

The Work of the People

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For this Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Collect (Opening Prayer) reminds us that it is only with the help of God's grace that we are able to carry out good works. We may think that the good we do is solely through our own efforts but, as scripture tells us, without God we can do nothing.

The First Reading is from the Book of Wisdom. This section of the Book recalls Solomon's prayer for wisdom. Wisdom is more important than power, wealth, health, or beauty. The speaker would choose wisdom even over sight, knowing that with wisdom one can assign everything else its true and lasting value.

Just as the First Reading encourages us to seek true wisdom, this selection from Hebrews calls us to meditate on our appreciation of the Word of God. Do we believe in its power? Do we consciously seek an encounter with the living God in Scripture? Do we allow that Word to judge and guide our daily activities and attitudes? Do we seek the wisdom of the word beyond other values?

In Mark's Gospel today Jesus is once again asked a question. Jesus reminds the man in the passage of the Commandments that refer to human relationships, and the man claims to have lived without transgressing them. Then, Jesus looks at him with the discerning gaze that tenderly lays bare his heart. Having searched the man's soul, Jesus invites him to follow him in truly fulfilling the Commandments by giving his very self for others. With that, the wealthy man's enthusiasm disappears, and he who had run to kneel before Jesus turns away, utterly disenchanted. As the man left, Jesus addressed his followers to underscore the fact that the invitation he had issued applied to them as well as to the retreating rich man.

The reflection for this week is from *Finding the Treasure Within* by Mary-Louise Ternier-Gommers who is a writer and workshop and retreat leader with more than twenty-five years of diocesan ministry experience.

We learned a lot back [in our early school days], and not only in reading and arithmetic. We learned good work habits. We learned to work for what we got. Early life lessons weave distinct threads through our adult years. At our workplace we ask: What must I do to meet job expectations? In university we ask: Professor, what must I do to pass the course? In family life we ask: What must

I do to live with others in reasonable harmony? These are good things. Building blocks of personal growth, of competence, of community. So it is no surprise that when we come to Jesus, the first question on our mind is: What must I do to inherit eternal life?

Teacher, teacher . . . Does this work all the time? With zeal and self-confidence, we set out to face the big questions in life. Convinced of our own competence we set out to make the world a better place—whatever our situation and whatever we understand that phrase to mean. . . .

Few of us expect, or look forward to, the torment in our souls when Jesus looks at us and loves us. Like the young man who asked Jesus what to do, few of us are prepared for Jesus' shocking invitation to go and sell all. . . . When that loving look of Christ really sets eyes on our soul, we can expect, first, inner turmoil—for we too have so many possessions. If we have the courage to stick it out in this loving gaze of God, our hearts will be branded with the Spirit of Life. In that Spirit of the living God we are set on fire with passion and compassion for and in the world.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom. 1:1-7/Lk. 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom. 1:16-25/Lk. 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom. 2:1-11/Lk. 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom. 3:21-20/Lk. 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom. 4:1-8/Lk. 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom. 4:13, 16-18/Lk. 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is. 53:10-11/Heb. 4:14-16/Mk. 10:35-45
 or 10:42-45

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
 November 3 - December 8
 St. Agatha's Center, Meadville
 Held in book club format.

Please check the notice on the bulletin board in the gathering space for more information.

Please RSVP and let Amy know if you need a book by Friday, October 18 at 814 336-1112.

*"Father,
 let me never take your kindness
 for granted."*

WORSHIP

Monday, October 11
 8:00 am + John E. Auer
 Tuesday, October 12
 8:00 am + Daniel H. Baker (Rita Baker & Family)
 Wednesday, October 13
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, October 14
 8:00 am + Josephine Haluch (PNA Lodge 1540)
 Friday, October 15
 8:00 am + Liv. & Dec. Members of PNA Lodge 1540
 Saturday, October 16
 4:30 pm + Jane Olszewska
 (Christine & Richard Bidwell)
 Sunday, October 17
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Kathleen Nowak
 (Dave & Cindy Mangiarcina)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 12
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, October 16
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession (or by appointment)
 Sunday, October 17
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

St. Bernadette Mission Holy Name Society meeting on Monday, October 11 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernadette Parish Center.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
Bullying Prevention Month

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behavior. The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are: Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok; Text messaging and messaging apps on mobile or table devices; Instant messaging, direct messaging and online chatting over the internet; Online forums, chat rooms, and message boards, such as Reddit; Email; and online gaming communities. Adults should take the same approach to address it: support the child being bullied, address the bullying behavior of a participant, and show children that cyberbullying is taken seriously. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/>

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

St. Lawrence Parish in Albion
 Drive thru, Take out, Roast Beef Dinner
 Sunday, October 10th
 Serving from 11 am - 2 pm
 or until sold out.
 Price: \$12/meal
 At St. Lawrence Center
 Enter from State St.
 Exit to Pearl St.

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$792.00
Maintenance	165.00
Catholic Educ.	5.00
Mission Sunday	40.00
All Saints	30.00
Candles	30.00
TOTAL	\$1,062.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$7,040 Paid: \$6,890	

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$1,144.50
Maintenance	408.00
Prop. Of Faith	35.00
Catholic Education	10.00
Candles	81.00
TOTAL	\$1,678.50
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$28,440 Paid: \$26,123	

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
