



Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven;

***then come,
follow me.***

Mark 10:21

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

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GOD BLESSES AND HEALS US

Most of us sincerely desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. In these moments, may God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

Today's Gospel describes a tense and tragic encounter between Jesus and a wealthy man. It appears that the man sincerely desired to know the way to inherit eternal life. He had followed much of the Law of Moses. Apparently, he had also followed society's rules in gaining and sustaining his wealth, avoiding stealing and defrauding.

Jesus indicates that the man missed a crucial part of the Biblical tradition, which calls upon those who have much to share generously with those who have little. The Old Testament regularly refers to this obligation (for example, see Deuteronomy 15). Historians note that in the society in Jesus' day, the wealthy enjoyed privileges in an economic system that also prevented the poor and vulnerable from meeting their basic needs. The wealthy man's entrapment in his possessions damaged both himself and the whole community. In our own time and place, those of us who enjoy privileges of various kinds are invited into social and economic practices that embrace this biblical generosity.

HEART SURGERY

Much of our inner life is hidden from others. This protects us from being harmed by others who would seek advantage over us. But our hidden inner life can also keep wounds from healing, and may help sustain deeply damaging illusions about ourselves and about the outer world.

In today's passage from Hebrews, the author offers vivid imagery of the word of God and its effect upon us. Here, God's word is described as the active power of God that penetrates our hearts. God is described as a surgeon who can expose our hidden places and maneuver around our hardness of heart. Exposure of our inner self can be terrifying. During surgery, we are deeply vulnerable and utterly depend on the surgeon's care and skill so that we can be healed. When events in life allow God to reveal hidden truths about ourselves, it is crucial that we know we are in the hands of a trustworthy and skilled surgeon.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 7:7–11
Psalm 90:12–13, 14–15, 16–17
Hebrews 4:12–13
Mark 10:17–30 [17–27]

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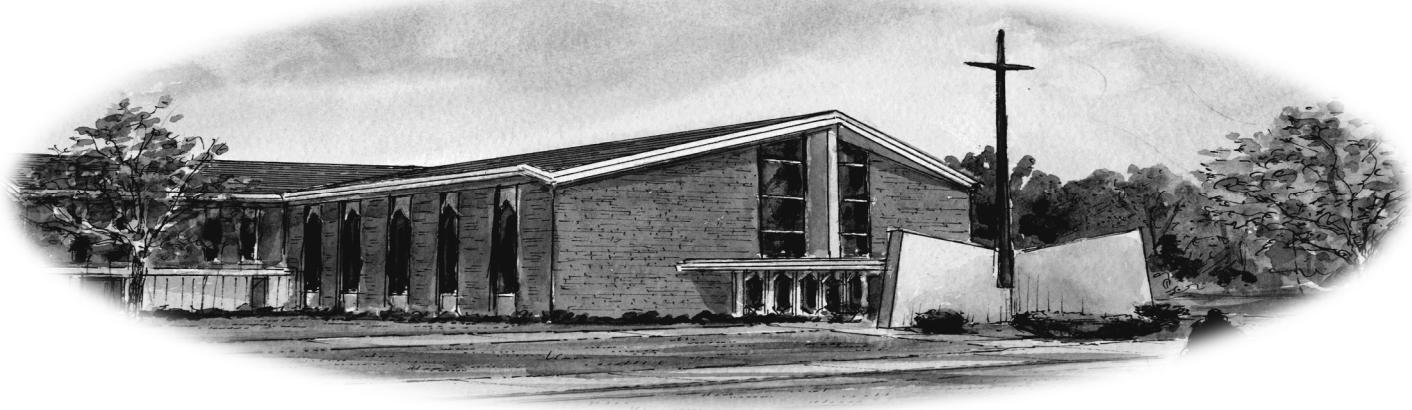
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Mass Schedule

Confessions on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15pm

in Father Crawford Hall

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Daily Mass: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 am

Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before

9:00 am daily Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

By previous appointment by calling the rectory.

Sundays at 12:30 pm

Weddings

Please contact a priest 6-10 months prior.

New Parishioners - Faith Formation Registration

The Church of the Incarnation
welcomes new parishioners.

Forms are available at the
main entrance of the church.

Please mail or drop off at the rectory.

You may also visit our website for printable forms at:
www.thechurchoftheincarnation.com

Rectory Hours

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Mass Schedule



Saturday, October 9th

5:00pm—Agata, Salvatore & Gino
Colantonio

Sunday, October 10th

8:30am— Michael, Aline & Brian
O'Connor
10:30am— Tina Valvo

Monday, October 11th

9:00am— Lawrence Skinger and
Grandparents

Tuesday, October 12th

9:00am— For all our parishioners

Wednesday, October 13th

9:00am— Vincenzo, Maria & Antonio
Salvatore

Thursday, October 14th

9:00am— Carola Susanin

Friday, October 15th

9:00am— Arthur Boudreau

Saturday, October 16th

5:00pm— Francesca Maccarone, Mary &
Dominick Carlone & Corrado Carlone

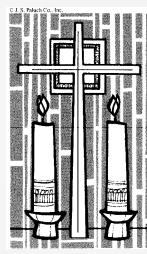
Sunday, October 17th

8:30am—Paul G. Cavaliere

10:30am—Quintino DiCioccio

The Sanctuary Candle

will burn from 10/11/2021—
10/17/2021 in memory of
Geraldine Shea.



