

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 9, 2022

2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 98: 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Perseverance is the price of victory. Human growth and success are not instantly accessible like information from our computers. The readings today recall the need for unceasing human diligence, even in the face of frequent failure.

The Exodus passage pits a heroic Moses against Israel's implacable enemy, the Amalekites. In a book filled with divine exploits, we see here the significant difference made by the human accomplishments of Moses. The hero's steadfastness wins the day. The steady hands in Exodus 17:12 demonstrate Moses' faithfulness in carrying out an official task.

Psalm 121 says that we are able to trust in God's divine care but also admits that sometimes our human trust crumbles under tensions and pressures. The psalmist, for example, worries about the danger of one's foot slipping and the possibility that Yahweh might fall asleep (verse 3). The psalm does finally affirm that the Lord is a constantly vigilant guardian and that believers must be persistent in calling out to Yahweh.

The psalmist's theme is found also in Luke's parable of the dishonest judge: Pray always and never give up. If a dishonest judge eventually yields to the pressure of a persistent widow, then naturally God will act upon the prayer of his persevering people. Even better, God does not procrastinate like the judge: if we cry out day and night, the Lord will act promptly. Luke concludes that God expects this pleading from us; at the time of the Second Coming, Christ will examine our persistence in prayer.

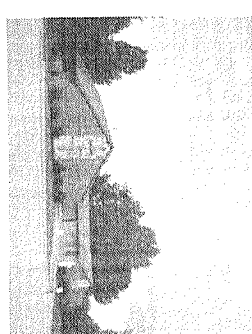
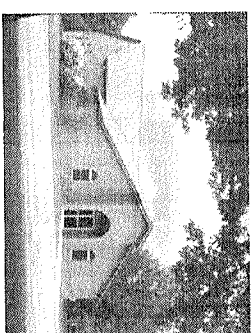
The Exodus account of Moses' greatness and Luke's parable on persistent prayer clearly define our human neediness. We need to begin anew each day, to work hard every day at building loving and trusting relationships with one another and with God. We need persevering prayer as our source of strength and hope. We need to admit that perseverance is the price of success.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time- October 16, 2022

Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

VOCATION CORNER "Jesus, I'm done discerning." This was my prayer in the back of a quiet chapel, the summer after graduating college. The Lord's call to me as a child was strong and clear, but the where and when were not. The many Holy Hours I'd spent wrestling with the mystery since had brought no clarity. My prayer continued, "I am spending all my energy discerning when all I really desire is to love you. So I am just going to love you, and love you lavishly. I ask your Blessed Mother to make the rest abundantly clear." Only later did I understand that perhaps it was what the Lord had been waiting for; for me to simply rejoice to be in relationship with Him, to simply let myself be His. The lesson the Lord taught me that day remains ever new, even now after final vows. How much more beautiful is the journey when lived in the simplicity of his Love!" Sister Stella Lucia Stella Maris, Missionaries of the Word. *Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2022*



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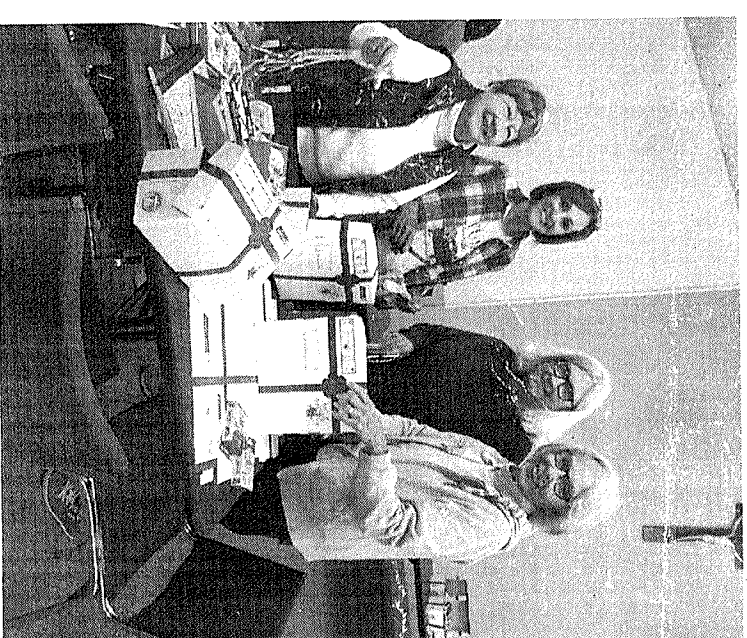
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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm



CCW Members filling Boxes of Joy. Photo taken by Pam Shallenberger.

