

Dear Padre,

Why should we be married in the Church?

At baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus' disciple, but an apostle. While it's easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).

The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other.



Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction.

Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives—relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers—benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand?

God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love.

Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (see Mark 10:6–9). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God's image, lead lives reflecting God's love. In the couple who says, "I do," God's love shines brightly as a light to the world.

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Calendar

Monday
OCTOBER 3
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday
OCTOBER 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday
OCTOBER 5
Weekday
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday
OCTOBER 6
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday
OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday
OCTOBER 8
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday
OCTOBER 9
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14–17
2 Tm 2:8–13
Lk 17:11–19

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 2, 2022

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4

2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14; Lk 17:5–10

Have Faith

That is so easy to say and so hard to do. This might be because we misunderstand what faith is and what it might do. Today's readings offer us three glimpses into what the Bible means by faith.

The reading from Habakkuk and the Gospel passage seem to contradict each other. The Gospel suggests that one can do wondrous things if one's faith is strong enough. Many people understand this literally and then are confused and terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they wanted. Habakkuk is in a dire situation. He had turned to God, but it seems to no avail: "You do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). What response did he get? "Don't give up. Don't lose faith."

Paul's letter was written to Timothy, one of Paul's own converts to faith in the risen Lord. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in that faith. It's clear that faith is not solely a set of beliefs and doctrines; it is a way of life—one that follows and is

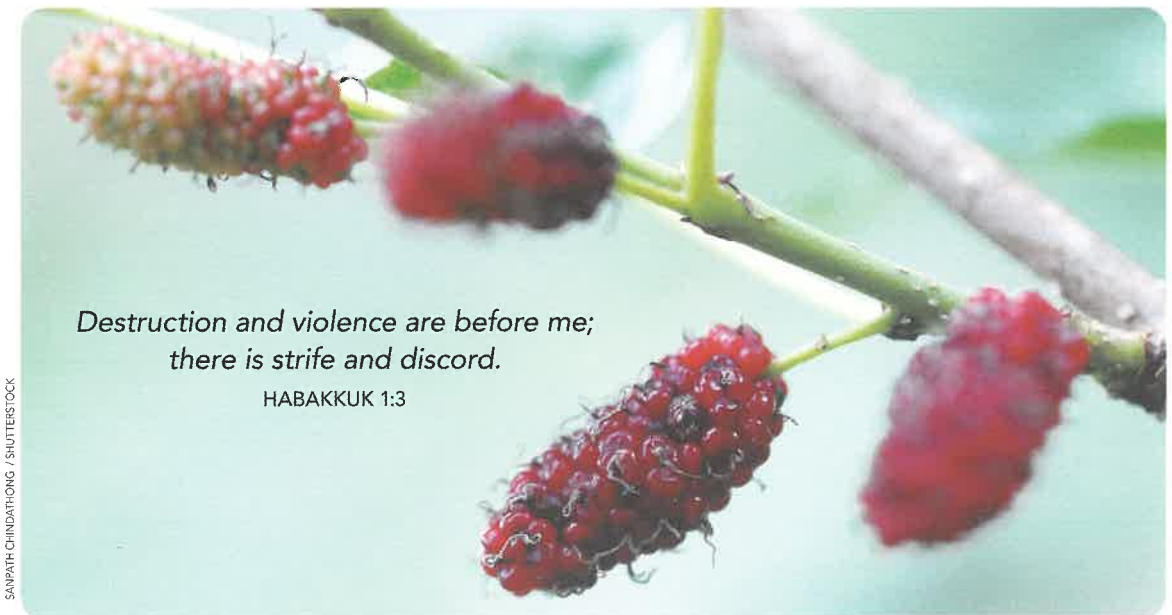
inspired by the example Jesus' life provides. It is also clear that living such a life might be dangerous, as evidenced by Paul's own imprisonment.

Reading the Gospel passage again after considering these reflections, one might understand the power of faith in a new way. Perhaps the mulberry tree stands for the struggles that had to be endured by Habakkuk, the danger that Timothy faced in a hostile world, and the hurdles that challenge our own faith. It assures us that if we don't lose faith, we also can do wondrous things.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ **For you, what is the difference between faith as what you believe and faith as how you live?**
- ★ **How might your faith help you get beyond life's hurdles?**



*Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife and discord.*

HABAKKUK 1:3



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Marriage isn't just a social act. It's a vocation that's born from the heart, a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation....God has a dream for us, love, and he asks us to make it our own. Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION, JUNE 1, 2021



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

October
1 & 2
2022

Weekday: 6:30am

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

Confessions – Saturday

4:00pm – 4:40pm

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From Fr. Tom,

The apostles ask Jesus for an increase in faith in today's Gospel reading. I think we all need an increase in faith and a decrease in our thinking that we are in charge. It is when we try to do things by ourselves without any consultation from the Almighty that things go sideways and a sense of self-centeredness, self-pity, and negativity takes over. It's like two fleas arguing about who owns the dog they're sitting on. Sometimes natural disasters have a way of waking some folks up to the fact they are not the boss; the hurricane last week in Florida being the most recent example. However, when we do have faith and pray for its increase, we become more aware of God in our lives and then our life planning takes on a holiness that results in gratitude, a more relaxed demeanor, and a joyful spirit. Who doesn't want that! I remember an advertising catch phrase years ago that said: "Things go better with Coke." Let's borrow that phrase and say: "Things go better with Faith."



