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As a faith community, Notre Dame includes a wide range of parishioners residing throughout the region; families with children enrolled in our school; young adults, retirees and seasonal visitors. Embracing this diversity we will focus on bringing Christ and His teachings -- the Good News -- alive in the way we live and in how we interact with our parish, our school, and the extended community. We seek to welcome all to the Eucharist, to create better fellowship, to enrich and deepen our spiritual lives, and to fully embrace discipleship and stewardship.

C O M E * G R O W * G I V E

WEEKEND EUCHARIST:

- Saturday 4:00 PM
- Sunday 9:30 AM

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:

- Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:00 AM
- First Saturday of the Month at 8:00 AM
- Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 AM with the School
- In Summer, Monday through Friday at 8:00 AM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- Saturday 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM or by appointment

Please contact the Parish Office for assistance with the following:

- Sacrament of Baptism
- Sacrament of Marriage
- Sacrament of the Sick
- Adult Formation
- Holy Communion to the Homebound

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. Oct. 26, 2024 *Weekday

4:00 +Steve Rogers by Family

**Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024 *Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

9:30 +John H. Jacobs by Gay McDonald

**Mon. Oct. 28, 2024 *Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles**

8:00 Healing and Recovery of Madeleine
and John Hayes by Choir

Tues. Oct. 29, 2024 *Weekday

8:00 +Remiega VanderWerff by Family

Weds. Oct 30, 2024 *Weekday

8:00 +Donna Lorenzini by Helga Lake-
Mark

Thurs. Oct. 31, 2024 *Weekday

8:00 +Gertrude Ryder by Sara
VanderWerff

Fri. Nov. 1, 2024 *Solemnity of All Saints

8:30 + Dorothy Socha by Family

Sat. Nov. 2, 2024 *All Souls' Day

8:00 +Joan & Mike King by Family

4:00 +Ruth & John Smith by Family

+Tony Lapasso by Friend

Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. Nov. 2 @ 4:00 PM - Dave Albers

Sun. Nov. 3 @ 9:30 AM - Marie and Pete
Campbell

Sat. Nov. 9 @ 4:00 PM - Dave Albers

Sun. Nov. 10 @ 9:30 AM - School

Sponsored

LECTORS

Sat. Nov. 2 @ 4:00 PM - NEED

VOLUNTEER

Sun. Nov. 3 @ 9:30 AM - Marie Campbell

Sat. Nov. 9 @ 4:00 PM - Mary Kowalski

Sun. Nov. 10 @ 9:30 AM - School

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Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Nov. 3 -- Ed Merrion

Nov. 10 -- Doug Noveroske

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar
Servers, please check your email for the
online sign up sheets. If you have not
received an email with the link please
contact Julie in the Parish Office.

Contributions

Oct. 20, 2024 \$ 5485.00

October EFT \$1868.75

Mission Sunday: \$779.00

Total: \$ 8132.75

Scripture Study Times

Lectio Divina - Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Louise's Group -- Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. . . 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., "Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation."¹

"If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most

basic of truths" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively "religious" truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

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"The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true."
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Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church's mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 27, 2024 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Although today's Gospel recounts the healing of Bartimaeus' physical blindness, the story is a summons for each of us to be healed of our spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness, an effect of sin, clouds our ability to perceive who we are and who God is. Paradoxically, Bartimaeus' spiritual eyesight is clear; he recognizes who Jesus is and he sees his own desperate need for Jesus' help. For us, however, sin acts like dust, obstructing our vision and preventing us from perceiving God's presence. We find it difficult to recognize God in other people and in the sacraments; and we likewise become incapable of perceiving ourselves as God sees us. If we wish to have our spiritual eyesight restored, we would do well to imitate Bartimaeus' humble, confident prayer: "Master, I want to see." Acknowledging our need before God and begging for his help, we invite him to heal our hearts, so that we, like Bartimaeus, may follow Jesus "on the way."

PRAY Choose a regular time to take advantage of the two opportunities for healing we've discussed - confession and Eucharistic adoration. If you do not already go to confession regularly, consider making it a monthly commitment. Finally, set aside time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, either in Eucharistic adoration or before the tabernacle in your church. Try visiting him weekly - and then watch how your time in his presence transforms you.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Where can we seek the healing of our "spiritual sight"? We should look for it from the same person from whom Bartimaeus begged to be cured of his physical blindness: Jesus. But whereas Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus took place amid noisy crowds of followers and curious onlookers, our most intimate relations with Our Lord take place in the quiet context of prayer and the sacraments. Above all, confession and Eucharistic adoration offer us opportunities to meet God and petition him for the cleansing of our hearts. In confession, we humbly acknowledge our need for conversion and invite God to heal us. In Eucharistic adoration, we approach Jesus with the faith of Bartimaeus, seeing past the appearance of bread and declaring that the consecrated host is indeed God himself. Through these eyes of faith, the Lord heals any blindness, and we can see "and [follow] him on the way."

Parish Ministries

We need you! We are in need of parishioners that would like to contribute their talents to our parish. We need volunteers for the following ministries. Please send an email to Julie for more information.

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- OCIA Sponsors



SCHOOL CORNER
NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Our last rosary for the month of October is on Monday, Oct. 28th at 2:00 PM we will be praying for your intentions.

A Confirmation Parent Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center.

November 1st is an All School Mass at 8:30 AM for All Saints Day

A Big Thank You!

10/10/24

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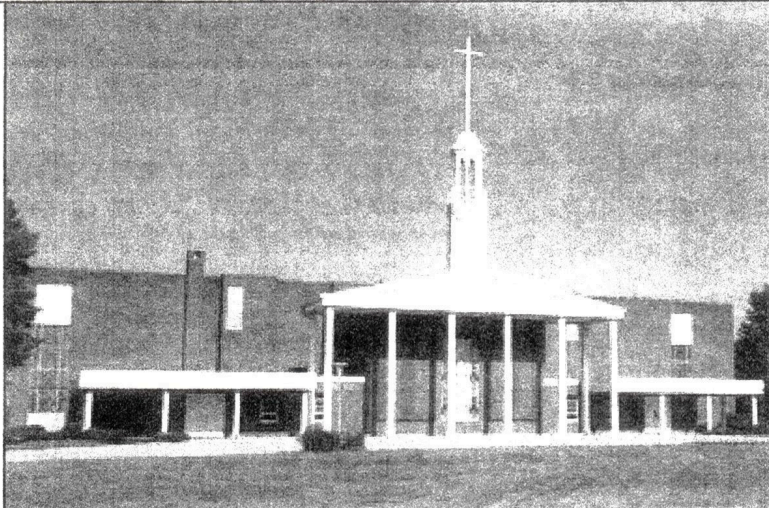
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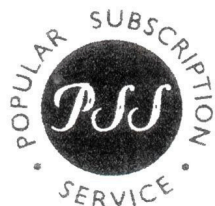
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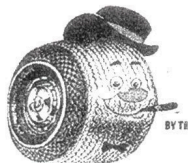
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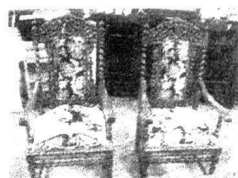
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