

Welcome To Our Tri-Parish

*St. Catherine
Of Siena
Piedmont*



*St. George
Van Buren*



*Our Lady of
Sorrows
Williamsville*



Following Jesus in the Foothills of the Ozarks

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live streamed
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OCTOBER 10, 2021 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 10, 2021 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what *I* own keep *me* from following Jesus?

Mass Schedule Week of October 10 2021

Monday: Monday 8:00am Piedmont
NO MASS THE REST OF THE WEEK, priest's institute
Saturday 4:30pm Williamsville
6:30pm Piedmont
Sunday 8:30am Van Buren
11:00am Piedmont

Monday: RCIA, 6:00 pm would you like a renewal in the faith or know someone who might like to know more. At the rectory

Tuesday:

THERE WILL BE NOT SATURDAY NIGHT MASS IN PIEDMONT DURING ORDINARY TIME
beginning Nov. 6

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Confessions: ½ hr. before mass or by appointment 247 0277

PSR: 10:00, all grades in St. Catherine's

St. Catherine Outreach:

Help homeless pregnant women in the Bootheel transform their lives! Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is aiming to bring LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home to Cape Girardeau through a major capital effort. With \$3 million already raised toward its \$6 million goal, thousands across the diocese are being invited to help make LifeHouse-Cape Girardeau a reality. Please check your mailbox, inbox, and social media for more information or visit ccsomo.org/lifehouse-cape-campaign.html to learn more and to donate!

If you know anyone who needs assistance for rent because of Covid have them call Catholic Charities. Could be eligible for year back rent.

Used piano and organ available, call fr. Dan piano in good shape

**PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO CITY: FEBRUARY 18-25
THE MIRACLE THAT IS STILL UNRAVELING. SOUND INTERESTING? CALL FR. DAN.**

Homily

This has been a truly amazing, interesting weekend for me. I just celebrated the wedding of my youngest nephew. That's 16 of my nieces and nephews. No, that's not all of them but it is the end of another generation. I was in or had all of my 7 sibling's weddings. Weddings are such wonderful thing to witness. The gift of two people giving themselves totally to one another with the desire to see the fruit of that union in yet another generation reveals the cry of the human heart for the human race to continue; for this planet to continue to thrive to support them; and most of all, the desire that still others might come into the Kingdom of God. Sunday was Pro-Life Sunday when many throughout the country were giving public witness to the gift and beauty that children are. I had the privilege of doing so in front of the court house in Poplar Bluff. Then to top it all off, in preparing for the Sunday scriptures the church had us consider Mark 10:2-16 and Genesis 2:18 which Jesus would refer to and then Psalm 128 proclaiming 'your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table...may you see your children's children.' What I find so interesting this time in looking over these scriptures is that Jesus refers us back to what we call Natural Law, (that is: what is the way in which God created something to function originally, what is the true nature of the thing or act?) In this case he dismisses Moses' decision to allow divorce for the hardness of heart. Jesus could have at least recognized that times do change and that there is still the hardness of heart. But instead he goes back to the beginning. How did His Father create this dynamic of sex to function for these corporeal spiritual beings? Humans are not like the animals as Adam discovered; even though some animals are monogamous. They weren't even created to have sex in the same way. No, it demands a simultaneous total gift of self, one to the other. This is why scripture says they 'become one'. That's not just hyperbole. It is a reality. So much so that Jesus says that one who has sex with a prostitute becomes one with that person. A person becomes fragmented and is no longer capable of giving themselves totally to another. What a dynamic. Look at how God made male and female. Genesis describes God as making Adam from the earth. He is mudman. He takes the woman from the man's side. The scriptures have a reason for making that point. Some say God made man from inorganic dirt and made the woman from a somewhat intelligent being; so which is the greatest? They are meant to be mutually cooperative and necessary to one another. The man is described as being focused on things: names of animals, their function, gardening. The woman is taken from the heart. She is relational. She is interested in the health and wellbeing of those she loves. They need each other. But, women, don't get too upset when you try to talk to him about a relational thing and the whole time he's thinking about the car, the plumbing, his job. He needs you to help him become more relational and you need him to help be more rooted. But because a couple have totally given themselves to each other there can be nothing left to give to another spouse unless death intervenes. The wellbeing of all depends on it. It's until death do us part. Death is the only thing that makes one totally free to enter another such relationship.



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