- Betty Bean
- Shirley Beckman
- Anna Marie Brueggemann
- Peggy Collins
- Mike Davis
- Chris Elbert
- Cynthia Faust
- Ted Feth
- Kim Gann
- Glen Gettemeyer
- Zachery Goosage
- Benny Hammer
- Andrew Hellebusch
- Marcia Herbst
- Pat Hiatt
- Brandon Huels
- Kevin Kibbons
- Olivia Jasper
- Rick Just
- Alisha Koelling
- Marcus Lowe
- Donna Mackey
- Jacob McMullin
- Jean Oldani
- Frank Rice
- Alice Rolf
- Ashley Shelton
- Marisa Shollenberger
- Special Intention 1
- George West
- Sr. Georgiann Wildhaber, SSND
- Sheri Zambruski

Please also pray for those serving our Country:

- Adam Amato
- Matthew Blankenship
- Jamie Brueggemann Murphy
- Andy Davis
- Taylor Donner
- Kyle Kloeppe
- Caleb Logsdon
- Michael Murphy
- Reese Pellin
- Sam Smith
- Owen Struckhoff
- Luke Stuesse

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STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for General Fund
September 19 – 30, 2022

Regular Offering Envelopes: (62)	\$	3,022.00
Regular Offering Loose:	\$	85.00
Assumption: (1)	\$	25.00
Rental Income: (2)	\$	870.00
Online Giving*:	(7) \$	358.33
Total:	\$	4,360.33

*With Transaction Fees Removed.
(Number of Contributors)

Tithes & Offerings
Giving Back to God

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Restricted Funds: September 19 – 30

Capital Maintenance (11)
\$182.00

Catholic Education (3+2*)
\$86.67

*Online Giving

**September
“General Fund”
Collections**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022	\$4,351.52
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022	\$3,772.00
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022	\$4,322.43
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022	\$4,360.33

September Financials

September 2022 Expenses	\$	21,042.25
Total Unrestricted Revenue	\$	16,806.28
Difference	\$	(4,235.97)
Total Restricted Funds Used For Expenses	\$	3,701.95
Difference	\$	(534.02)

Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 3rd

NO MASS | HAVE A VERY BLESSED MONDAY!

Tuesday Morning, October 4th

6:30AM | MARGARET HANKINS

Wednesday Morning, October 5th

6:30AM | JASON & ADAM ECKSTEIN

Thursday Morning, October 6th

6:30AM | FRANK & EMMA SCHMUKE

Friday Morning, October 7th

6:30AM | JANE & THOMAS BRIGGS

The dignity of the person is the most precious possession of an individual.

--Christifideles Laici, 37

MASS TIMES | THIS WEEKEND | NEXT WEEKEND

5:00pm Saturday	October 1	October 8
Mass Intention:	Cleo Pedrotti	John & Helen Feth
Lector:	Karen Gerlemann	Jim Noelker
Eucharistic Minister: (C)	Jim Noelker	Theresa Straatmann
Eucharistic Minister: (C)	Joan Kloeppel	Kathy Feth

8:00am Sunday	October 2	October 9
Mass Intention:	Leo & Veronica Donner	Parish Family of St. Joseph
Lector:	Jennifer Kissinger	Dennis Randolph
Eucharistic Minister: (C)	Jane Stephens	Cathie Grus
Eucharistic Minister: (C)	Chris Block	Dolores Swoboda

10:00am Sunday	October 2	October 9
Mass Intention:	Parish Family of St. Joseph	Ray Koester
Lector:	Marilyn Rau	VOLUNTEER
Eucharistic Minister: (C)	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- **Saturday, October 1st**
 - Wedding Reception
- **Sunday, October 2nd**
 - Ladies Sodality Meeting – 9am – Parish Hall
- **Tuesday, October 4th**
 - Dinner Auction Meeting – 7pm – Parish Hall
 - Shooting Match Meeting – 7:30pm – Quilter's Room
- **Wednesday, October 5th**
 - PSR – 6:30pm – 7:45pm – Parish Hall
- **Thursday, October 6th**
 - Eucharistic Adoration – 7am – 5:50pm – w/ Benediction after – Church
 - Quilters – 8am – 1pm & 7pm – 9pm – Quilters Room
 - 4H – 7pm – Parish Hall
- **Saturday, October 8th**
 - Wedding Reception

St. Joseph Neier All Things New Town Hall Listening Sessions

Tuesday, October 11th and
Thursday, October 13th
6pm-8pm in the Parish Hall

Each listening session will be facilitated by volunteer parishioners from a different parish. These trained facilitators will share pre-recorded messages from Archbishop Rozanski and Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, with an overview of All Things New, a planning area overview and multiple DRAFT model options to consider for the respective planning area. A brief time will be allowed for small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

