



Saint Mary

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 Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time — October 14, 2018
 "What Will You Give Up to Earn Eternal Life?" Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

In Mark chapter 10 we read that a man ran up to Jesus and knelt before Him and asked Him, 'Good teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' This is an actual encounter. This is not a parable. This is not a story that Jesus invented as He often did. This is a real encounter between Jesus and this man recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke because it deals with such an absolutely critical issue for us to understand. We also know from Matthew and Luke's account that he was a young man and that he was a ruler, probably the ruler of a synagogue. Here we learn from the life of our Lord the reality of how to deal with a selfish, shallow seeker who in this case is extremely religious. This young man failed the greatest test of his life when he was offered a choice between himself and God, between fulfillment here and now and fulfillment in the life to come. The question was...what was more valuable to him? God and the life to come? Or his own will and the present life?

He's young and he's wealthy and he owns a lot of property and he has achieved spiritual respect and spiritual status by being made the chief of a synagogue. It means the people have great respect for him. He's a moral man. There is in his heart a deep fear that he does not possess what he needs most and that is salvation, eternal life, the hope of heaven. The bottom line is, he wanted eternal life but not enough to give up his pride and his possessions. He never questioned what Jesus said. He never questioned the truthfulness of what Jesus said but he just walked away. It becomes crystal clear to us that whatever Jesus was offering was going to cost him his pride and it was going to cost him his possessions and the price was too high, even for eternal life. He wanted eternal life only as an add-on to what he already possessed. It's commendable that he comes with a measure of humility, kneels down before the teacher and he addresses Jesus the way he does. "Good teacher..." He

acknowledges Jesus as not only a legitimate teacher, but good to the core, virtuous, beneficent.

There are some passages of Scripture that might lead you to do that. In John 6:28 they said to Jesus, "What shall we do so that we may do the works of God?" How do we become one with God? Also, you might remember Acts 16, the jailor says to Paul and Silas after the earthquake hit the prison and they were set loose, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Whether it's doing the work of God, or possessing eternal life, or being saved, it's

the same question and Paul gives the correct answer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus." The testimony of the Apostle Paul would be very much like this young man. I see a lot of parallels. The Apostle Paul was doing really well for a while as a legalist. He was Circumcised the eighth day, born of the tribe of Benjamin, he says he was a traditionalist. He was zealous for the law. He was blameless before the



law. But in Romans 7:7, he says this, "I wouldn't have come to know sin except through the Law." What kind of law is he talking about? It is the law that is expanded by the Lord, Matthew 19:17 Jesus gives him some examples. "Do not murder. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Do not defraud. Honor your father and mother." "He said to Him, 'Teacher, I've kept all these things from my youth.'" That's why Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:20-48, "You have heard it said, you've been taught, but I say to you..." You've been taught that if you don't murder, you're fine. I 'm telling you, if you hate someone, you're a murderer in your heart. You've been taught if you don't commit adultery, you're okay. But I'm telling you, if you look on a woman to lust after her in your heart, you've committed adultery. In this context this man didn't understand

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities

SAT., OCT 13	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM
Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 (466)	9:00 am Rosary Run 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: ☩ <i>Mary Ann Orlowski</i> <i>[Faubion and Moretto Families]</i>
SUN., OCT 14	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 (143) Pss IV	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Bernita Aiuto</i> <i>[Jan and Craig Little]</i> 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i> Coffee Hour After each Mass—FFH
MON., OCT 15	ST. TERESA OF JESUS
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 (467)	12:10 pm Mass: ☩ <i>Laurel Johnson</i> <i>[Jim and Ella Landini]</i> 3:30 pm Religious Education—PC 7:15 pm Bible Study—FFH
TUES., OCT 16	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Hedwig and Margaret Mary Alacoque
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)	8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Bernita Aiuto</i> <i>[Alan and Eileen Augustine]</i>
WED., OCT 17	ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)	8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Larry and ☩ Suzette Bollella</i> <i>[Lisa Irvin-Chisnell]</i>
THU., OCT 18	ST. LUKE
2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 (661) Pss Prop	8:30 am Mass: INT: Blessed Mother's Intentions for America <i>[Lisa Irvin-Chisnell]</i> 7:00 pm Altar Society Meeting—FFH
FRI., OCT 19	STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES
Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7 (471)	8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Bernita Aiuto</i> <i>[Lois Duhan]</i>
SAT., OCT 20	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/St. Paul of the Cross/BVM
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 (472)	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: ☩ <i>Gerald Damian</i> <i>[Claudia Damian]</i>
SUN., OCT 21	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45 (146) Pss I	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: INT: Elise Kueffner <i>[Ann and Scott Kueffner]</i> 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i> 12:00-1:30 pm Holy Communion Class—PC



the depth of the Law.

