

The Pastor's Corner

ARE ALL RELIGIONS THE SAME?

Recently, while on a trip to Singapore, the Holy Father was quoted as having said, "all religions are paths to reach God." This statement caused all sorts of chaos immediately within Catholic circles because it sounded off- is it true that all religions are paths to reach God? As with many things- in one way it is true- but in another way, it needs clarification.

In one sense- all religions may attempt to grasp at God. There are countless other religions that are out there that profess a relationship with an omnipotent being, no matter how limited it may be. There are many attempts to name and to characterize God in many ways. At the end of the day, if we follow Christian thought to its conclusion, all of them are, in fact, attempts at naming our God and our God- the God of Abraham, the God of Issac, the God of Jacob. No other religion or denomination can hold a candle to how well Catholicism knows and teaches us about the one true God and His revealed truths, amongst many, many other things. In this way we cannot say that all religions lead to God and that the path one chooses to Him doesn't matter. To do so is to deny scripture- and the custodian of scripture. To do so is to deny the efficacy of the Sacraments- and the necessity of them. To say that all paths are equal is to deny that Jesus says that He is *the* way and not just one amongst many. Many religions may try to reveal God- whether they correctly know His name or not. Only Catholicism can do that to the fullest and most complete sense that is possible today.

What does that leave us to do then? Prophecy in the name of Christ, as the Gospel presents to us, and the first reading as well! Tell others about the one who is "The Way"! We have the authentic way to know our God intimately and the most fully- and we should never tell ourselves we have just one way amongst many. We need to tell others who God is. We are given the way to know God so well in our faith- therefore let us be bold in telling others about Him!

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Twenty-Seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

October 6, 2024

Gn 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students
and parents (or any non-confirmed above
that age)

The First Class of the year is coming!
Wednesday October 9, at 7:00pm.

If you were not able to make the parent
meeting, and are still interested in being a
part of these classes, please contact Father
at frbelken@stlnh.org

TO QUOTE A SAINT

"Do not let your deeds belie
your words, lest when you
speak in church someone may
say to himself,
'Why do you
not practice
what you
preach?'"
-St. Jerome



THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



WHAT WOULD AMENDMENT 3 ACTUALLY DO?

THE FACTS

1. Put women at risk
2. Prohibit any regulation of abortion
3. Shield negligent health care professionals
4. Permit abortion even when the preborn child can feel pain
5. Eliminate parental notification or consent
6. Allow abortion at any time for any reason
7. Open the door to taxpayer-funded abortions

Vote NO on 3

SAFEGUARD THEM BOTH

Get all the detailed facts at www.mocatholic.org/abortion



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29-October 5, 2024
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Mass Schedule							
Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger	Thu.	Oct	3 7AM Paul Stuckey
Sun.	Sep	29	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Oct	4 7AM Michael Glueck
Mon.	Sep	30	No Mass		Sat.	Oct	5 4PM Andrew Essner
Tue.	Oct	1	6PM	Melvin Glastetter	Sun.	Oct	6 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Oct	2	7AM	Leonard Kluesner			

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. SEP 29-Theresa Essner, OCT 6-Jill Pinkston, OCT 13-Carol Klipfel, OCT 20-Dorothy Deason, OCT 27-Margaret Heuring.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:
September 22, 2024: Loose \$139, Envelopes \$2458, Total: \$2597.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, ST. AMBROSE DINNER AUCTION. St. Ambrose dinner auction presents Viva Las Vegas, doors open at 5PM at the VFW Chaffee. Tickets are \$40 per person. Highlights are raffles, silent auctions, live auction and all you can drink & eat. Buy your tickets online at <http://www.charityauction.bid/STAVivaLasVegas>.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Dustin & Amy Essner
Carla Essner, Gerard & Carolyn Essner, Jamie & Emily Essner.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION. Classes will begin at 6:30PM with a candlelight Rosary Procession to the Grotto, weather permitting. We invite parents, grandparents, and parishioners to pray the rosary with us and pray for a successful year. **Classes begin Sunday October 13th at Shibley Hall from 9:30-10:30AM.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, ST. ANTHONY PARISH ANNUAL FALL DINNER. In the Glennon Parish Hall. Times: 11AM-1:30PM. The menu includes kettle beef, dumplings, dressing, and all the trimmings. Dessert & drinks included. Adults: \$14, Children (6-12): \$8, 5 & under: free.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, ST. DENIS DAY ANNUAL DINNER. In the Parish Center. Times: 10:30AM-1PM. The menu includes kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, chicken & dressing, sweet potatoes, buttered potatoes, green beans, slaw, and dessert. During the dinner, ALL St. Denis Catholic School alumni are eligible to put their handprint on the wall for \$10. All funds raised from this will go back to the school! Adults: \$15, children (6-12): \$7, 5 & under: free. All carry-outs: \$15.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Oct 5 4PM	Sally O'Brien
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Oct 5 4PM	Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Oct 5 4PM	Mr./Mrs Kyle Kern
Servers:	Sat. Oct 5 4PM	Isabel Crook/Wyatt Farrow/Brooke Reeves
Ushers:	Sat. Oct 5 4PM	Edward Westrich/Michael Backfisch/James Wilhelm/ Kyle Wilson

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Oct 6 8:30AM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Oct 6 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Oct 6 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Kendall Kern
Servers:	Sun. Oct 6 8:30AM	Leigha Estes/Tyler Morgan/Brady James/Tyler Jackson
Ushers:	Sun. Oct 6 8:30AM	Brent Ashcraft/David Asmus/David Backfisch/ Jerome Backfisch

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, SCOTT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINIC. Open to the community and walk-ins welcome. From 9-11AM in the Kelso C-7 gym. NEW THIS YEAR: Free with proof of insurance/Medicaid. Also, they will have COVID vaccinations available this year.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th, COLUMBUS DAY BANQUET KOC 6420. The Kelso Knights of Columbus will host their Columbus Day banquet on Sunday, October 20th in their lower hall with happy hour from 4:30-5:30PM with meal following. All members and widows of members and their families are invited. Please RSVP to Gary at 573-576-6451. Please bring a dessert to share.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE. If your contact information has changed, please notify the church office so we can update the church's directory and our information is correct as we don't use the parish directory photo book. Thanks in advance.

NEW FIRST SATURDAY MASSES. Fr. Belken celebrated the inaugural First Saturday Mass on September 7 (and each first Saturday) at 8AM at St. Denis. Please join us each first Saturday as we renew our devotions to our Blessed Mother. During these months prior to the election, the intention will be for a pro-life Nation and State.

ST. DENIS RUMMAGE SALE. Please join us for our 1st annual Rummage Sale on November 2-3! We are accepting donations, so clean out your closets! The sale hours on November 2nd are 9AM-4PM, then on the 3rd from 11AM-4PM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF PATRICIA ANN SCHOTT AND FOR HER FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF LOSE AND SORROW.