To sign up for a listening session go to:
<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Listening-Sessions>

"My Parish" Prayer

*My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am.
It's pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into worship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all things that
I want my parish to be.
Amen.*

St. Ann's FREE EVENT
HALLOWEEN Bash
 October 21 FRIDAY 6:30PM
 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
 Trunk or Treat (6:30-7:30)
 Coloring Pages
 Face Painting
 Bounce house
 pumpkin painting
 Upper Hall - St. Ann Parish Center

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA PARISH
 ANNUAL
Sausage Dinner
 Our Fall Tradition Continues!
SUNDAY, OCT. 16
 11 AM - 6 PM
 \$13 / PLATE
 DRIVE-THRU
 BEGINS AT SFRGS THIRD STREET
 BACK PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

FARM
 Local FOOD

DINNER INCLUDES:
 Homemade Pork Sausage
 Sauerkraut
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Green Beans
 Baked Apples & Ice Cream

225 Cedar Street | Washington, Missouri | BorgiaParish.org | 636-239-6701

Ladies Sodality Meeting

Sunday, October 2nd

Come join us!

Refreshments will be provided.

Husbands are welcome, and encouraged, to stay and visit during our meeting.

SHOOTING MATCH MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

7:30PM
QUILTERS ROOM

FALL SHOOTING MATCH
NOVEMBER 6TH

Sign up in the back of church or contact the Parish Office.
 636.583.2806

Deanery Anniversary Mass
 Sunday November 6 4:00 pm

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or higher Wedding Anniversary are invited to take part in this celebration

Dinner will be held immediately following in the St. Ann Parish Upper Hall

RSVP to your home Parish Office by Oct. 28, 2022

SHOOTING MATCH

ST. ANN'S CHURCH
 7851 HWY. YY ; CLOVER BOTTOM, MO.

FACTORY BARRELS

SUNDAY OCT. 16
STARTS AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON TO ???

CROSS & WHEEL

RAFFLE TICKET PRIZES OF:
 \$500/\$300/\$100
 GREAT CONCESSIONS! 50/50

YOUTH ROUND CROSS; AGES 8-15; YOUTH MODEL 20 go.
FRICK'S BONELESS HAMS, PORK STEAKS, BACON & CASH

please join us

Eucharistic Adoration

Let's give thanks to Our Lord

Thursday, October 6th

7:00AM - 5:50PM
 With Benediction After

Seating is limited. Sign up TODAY!

Upcoming Listening Sessions

St. Louis Archdiocese
 Listening Sessions at Meier

Tuesday October 11 Listening Session 6pm-8pm
 Tuesday October 13 Listening Session 6pm-8pm

Both sessions held in Schmitz Hall

MUST sign up online @ <https://allthingsnew.archdi.org/Ways-to-Engage/Listening-Sessions> or by contacting the Parish Office @ 636.583.2806

Dinner Auction News

**Sunday,
October 16th
9am - 10am**

Dinner Auction
Donation Drop Off

**Thursday,
October 20th
6pm - 8pm**

Dinner Auction
Donation Drop Off
and
Dining Room Set Up

**Friday,
October 21st
8am - ??**

Class Room &
Dining Room Set Up
lunch will be served to workers

**Saturday,
October 22nd**

9am till done
Finish Class Room &
Dining Room Set Up
Doors open @ 6pm
Dinner Auction

**Sunday,
October 23rd
9am - 12pm**

Kitchen Clean Up
and
Item Pick Up

Reserve your table today for the Dinner Auction on October 22nd!

Bar opens: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Silent Auction: 6:00 – 8:30pm

Oral Auction: 8:30pm

- Admission \$50 per person (includes Ribeye Steak/Pork Tenderloin Dinner & full bar)
- Selling tables for 8 to 10 people or individual tickets
- Seating is limited; confirmed only after payment is received
- Must be 21 years old or older
- Call Cheryl Voss at 573.659.5946 for additional information
- Mail dinner checks to:
St. Joseph Dinner Auction
c/o Cheryl Voss
3720 Fox Creek Road
Beaufort, MO 63013

**Miscellaneous raffles
will be held throughout
the evening, including a
'Golden Ticket' raffle.**

We will also be selling \$10 raffle tickets for a chance to win \$500, \$250 and \$100. These are available in the back of church

MEET THE PSR TEAM

Diane
Schmidt

1ST GRADE

Amy
Wildhaber

2ND GRADE

Kristen
Brueggemann

3RD GRADE

Michelle
Young

4TH GRADE

Michelle
Birke

5TH GRADE

Barb
Bolzenius

6TH GRADE

Harrison & Myrickyl Dee

7TH GRADE

Michelle Horn

8TH GRADE

Emily Birke

PSR COORDINATOR

Daughters of Isabella News

October is the month of our Lady of the Rosary. We will pray the Rosary before our October 11th meeting at 6:15pm. Social time will begin after the Rosary and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm. October is also the month we do a Baby Shower for Pro-life, so please bring some baby items or a cash donation. These items are donated to Pregnancy Assistance.