Again in Deuteronomy 6:5, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and might.” And if you do that you won’t have any other idols, so how far from good was this man? He not only regularly broke the second table of the Law in his heart, here comes the exposure: “One thing you lack, just one thing.” “Go sell all you possess, give to the poor, you’ll have treasure in heaven.” That’s what you said you wanted. “Come follow Me.” How can it be that simple? “But at these words, he was saddened and he went away grieving for he was one who owned much property,” or we can say he adored another God. Who is his other God? Earthly wealth, temporal satisfaction was his God.

Jesus then comments that it’s hard to enter the Kingdom of God. The disciples respond by saying, “Who can be saved?” In the context of Israel, these religious people who are wealthy. And according to their theology, they were wealthy because they were blessed by God. If you were wealthy, you were blessed by God. And if you were poor, you were cursed by God. If you were healthy, you were blessed by God. If you were sick, you were cursed by God. The very wealthy man would be easily able to enter into the Kingdom of God because he had so much money he could buy all the animal sacrifices, he could buy the spotless lamb where somebody else with less money would have to take a blemished lamb or even lesser than a lamb, maybe even a bird. That was the simplicity of their theology and a wrong theology to be sure. They

become like the rich fool in Luke 12:16-21 who had much and he just said, “I’m just going to keep accumulating, I’ll build bigger barns and bigger barns and bigger barns and eat, drink and be merry. And the word came to him that night, “You fool, tonight your soul will be required of you.” Dear brothers and sisters I think there is only one way to seek eternal life. It’s like Luke 18: pounding his breast the Publican says, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Save me.” That’s the sinner’s prayer. Salvation or eternal life is divine work and we don’t get it by a formula. We don’t get it by being religious or moral or rich and giving alms, it can’t come from a human viewpoint. It’s of pure grace. Let us strive for it but let the Lord make the decision. ☞

COFFEE HOUR
TODAY, OCT 14TH
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Pray the Rosary
30 minutes before each weekend Mass throughout the Month of October

Intention October 13-14th
For all of those victims of the hurricanes and earthquake, as they begin to rebuild their lives and for all who lost their lives, may they rest in peace.

Please Pray for:	Eileen Ball	Denise Kratz	success
	Ryan Baxter	Betsy Kripas	Clint Silveus
	Duane Beuerle	Jim Maisano	Thomas Strong
	Ruth Dahl	Cecile Ouedraogo	Gabriel Tieno
	Rae Emmons	Ron Panches	Leonard VanBogelen
	Rosemary Hamilton	Ghyslaine Ramdé	Corey Wagner
	Sally Irvin	Rodrigue Ramdé	Eddie Walz
	Thomas Kladzyk	Sara Rush	Cindy Willis
		Cassidy Sangster,	Denise Yekulis

NEED HELP?

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION: Right-to-Life MI Hotline 1-800-57WOMAN or visit www.optionline.org

“AA” group meets Fridays & Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emanuel Church kitchen.

“PROJECT RACHEL” (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the

confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

“COURAGE” is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.

“ENCOURAGE” is a separate support group for the families and friends of “Courage” clients. Call 517-342-2596

P A R I S H N E W S

Parish Family Birthdays

Oct 13James Fielder
 Oct 14Elaine Feldkamp
 Oct 14Harold Walkowe
 Oct 16.....Jessica Hutchison
 Oct 16..... Kathleen Robertson
 Oct 16..... Amelia Woods
 Oct 17 Anita Greca
 Oct 17 Constance Schaffer
 Oct 18 Anthony Davila
 Oct 19 Paul Gross
 Oct 19 Julian Thompson
 Oct 20 Quinn Bourland
 Oct 20 Andrew Katke
 Oct 21 Brogan Brochue
 Oct 21 Cyprian Dahl

Annual Advent Dinner

‘Amazing Greys’ of St Mary’s Parish would like to invite you to the annual Candle Light Advent Dinner **December 2nd**. The evening begins with a social hour starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at precisely 5:30pm and will include dessert. The evening will end with a variety of scriptural readings and songs. If you are interested in attending, please contact Connie Schaffer at 734-428-7271. Seating is limited so reserve early.

