sins... It is also a gesture of the communal Spirit which resides in the Church. The gesture of peace signifies this ‘ecclesial bond’ that with Christ we are a community of believers and children of the same Father” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 18). The next time you offer the Sign of Peace at Mass, whether a hug, kiss, handshake, simple bow, wave, or smile, think about what it truly means—what you truly want to offer to those around you—and how it helps prepare your heart for Jesus truly present in Holy Communion.



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2024

5:00 PM — Don Love Jr., Jesus C. Rodriguez

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2024

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Russell Sager, Gemiliano & Lucas Cabrera
 11:00 AM — Steve & Helen Kaczmarek, Gemiliano & Lucas Cabrera
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish)

MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2024

8:30 AM — Monica Gonzalez, living and deceased member of the Czapla, Rzendzian, Orybkiewicz & Miszta families

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2024

8:30 AM — Mary Jaszcor, Conrad Deane,
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00
 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION
 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024

8:30 AM — Ann Tadeusaik, Larry Bellak (2nd anniversary)
 3:00 PM - WEDDING - Luis Enrique Vargas & Selena Jasmine
 6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 2024

8:30 AM — Rosaria Cicchetti

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2024

8:30 AM — for those on our memorial trees and boards
 5:00 PM — John & Helen Ptak, Dick & Peggy Lameka, deceased members of the Ognibene family, Diana Calderon

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27, 2024

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Russell Sager
 11:00 AM — Lawrence Kaczmarek
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Diana Calderon, Ricardo Calderon

Presider Schedule - October 26 & 27

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / organ
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano / Parish Choir
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



Luis Enrique Vargas and Selena Jasmine Romero - III



Kathleen Mary Cloherty
 Rita Lombardi

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
 Monday:
 Tuesday: St. John Paul II, Pope
 Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and
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Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and
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Rosary:

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Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office): Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

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Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Hugo Munoz for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory.

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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*