

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time– 10 October 2021

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Wisdom is often regarded as a personal attribute, something that people honor in others.

Today's readings understand wisdom as a gift that must benefit the community. Expertise is centrifugal, moving from one person out to the entire population.

The Book of Wisdom chooses the wise and benevolent king as the model of human perfection. This ruler prefers wisdom to wealth, health, beauty, and even kingship itself. The ideal leader employs wisdom for the common good.

The responsorial psalm is a meditation on the value of human life. In verse twelve, the psalmist prays for wisdom of heart -- the ability to live in balanced relationship with God and others. Wisdom means that the community experiences the graciousness of God's presence. Wisdom also implies that God acknowledges human work by giving it fullness and meaning.

Mark depicts a Jesus who is recognized for his wisdom. Jesus guides the man who wishes to gain eternal life. Wisdom requires that one first look to the common good. The man questioning Jesus has already achieved this level by keeping the commandments. Wisdom's second demand is much more challenging, giving up everything that distracts him from following Jesus. To sell one's possessions and give to the poor is a freeing experience that results in great service to the community.

Wisdom is required in all real life situations. Parents become wise in experience and use that grace to guide their children. Teachers share knowledge with their students, but even more, they share wisdom. The truly wise see their expertise not as an honor to be recognized, but as a gift to be shared. -- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

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Living for Eternal Life. Let us put ourselves into the gospel story today. All of us want to “inherit eternal life.” All of us strive to do what God commands, to do what is right and just. All of us strive to not let the things we have possess us. But it is hard going – impossible without reliance on God. This eternal life for which we long, this Kingdom of God in which we live now, is begun already in us and is fulfilled in completeness when we see God face-to-face for ever.

- ◆ What gets in my way of gaining eternal life – things, attitudes, behaviors?
- ◆ What mercy work will I do that lets me share what I have with someone in need?
- ◆ How will I follow Jesus more closely this week?

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 October 2021

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



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Inheriting Eternal Life

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” In response, Jesus says to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor”.

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that’s just the beginning, isn’t it? There’s also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus’ exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus’ advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in *this* life.

But here’s a puzzle worth noticing. You don’t have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don’t have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature *not* an answer to the rich young man’s question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does *everybody* have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don’t sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the *rich* young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person’s gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

—Eleonore Stump from SLU Sunday Site

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October 10, 2021**

Birthdays
Oct 11 Brian Bailey
Oct 12 Doc Maier
Oct 14 Jaime Starratt
Oct 16 Vickie Anderson
Aiden Nelson

Schedule of Masses

Sun	Oct 10	8:00 am Mass	Richard Stone
Fri	Oct 15	6:00 pm Mass	General Intentions
Sun	Oct 17	8:00 am Mass	Peter Warner

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 10 8 am	S Widowski	J Hacker	Z Garrett	Vol	*F Dueker, Steve Pobst
<u>Cantor</u>	J Starratt				
Oct 17 8 am	J Nelson	B Bowers	P Widowski	Vol	*S Widowski, P Widowski
<u>Cantor</u>	S Pobst				

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Oct 3, 2021

Envelope \$ 1440.00(28), Loose \$80.00 Haitians \$100.00
Total \$ 1570.00 (collection counters are needed to continue this church ministry – see Laurie Coleman)

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun	Oct 10	Mass.....	8:00 am
Mon	Oct 11	CCW preparations for BDCCW.....	10:00 am
Wed	Oct 13	BDCCW conference Camp Ondessonk	
Fri	Oct 15	Mass.....	6:00 pm
Sat	Oct 16	Draw Down Party and raffle.....	6:00- 9 pm
Sun	Oct 17	Mass.....	8:00 am
		Liturgy committee meeting.....	9:00 am
		PSR classes.....	9:00 am



ROSARY LEADERS ARE NEEDED for the October Sunday Masses. Please consider volunteering and sign up for a Sunday on the church bulletin board. The Rosary will start approximately 30 minutes before Mass.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STONEFORT FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS . Pastor Jeff Owens was very grateful for all the food received

THANKYOU FOR ALL THE ST. PAUL VOLUNTEERS who helped operate the Faith Alive Thrift Store Sept. 30, Oct 1 and 2

DRAWDOWN RAFFLE – CALLING ALL COOKS! We are planning on having the dinner and party this year so we will need appetizers and desserts for the meal. A sign-up sheet is on bulletin board or let Madonna know what you can bring.

GIFT CARDS OR THEME BASKETS FOR DRAWDOWN ARE NEEDED.
A signup sheet is on the church foyer bulletin board. Items for prizes are needed by today

CCW Volunteers needed to help prepare conference materials for the BDCCW conference on Monday, October 11 at 10 am in the parish Hall.

“CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME” WOMEN’S CONFERENCE sponsored by the Belleville Diocese CCW is this Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Camp Ondessonk. The conference will be held in their beautiful indoor conference center. Speakers, programs, exhibits, a mass by Bishop McGovern, raffle and silent auction are all part of a great day. Registration includes early morning social and lunch. Registration on the day is \$20.00. For more information contact, Pam, Vickie, Madonna, or Arlene. Carpooling from St. Paul can also be arranged.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday, October 10 – Baskets & gift cards due for Draw Down
Monday, October 11 CCW meeting in hall at 10 am to prepare for BDCCW conf.
Wednesday, October 13 – BDCCW Conference at Camp Ondessonk
Saturday, October 16 – Draw Down Party
Sunday, October 17-Liturgy Meeting following Mass
Wednesday, October 20 -Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, October 23 – Parish Halloween Hot Dog Roast

October 10th – “I grew up in the province of Chaco, Argentina. My parents were farmers, and our village was so rural that a priest came only once a month. At age 14, while preparing for confirmation, I was struck intensely by Jesus’ words: “Peter, do you love me?” In high school, I met the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts, who invited me to participate in their religious activities. My teenage years were normal. but through it all, the sisters gently guided me in my discernment. Although I was offered a full university scholarship, I felt something was missing Finally, a sister asked me, “Do you have a desire to be a nun?” I answered immediately – Yes!’ Sr. Rosana Ybanez, POSC; *Columbia Magazine, February 2021*