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10-14	Mon 9:00 AM	Tommy Zieno
		By Thomas Zieno &
		Maria Aebi
10-15	Tues 9:00 AM	Communion Service
10-16	Wed 9:00 AM	Communion Service
10-17	Thurs 9:00 AM	Communion Service
10-18	Fri 9:00 AM	Communion Service
10-19	Sat 4:00 PM	In honor of Tony & Joan
		Barber's 70 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversay
10-20	Sun 10:30 AM	Michael Gregory Jr. By the family

Father Ben will be attending the Diocesan Retreat October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. There will not be morning Mass on those days. A Communion Service will be held.

### **World Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, is World Mission Sunday. This is a unique opportunity for us to support the Church's mission work in over 1,150 territories worldwide. Our prayers and contributions help build new churches, train clergy, and provide essential services to those in need. Please consider how you can participate and give generously next week. There are envelopes available in the vestibule and at each of the exits for your contributions. Thank you.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 in recognition of Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day.



## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Strive for what is of lasting value

All of us want to make it to heaven after our earthly life. It is our ultimate desire to go to heaven and spend eternity with God and all our beloved loved ones. Thanks to the gift of our Christian faith, we are motivated to always place our hope in God's promise of everlasting life in heaven. Each day our Christian faith encourages us to keep our eyes fixed on God's kingdom and strive to enter it.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear the story of a rich young man whose quest for eternal life brought him to Jesus. This young man had his heart in the right place. He asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. He was sure of himself that he had all it takes to make it to heaven.

The young man had observed all the Commandments of God from his youth. Jesus looked at him with love and affection. There was still one thing that the young man lacked. Jesus commanded him to go and sell what he has, give to the poor, then come and follow him. He invited him to a life of total renunciation. The rich man was not ready for this radical call to discipleship. He refused to share his material blessings with the poor and the less privileged. He walked away from Jesus sad because he had strong attachment to his wealth and possessions.

Jesus pointed out that material wealth can hinder one's entry into heaven. He stated that it will be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus is not saying that wealth is inherently bad. He is rather cautioning us against our attachment to wealth as it can give us false security or draw us away from God.

You and I need to ask ourselves whether we prioritize God's kingdom over material possessions or not. Do we share our material blessings with others, especially the poor and the less privileged? Where do we find true security? Is it in God or in my material wealth or possessions? Jesus wants us to set our priorities right. He calls us to divine wisdom above material wealth.

In the first reading, the book of wisdom helps us to learn how King Solomon sought God's wisdom rather than riches, success, and material comforts. King Solomon prayed for what is valuable in life and the Lord blessed him with the spirit of wisdom and prudence.

In the second reading, the letter to the Hebrews talks about the power of God's word in our lives. The reading reminds us that God's word is sharper than a two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and reflections of our hearts.

As pilgrims in this earthy life, let us do well to prioritize our spiritual growth. With the Psalmist, let us beseech God to teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Let us pray for the grace to overcome the temptations of earthly possessions and attachments and strive always for eternal life in heaven.

God bless,

Rev. Dr. Ben

### Weekend of October 19th & 20th, 2024

First Reading-Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading- Hebrews 4:14-16

Saturday 4:00 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Eucharistic Ministers Ada Rice Altar Servers Fr. Ben
Lorraine Keckeisen
Regina Mathewson
Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel- Mark 10:35-45 Sunday 10:30AM Fr. Ben Nancy Kahane

Terry Maggio Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris



## Religious Education 2024-2025

10/13 No Classes

10/20 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup>



Knights of Columbus Coat Drive
The Knights of Columbus are holding a winter
coat drive until Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Coats for
school age children are needed. Please place your
donations in the blue barrel in the vestibule or
contact Chris Berkely-Hartjen at 607-423-8869 to
make arrangements to drop off your donations.



# Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

weekend, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to celebrate
Tony & Joan Barber's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding
anniversary. Cake, coffee and tea will be
marriage available in the Parish Center. No gifts please,
but cards are encouraged!

### 2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

The initial Diocesan Appeal mailings have been mailed. If you do not receive a mailing there are envelopes available in the vestibule for your contribution. The assessment for the 2024-2025 appeal for Sacred Heart is \$14,576.00, a decrease of \$4,082.00 from the 2023-2024 appeal. As of October 10<sup>th</sup> as a parish we have collected \$5,712.00.



Patriotic Rosary Please join with your Sacred Heart family on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to recite a Patriotic Rosary. We will meet in the church at 3:00 pm.



### **Harvest Festival 2024**

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to contribute to the success of the Harvest Festival. A financial report will be available in the coming weeks.

#### October Bulletin Quotes

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

By our Baptism, we are called to share the love of Christ in our world. That love is desperately needed right now in southern states hit hard by Hurricane Helene. As I write this, more than 120 deaths are confirmed, and the damage left is overwhelming.

I am calling on the people across our Diocese to join in prayer for those in need. Scripture tells us, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20). Let us join as people in Christ and call on His healing love for all who are impacted. St. John Chrysostom said, "Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible, it makes possible."

I have received questions about where people can donate. Catholic Charities USA has a Hurricane Helene Relief fund. You can find a link on its

website <a href="https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/">https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/</a> which says 100% of donations go to help those affected by this disaster.

We are coming up on a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has chosen "Pilgrims of Hope" as the theme. I pray that we may all be pilgrims of hope for those in need.

Yours in Christ,

+ Edward B. Scharferberger

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

## **Groomed-A Survivor's Story of Healing**

On Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 PM a performance of "Groomed" will be held at Roger Beacon Hall Auditorium on Siena College Campus. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroleto, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Gugliemo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVI

