

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Jodi Aerts
 Dylan Anderson
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 Patricia Bonnewitz
 Sandra Burke
 Julie Byron
 Toni Capute
 Riordan Cavoris
 Justin Curtis
 Mark Davis
 Tony Donehoo
 Carol Donato
 Islea Duncan
 Alan Ekberg
 John Evans
 Kathy Evans
 Earl Fishback
 Linda Gardner
 Elizabeth Gillam
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam

Lynn Goss
 Kathleen Murphy Groves
 Kathleen Hamilton
 Jeanne Harper
 Jeannine Iannaco
 Pablo Ignacio
 Patrick Ignacio
 Meja Irvin
 Margaret MacDiarmid
 Carolyn Martin
 Jamie Martin
 Greg Moore
 Kathleen Moore
 Beverly Moyer
 Chris Moyer
 Ray Moyer
 Don Notestein
 Patsy Notestein
 Angel Ortiz
 George Perry

Wendy Pessaro
 Gary Peters
 Laurie Peters
 Frank Powell
 Nelson Sanchez
 Princess Sanchez
 John Seaquist
 Ray Servis
 Jane Sliwinski
 Margaret Smith
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 Fred Toth
 Amy Tracy
 Charles Watson
 Danielle Weedon
 Laura Williams
 Louise Williams
 Michael Williams
 Travis Williams
 Betty Jo Wolfrum

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

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Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Thursday 12:15 PM

Bulletin news and requests for mass cards: contact
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October Birthdays

1 Annette McCabe
 1 Caroline Swing
 4 Julia Hounsell
 6 Gary Conner
 10 Ted Skirvan
 14 John Hampton
 23 Ray Moyer
 27 Steve Bradish
 28 Elizabeth Lecco
 28 Anna Ellrich
 29 Lyn Goss

October Anniversaries

14 Rob & Virginia Johnson
 17 Travis & Louise Williams
 28 Glen & Kathy Moore
 31 Phil & Kari Hampton

A Pastoral Moment with Fr. Jim

I see the presence of Christ can be found in people who make great sacrifices. They “wow” me and I am moved from my complacency.

In El Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was appointed by the Vatican as a “safe” choice. There was a lot of turmoil in the country. Soldiers and police were abusing activists who were advocates for land reform and the poor. The thought was that Arch-Bishop Oscar Romero would stay neutral and not be involved.

The poor and activist priests, catechists and religious sisters were urging Oscar to help. Perhaps this could be analogous to the Son in the Gospel who had to think about doing the Father’s will (Matthew 21:28-32). Eventually, the Son does go on the Lord’s mission.

Fr. Rutilio Grande was an activist and one of Oscar’s closest friend. Fr. Rutilio was killed by the soldiers on his way home after he baptized children in a poor village. This led to Archbishop Romero’s conversion. He was convicted in the evangelical sense of the word. Romero became a strong advocate for the poor. He advocated through non-violent means, land reform and civil rights. He told the Cubans and the Russians not to send weapons to the El Salvadoran Government. He went on the radio every day and though the government tried to block his broadcast.

As a result of pouring his life out, he was shot dead while celebrating the Eucharist. From the Vatican years later (who wanted to transfer Romero and was opposed to his activism), he was declared a martyr. Pope Francis canonized him a saint.

In Philippians 2:1-11, Paul says about Jesus: “Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God. Rather, he took the form of a slave and emptied himself.” This is called “kenosis” - a Greek word for emptying oneself. That is what Christ did and that is what Archbishop Romero did after his conversion.

I saw kenosis in self emptying in my mother’s life. As a other of six children, she was left caring for us while Dad was driving a truck for Gilbane Construction. Mom cared for us while we had the flu and fought with each other; she cleaned and did laundry. She was so exhausted at the end of the day she never heard planes flying over us as the pilots were landing at the local airport just three miles away. In the summer, the windows were even open! As she was near, Christ was present in her “kenosis.”

Self emptying: Kenosis. The activity of saints near and far.

Parish News & Announcements

Adult Education: “The Bible and the Church Fathers” continues after mass. Bob Burke is hosting this class.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, November 11: Grief Workshop. Two Elder Guides invite you to explore different ideas, methods and strategies to navigate through the upcoming holiday season. In our group setting we will explore: being compassionate with yourself, setting your intention to mourn and heal during the holidays, creating new holiday rituals while keeping those that are precious to you and drawing on the power of “now” to find meaning and comfort. If you are interested in participating, contact Eileen Brennen (abbasgirl24522@yahoo.com).

October Calendar

Wednesday, September 27: Craft Club 10 am - Noon

Tuesday, October 3: Liturgy Meeting following 7:00 pm mass

Wednesday, October 11: Craft Club (10 am to 12N)

Wednesday, October 25: Craft Club (10 am to 12N)

Friday, October 27: Craft Club (10 am - 12N)
Trunk Or Treat (after dark)