

WORDS FOR THOUGHT

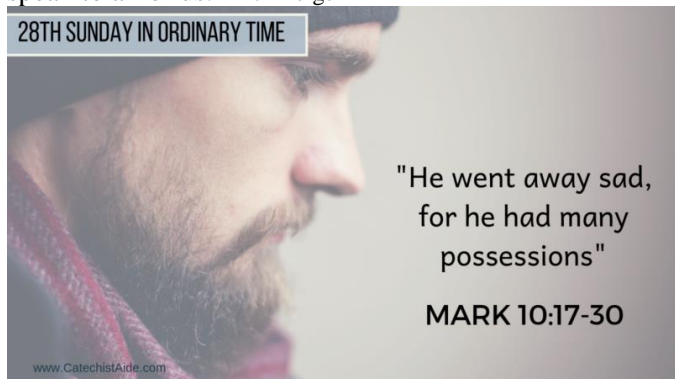
In the U.S. the top 1% of households own more wealth than the bottom 90% combined! One billion children worldwide are living in poverty. According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.

Jesus told the man who wanted to inherit eternal life: "Go sell what you have and give to the poor." Pope Francis has said: Giving to the poor is our "passport to paradise."

Millionaire Brian Burnie sold his \$26 million estate to fund a charity to fly cancer patients to hospitals. Investor Zell Kravinsky gave away over \$45 million.

Today's Gospel is an "inconvenient truth" that can speak to all of us. Dick Folger

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"He went away sad,
for he had many
possessions"

MARK 10:17-30

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Choose Life) All too often, as we know from experience, people do not choose life; they do not accept the "Gospel of Life" but let themselves be led by ideologies and ways of thinking that block life, that do not respect life, because they are dictated by selfishness, self-interest, profit, power, and pleasure and not by love, by concern for the good of others. It is the eternal dream of wanting to build the city of man without God, without God's life and love—a new Tower of Babel. It is the idea that rejecting God, the message of Christ, the Gospel of Life, will somehow lead to freedom, to complete human fulfillment. As a result, the Living God is replaced by fleeting human idols which offer the intoxication of a flash of freedom but in the end bring new forms of slavery and death...Let us always remember: the Lord is the Living One, he is merciful.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS-Gracious God, You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Items We Are Collecting The school & parish collects paper recycling that can be put in the bins on the parking lot. Toner cartridges can be brought to the school. We also collect Coke reward points. Send your bottle caps or product codes from Coke products to the school or rectory. You can also go onto <https://us.coke-cola.com/offers/> and enter our rewards to go to our school. Also don't forget to save the Prairie Farms milk caps.

GIBAULT

Oktoberfest 2021 Our 50th Annual Oktoberfest is just 2 weeks away! We hope you will be part of Hawk-toberfest on October 23! Tickets are now on sale. Join us for a fun night to benefit our students. Donations can be dropped off at the Gibault office during school hours, or pick-up of items can be arranged by calling us at 939-3883. If you are unsure what to donate, gift cards and cash donations are helpful in rounding out packages for our live and silent auctions. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.bidpal.net/gibault2021. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Peter United Church of Christ, Red Bud: Fish Fry on Fri., Oct. 15th, 4-7 p.m.; carry-outs only. Features cod, catfish and shrimp.

St. Pius V, Walsh Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, Sunday, October 17th from 11am-2pm. Carry out only. Adults \$12, children (5-12) \$4, 4 & under free. Pumpkins, gourds, homemade pies, crafts and much more. Quilt raffle & fall basket raffle.

Meat Shoot St. Augustine's Holy Name Men's Society Meat Shoot, Sun., Oct. 17th, beginning at 12 noon. Free Mulligan. Held at the Hecker Community Center.

Fish Fry: Prairie du Rocher American legion Oct. 22 4:30-8pm Fish, chicken and the fixins.

St. Patrick, Tipton: Wurstmarkt, Country Store, Meat Shoot, Sun., Oct. 24th. Pork sausage dinner from 11-4 Mass at 10 a.m.; meat shoot at noon (bring your own guns; no swedge barrels, scopes, or pulldowns.)

Vocations Corner "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, 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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

(Include the bracketed text for the long form)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." [Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."]