



Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander,

gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.
- ✦ What behavior might you have to give up?

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 — TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are Inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see Acts 2:5, 38).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom. John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see Ephesians 1:4). Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.



9/19: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,289.00

9/19: Building Fund: \$ 20.00

9/19: Children's Offering: \$3.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for October 3 2021

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Offertory: Tom & Julia Motyka

Ushers: Glenn Laurence & Tom Motyka

Eucharistic Minister: Debra Vansa

Lector: Rhonda Gelner

Altar Servers: Brady, Claire, Kate

Sanctuary Light: Sept. 27th– October 3rd: John & Mary Hubnik by Kathryn Hubnik

Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Anton Vrazel, David Minatra, Reenie Hubnik, Kathy Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, and Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful!

To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: **Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net**

MARAK MASSES —September 26 – October 3, 2021

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—9/26	10:15am	+ Eugene Vaculin by Marguerite Michalka + Albert Michalka by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Dorothy Vaculin by Mike & Janice Marek + Mary Ann Plachy by Adolph & Dorothy Vansa
9/29—Wed.	5:30pm	+ Albina Vrazel by Mike Marek Family + Annie Mae Hubnik by Zarosky Family + Dorothy Ann Mueck by Leroy & Kathy Vansa + Joe Vansa by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa
10/3 —Sunday	10:15am	+ Stephanie B. Krumnow & John Slavik by Merlene Slavik + Valeria Kostiha by Johnny & Donna Dohnalik Johnny & Ethel Marak's 63rd Wedding Anniversary + Albina Vrazel by Terry & Barbara McNeill

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church—Cyclone—Annual Picnic—See bulletin board in the church entry for more information.
- **OCTOBER 3RD:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **OCTOBER 3RD:** Fall Festival—St. Matthew Catholic Church—Rogers—Serving Starts at 11am—\$12/plate—BBQ pulled Pork & Sausage—See Bulletin Board in the church entry for more information.
- **OCTOBER 3RD & 10TH:** Nomination Ballots for Parish Council will be provided for all parishioners. There are 3 council members who will be going off the board—Dennis Marek, Garrey Prcin and Jeannine Dohnalik. Dennis Marek & Garrey Prcin have served their 6 years and are not eligible for re-election. Jeannine Dohnalik is eligible. Please remember to ask the parishioner if they approve of their name being placed on the nomination ballot. These ballots need to be returned by October 17th.
- **OCTOBER 10TH:** 114th Annual Picnic of the Church of the Visitation in Westphalia—\$12.00 per plate—Fried Chicken & Home made Sausage—Lots of family fun—See bulletin board in the church entry for more information.

Dear Padre,

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing

God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing

with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,

Priest

Zec 8:1–8

Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 8:20–23

Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,

and Raphael,

Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or

Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12

Lk 10:1–12

Friday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child

Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Bar 1:15–22

Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Bar 4:5–12, 27–29

Mt 18:1–5, 10

Sunday

OCTOBER 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18–24

Heb 2:9–11

Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12

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