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Birthdays
 Oct 11 Brian Bailey
 Oct 14 Jaime Starratt

Schedule of Masses
 Sun Oct 9 8:00 am Sunday James Velenzuela
 Fri Oct 12 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun Oct 16 8:00 am Sunday James Velenzuela

Liturgical Ministers

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 9 S Pobst	Geri Tesina	P Widowski	M & C Bergmann	*F Dueker, D Zmuda Sr
	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Oct 16 S Widowski	C Johnson	A Dueker	M Palmer, E Zmuda	M Slife, J Bergmann
	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Z Garrett</u>		

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

September 25 2022
 General \$1040.00 (18)
 Loose \$25.00
 Retired Priests \$50.00 (1)
Total \$1115.00

Bldg & Maint \$10.00 (1)
Total \$10.00

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Oct 9 8:00 am Sunday Mass James Velenzuela
 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
 Tue Oct 11 3:00 pm prepare baskets/prizes for Draw Down
 Wed Oct 12 Belleville Diocese of Catholic Women annual conference Pinkneyville
 Fri Oct 14 6:00 pm Mass
 Sat Oct 15 5:00 pm DrawDown party and raffle drawing
 Sun Oct 16 8:00 am Sunday Mass James Velenzuela

OCTOBER WE SAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS.

Please volunteer to be a leader. Signup sheet is on the foyer bulletin board.

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO GERI TESINA

On the loss of her brother James Velenzuela who died September 25, 2022. Please remember Geri and her family in your prayers.

DRAW-DOWN UPDATE.

After Mass today, Madonna will need volunteers to place tables for the party. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert on the sign in sheet in the foyer. Gift cards and baskets will be assembled Tuesday October 11 at 3:00 p.m. Help for that is appreciated. If you forgot your basket or gift cards today you can leave them in the parish hall prayer room before Tuesday at 3 p.m.

FAITH ALIVE VOLUNTEERS

We thank you for your help. You are so appreciated. It was a very busy weekend of sales.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE BOX OF JOY CAMPAIGN AND TO THE FOOD DRIVE FOR STONEFORT FOOD PANTRY.

ALL WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE ARE INVITED!

The Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host its annual convention on October 12 at St. Bruno Parish, 204 North Gordon, Pinckneyville. Registration begins at 8 am in the Columbian Club (K of C Hall.) Join the ladies as we reflect on "One Bread, One Body". Speakers will be Bishop Michael McGovern (10 a.m.) and Rev. Joseph A Brown, SJ (2 pm.) Bishop Michael McGovern will join us and celebrate Mass at 11:00 am. Cost of the convention is \$ \$25. Contact Madonna Slife at 618 967-516 4if you need a ride.

ROSARY RALLY FOR PRO-LIFE

The Public Rosary sponsored by America Needs Fatima will be one of over 20,000 rallies taking place across the United States. St. Mary's church, Harrisburg would like to invite you to join in our local Rosary Rally on Saturday October 15, 2022, at 12:00 Noon on the church front lawn. Bring your lawn chair. A free ProLife Rosary will be provided for you to keep.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 19 Parish Council
 October 25 Joint Parish Council Mtg. Harrisburg
 October 29 St. Mary, Eldorado Fall Market Day 9 am-2pm
 November 6-13 Belleville Diocese Vocation promotion week.
 November 12 St. Joseph Elizabethtown Holiday Bazaar 8:30 am-2 pm
 November 15 Wellness Committee meets