

**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

The month of October traditionally has been designated by the Church as the Month of the Holy Rosary due to the reason that the Feast of the Holy Rosary is celebrated on October 7 each year. The Feast was established by Pope Pius V following the victory of Christian Europe over the Muslim Turks in the sea battle of Lepanto in 1571 off of the eastern coast of Italy. The Pope had asked for the praying of the Rosary for the success of thwarting the advancement of the Turks who threatened to overtake Europe. Because of the power of praying the Rosary, such was accomplished. Hence the Church recognizes the value of praying the Holy Rosary of our Lady. In the various approved apparitions of our Lady, such as at Lourdes and Fatima, Our Lady has urged the praying of the Rosary for especially the conversion of sinners and for peace. While, strictly speaking, we are not obliged to pray the Rosary to not practice the devotion of praying the Rosary is to miss out on the promises that Our Lady has made to those who faithfully pray the Rosary:

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive single graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the

Church.

8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

On Saturday morning, October 16, I will offer a Mass at 9:00 A.M. followed by Eucharistic adoration at which I will lead those present in all 20 decades of the Rosary. I encourage all who are able to come for this as a way to pray for powerful graces upon our parish and ourselves, which our Lady will see to procuring for those who make this effort to attend this special observance in honor of our Lady and Lord during this month that we focus on the Rosary. Also, with it being Respect Life Month, I will offer this special time of praying the Rosary for an end to abortion and all assaults upon life that happen in our society and that the Gospel of Life be lived by all. There are a couple of other items that I want to communicate to you. First, I will be in Columbus for the fall archdiocesan clergy conference from Monday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon, returning by evening on Tuesday in time for the Bible Study. Fr. Swanson will celebrate Mass on Tuesday morning. Second, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel I am having a temporary tabernacle set up (one that was in the basement of the rectory) to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in for now until we have renovated the sanctuary in the church to have a place for a new tabernacle there. The present tabernacle can no

longer be used as the plastic panels on its sides keep falling apart, which allows for persons to easily push their hands into the interior of the tabernacle, and it just is not sealed like a tabernacle should be—the other day when I opened the tabernacle at morning Mass there was an ant crawling around in the tabernacle, which just is not respectful of Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.
Have a blessed week.
God bless,
Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 11 THRU OCTOBER 17

Monday	Ray Heimes
Tuesday	Conrad Kwapnioski
Wednesday	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Claudie Schulte
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Theresa Brazda
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



RE HAPPENINGS

Please come and help us thank the many volunteers that make our religious education program a very good one. We are going to recognize all of the people who volunteer their time and talents to the RE program on October 17 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

There will be NO RE or Christmas Play practice on October 20 due to school parent/teacher conferences.

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

The Ladies' Guild will hold their annual Soup Supper and Raffle on November 6. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. Please start

making or acquiring items for the raffle. More information to follow. Thank you.

HELP THE LADIES' GUILD

The Ladies' Guild is asking for empty cool whip containers and cottage cheese containers. The kitchen has run out and they are needed frequently to send leftovers home after funerals and for storage. Please put them in the kitchen. Thank you.

PANCAKE FEED

“The Knights of Columbus will be having a membership drive in conjunction with the Pancake Feed on October 16th & 17th. If you would like to join the Knights or have questions about the Knights please see one of the Knights who will be available to help you.”

NEW OFFICE HOURS (clip & post)

Monday, Tuesday & Friday ...10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday...8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Church Website: www.StJoSf.org.
Church e-mail: Secretary@stjosf.org.
Bulletin items must be sent to the above e-mail address by Tuesday night.
Emergency Phone # 402-689-1708 (Sharon VanTassell)

TODAY'S READINGS

The readings today call our attention to the need to be grateful to God for all the gifts we have received. The Gospel story is all too familiar: Many receive blessings, but only a few take time to give thanks. A grateful heart makes the blessings more bountiful and the burdens more bearable. Let us pray today for the gift of gratitude.