Apple Pie Fundraiser

KofC council #4354 is sponsoring an Apple Pie Fundraiser to support St. Mary's Religious Ed and Youth Group programs. These are 9", ready to bake or freeze, apple pies. Cost is \$10.00/pie. They must be picked up by **Noon November 17th** at the Parish Center. Use the insert in this bulletin to place an order. Make checks payable to KofC #4354. Orders can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office no later than **October 29th**.

Planning Ahead

The Christmas Holiday Decorating committee will begin planning for this year. We have received a generous financial donation to enhance our décor. All who

have been on the committee in the past and anyone who may want to be part of the team this year should contact Sue Fielder at sfielder@umich.edu or 734-428-8816.

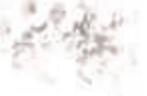
Formed

Bishop Boyea is offering a special grant to all of our parishes towards the use of FORMED. Formed.org contains a wide variety of faithful and inspiring Catholic content including sacramental preparation, Bible studies, children's and youth programs, e-books, movies, and an increasing library of Spanish-language content. Parishes interested in a new FORMED subscription can take advantage of the special grant being offered by the Diocese of Lansing. This will save \$1000 on an annual subscription which all parishioners can use. This means that the cost to our parish will only be \$425. All parishes in the diocese are being given free trial access to FORMED until **November 9, 2018** to participate in the diocesan-wide Wild Goose study. You can access this free trial by following these steps:

- Go to www.formed.org. Click "Login
- Enter email: Lansing18@formed.org
- Enter password: `formed#18`

Altar Flowers

for the week of
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
 In Loving Memory of
 ☩ Paul Antonelli
 Requested By His Loving Wife,
 Gayle Antonelli



Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:
 1) ☩ Deceased Members of the
 Haller Family
 (Gerald and Mary Shaw)

AREA NEWS

Fundraising Feast St. Andrews in Saline is having their 63rd Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 21st from noon-4:00 pm. This is a fundraiser for their Needy Fund which helps out people in the Saline community. All are welcome. Suggested donation for the meal is \$10/person for adults, \$8/seniors (age 60 and over) , \$5.00/children 6-12, and children 5 and under are free.

Walking With Purpose St. Andrew's in Saline invites women of St. Mary's to a "Come and See" event regarding this game-changing women's scripture study. This is an OUTSTANDING tool to form disciples and build the community of a parish. The event is on Thursday, October 25th beginning at 9:00 AM at the Faith Formation Center (behind the main Church). includes a light breakfast.

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae Join us October 27th for a celebration of this beautiful encyclical. We will explore the past, the present and the future of it with Dr. Janet Smith, panel discussions and more! Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Earl Boyea at 8am. Conference ends at 3:45pm. Early bird tickets start at \$15. Limited childcare provided. St. Patrick, 711 Rickett Rd, Brighton. Register at: www.dioceseoflansing.org/events

Stephen's Ministry On Saturday, November 10th Saint Francis of Assisi in Ann Arbor MI is hosting a Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M., and refreshments will be served. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for church leaders and other members to learn about the Stephen Series, a ministry system that equips and mobilizes laypeople for effective caring ministry. For more information, or to register for the Workshop, call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600.

For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, September 30, 2018

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$4,525.00
Loose Cash & Checks.....	\$192.00
Welcome Envelopes.....	\$8.00
eGiving.....	\$209.43
Weekly toward budget	\$4,934.43
Weekly goal	\$5,300.00
Amt. BELOW goal	\$365.57

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

American Evange. Appeal .	\$225.00
Building and Maintenance.	\$105.00
Poor Box	\$9.33
Votive Candles.....	\$42.00