



Being Emptied

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In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It's what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you're sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others' needs ahead of our own comfort. It's a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn't finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that extended learning curve

that seems to take place, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children's needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe, but then again it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can't fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God's way of making room for God. ●



**Humbly regard others
as more important
than yourselves, each
looking out not for his
own interests, but [also]
everyone for those of
others.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3B-4

Reflect

Since kindergarten, have you become better at putting others first? What do you still need to work on?



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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, October 1st - 5th thru 8th grade

Sunday, October 8th - K thru 4th grade & Confirmation class



We are still looking for **volunteers** to be either a **teacher or helper**.
If interested please call Michelle Bickett 815-751-2656 or email
holytrinitycherry@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 2, 2023

Monday	10/2			+ No Mass
Tuesday	10/3	9:00 am	STM	+ No Mass - Fr. @ Retreat
Wednesday	10/4	5:30 pm	HT	+ No Mass - Fr. @ Retreat
Thursday	10/5	9:00 am	HT	+ No Mass - Fr. @ Retreat
Friday	10/6	9:00 am	STM	+ No Mass - Fr. @ Retreat

Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 7-8, 2023

Saturday	10/7	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Mary Nave & Family
Sunday	10/8	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ For The Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Irene Stouffer
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ No Mass

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October 7th: Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us "thumbnails" of the life of Christ and his Mother.

The *Joyful Mysteries* are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood. The *Luminous Mysteries* bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.

The *Sorrowful Mysteries* remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

The *Glorious Mysteries* tell us what happened after Jesus died—His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

Pope St. John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated in her heart. (Lk. 2:19) Many other Popes have contributed to the increased devotion to the Rosary by their writings. Pope St. Paul VI (papacy: 1963-1978) devoted the last section of his Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus* to the Angelus prayer and the Rosary. In this document, he wrote that "the Rosary retains an unaltered value and intact freshness."

The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer. This was summarized by Pope Pius XII (papacy: 1939-1958) who said that the Rosary is "a compendium of the entire Gospel". The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption.

In this month of October, let us consider the beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use to draw closer to God by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. Compiled from "st-patricksstafford.com" & "stjohnvianney.org"



The Holy Rosary
purifies our souls, washing
away sin and gives us victory
over all our enemies.

Renewal Mass

St. Patrick's Church would like to thank Fr. Ron Margherio for celebrating Mass and performing the Renewal of Wedding Vows on Sunday, September 24th, as well as Fr. Thaddeus for congratulating the participants at the reception. Thank you also to the planning committee, choir, and reception dinner workers for making it an enjoyable, successful event.

Twenty-four couples participated in the ceremony, six singles honored their departed spouses, and sixty-five attended the dinner reception.



Traveling Monstrance at Holy Trinity

On Monday, October 16th the holy hour will begin at 6:00pm. While eucharistic adoration is at the heart of the holy hour, it includes Scripture, a reflection, and Benediction. Members of all churches are urged to take some of their precious time to participate in this diocesan-wide holy hour. To those nostalgic parishioners: we will chant the Latin song, "Tantum Ergo Sacramentum" during the eucharistic adoration.

LATEST OFFERING'S

SEPT 24TH WEEKEND

HT— \$1,281.00

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SP— \$ 622.00

RENEWAL MASS \$734

STM— \$ 575.00

\$30 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

thank
you

to Dennis Hassler for
persevering in getting the
organ fixed at Holy Trinity

CONFESSIONS

NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL

BE SAT. OCT 7TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST THOMAS MORE

IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Zec 8:1-8	Zec 8:20-23	Neh 2:1-8	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Bar 1:15-22	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Is 5:1-7
Mt 18:1-5, 10	Lk 9:51-56	Lk 9:57-62	Lk 10:1-12	Lk 10:13-16	Lk 10:17-24	Phil 4:6-9
						Mt 21:33-43



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”

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