



Dear Parishioners,

As we break ground on the new religious education center building this weekend, please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin that I have put together to provide information on the building project. As we were informed, when we polled parishioners nearly a year ago and there was over 90% support for the project moving forward, we are taking out a loan to pay for approximately 50% of the project. I know that it will take sacrifice on the part of us all as the loan is paid off over the coming years through our generosity of continuing to contribute to the building fund. I think when we see the project complete and what an improvement it is in providing our children with a quality environment for religious education, we will all see the value of the sacrifice that we have chosen to make as a parish. I personally invited all of the children in our religious education program to attend the blessing and groundbreaking ceremony when they were here for classes last Wednesday evening. To say the least, they are very excited about the project. As I visited the classes on Wednesday, I noticed once again how noisy and distracting our current environment is in the social hall and all of the students agreed that they will appreciate to have a much quieter environment in which to learn. Also, when I was with the members of our youth group on Wednesday evening, they were excited to know that they will have their own special space for their gatherings. How wonderful St. Joseph's Parish is in how the spaces of our parish speak of what we most highly value. Our beautiful church bespeaks of the prime value that we place upon the worship of our Lord and our appreciation of His

great gift of the Mass and the sacraments. Our social hall reveals our commitment to gather socially as a parish family and to build community. So, as we turn this new page in the history of St. Joseph Parish, we can be mighty proud of how much we love and value our children and youth and their growth in knowing our Lord and learning their Catholic faith because our new religious education building will be a proclamation of this reality!

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**OCT. 14 THRU OCT. 20**

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Loretta Patry
Wednesday	Harvey Klenda
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Vince Ortmeier
Saturday	Bill Urbanski
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



**"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." -Luke 17 : 19**

**Good News Reflection**

October 13, 2013

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 98:1-4

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, why do nine out of ten healed lepers not return to Jesus to thank him? Maybe they had run off to tell their families and friends about the miracle. Perhaps they were busy trying to convince their families and friends that they really had been healed and were now safe to be around. Or maybe they were preoccupied getting jobs to support themselves, now that they could no longer live in the charity-funded leper colony.

All good and valid reasons.

What was different about the Samaritan leper, the one who did return? The difference was in his spirit. His faith in Jesus saved not only his body but also his spirit. He appreciated the healer, not just the healing. He didn't seek help from the Lord only for his own sake; he went to him for God's sake. He had something he could give to Jesus – his appreciation, his praise, his worship – and he wanted to give it.

Are we like that?

When we go to Mass, do we go only for our own sake? Or do we also go for God's sake? The best experiences in church happen with it's both. Do you give Jesus your appreciation when he comes to you in the Eucharist? Do you delight him with the way you worship? Does it look like you're glad to be there?

When we pray for our needs, do we make our requests only for our own sake? Or do we want our prayers answered for God's sake, too? Think about what you're seeking from him: How helpful could that be to God's kingdom?

When we accomplish a goal, does God benefit from it? When he helps us through a trial, what is his reward?

We all have something that God cannot give to himself: our praise and our worship. Please don't ever underestimate the value of these important gifts!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What was the most recent prayer that God answered for you? Have you been too busy to kneel at the feet of Jesus and thank him? When was the last time you praised him while still waiting for his help?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe your favorite method of thanking Jesus. What are other ways that people show their gratitude for the Lord's help? What's the evidence that God truly appreciates this type of worship?

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