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle will burn from 10/11/2021—
10/17/2021 in memory of Tom & Mary
Scully and Vincent Scully.

Limited Edition of Commemorative Ornaments of the Church of the Incarnation are now available. Sponsored by the Incarnation Men's Club. The ornaments are \$5.00 each, are shatter resistant and will grace any Christmas tree. They are available after all Masses in the narthex and Fr. Crawford Hall.

Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church) in Wethersfield will be adding a 5:15pm Mass the first Sunday of each month throughout the school year beginning Sunday, October 3. All welcome!

Event About Racism

We invite all of you to join us for a very important discussion, titled "**Why Does Racial Diversity Matter?" on Monday, October 25th at 7 pm in the church basement at Christ the King.**" This event is being sponsored by the Social Action Committee and is open to our parish and surrounding community. This interactive workshop will engage participants in a group dialogue about how racial diversity has influenced and impacted their lives. The goal is to gain a deeper understanding and value of building authentic relationships with people different from themselves. The speaker will be Nicole R. Miller, M.Ed, who most recently started the organization, Equity Corps Group LLC, whose mission is to "Re-educate America One Community at a Time." Her passion for this work stems from living in America and seeing how skin color differences can either create opportunities or eliminate them.

Participants will also explore and examine the barriers that may prevent them from diversifying their social circles. Through this presentation participants will walk away with a greater understanding of how they can assess their own perceptions about people from other backgrounds and how these may prevent them from connecting.



To our generous parishioners:
Due to our participation in the Archdiocesan Forward in Faith Campaign, this year there was no Annual Collection.

The emphasis this year will be achieving the goals set forth in the Forward in Faith Campaign. Half of all funds raised will help parishes meet their own needs. The remaining funds will help The Hartford Bishops' Foundation carry out the mission of the Catholic Church by meeting the evolving needs of the parish communities.

What is Forward with Faith?

Forward with Faith (FWF) is a fundraising campaign which will build a vibrant community of faith in parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. This vision will help to fulfill the mission of our Church in Hartford: to be living signs of communion with God and to be his instruments for redemption in the world.

How will my parish benefit from the campaign?

Each parish receives 50% of the funds raised from its parishioners for its own needs. Once a parish reaches its target, 80% of funds over the target will be retained by the parish.

The remainder of campaign funds may return either directly or indirectly via HBF grant making activities within its funding priorities.

Will the Archbishop's Annual Appeal continue?

Yes. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal (approximately \$10 million per year) provides the day-to-day support to ministries and charitable works of the Archdiocese. Donors will therefore be asked to maintain current annual gift levels in addition to campaign gifts.

Will the campaign affect parish offertory?

Parishes rely on their offertory collection. Parishioners are asked not to diminish giving to the offertory or the Archbishop's Annual Appeal collection, but rather to consider an increased commitment to their parish and to the Archdiocese.

With so much uncertainty, is this the best time for a campaign?

The events of 2020 are unprecedented and have resulted in extraordinary needs in our parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. As parish life returns to the "new normal" we set our sites on resuming the good work of the Church through important initiatives, including FWF.

We realize that not everyone will be able to support the campaign. By combining our gifts together we can make a difference not just in our own parish but throughout the archdiocese. *Every gift no matter the size, is needed and greatly appreciated.*



BAPTISM
Isabelle Faith Hicks

Incarnation Women's Club: The 2021-2022 membership drive is currently underway. Women beyond high school age are eligible for membership. If you are in need an application, please call the Incarnation rectory at (860) 529-2533, and one will be mailed to you. Thank you.

Incarnation Women's Club will hold a General Meeting on Thursday, October 21 at 2:00 PM in Father Crawford Hall. Attendees will be required to wear a mask. Please do not bring any food to the meeting. The club will provide all refreshments, which will include a snack of pizza and dessert.

Incarnation Women's Club Cooking Team:

There is a need for leaders for the Women's Club Cooking Team. The responsibilities of a leader are; plan a menu (two or three side dishes for about 40 residents), purchase food, guide a group of 6 to 8 women in preparing the dishes, and deliver the food to St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. Two women may share the responsibility of team leader. I will work closely with each leader to assure success. The cooking sessions are held in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall on the first Monday of each month for ten months. Paula Melillo (860) 563-9506.



The Incarnation Men's Club will be holding their Election of Officers for 2022 in November. Any member interested in running for office call Nominating Committee chairs; Jim Pettit (860) 402-3074 or Henry Perucki (860) 205-6581. Candidates must have been a club member for at least 2 years to run for office.



PRAYER CORNER

GIFTS

In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — 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 (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John XXIII; Columbus Day

Thursday: St. Callistus I

Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus;

Saturday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; Blessed Virgin Mary;

FEAST OF FAITH

Agnus Dei

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it.

During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

THE PATH

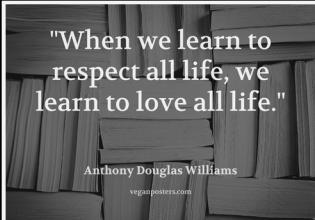
People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

—Anonymous

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The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.

— Hebrews 4:12a



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY.... Geraldine and Noranne

The Fall Campaign for the 40 Days of Life begins on September 22 through October 31. This year the 40 days of Life Prayer Vigil is being held at Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Ave., West Hartford. Parking is available in the fast track lot on New Park Ave. around the corner. Vigil hours begin at 6 am and end at 6 pm every-day from 9/22-10/31. Call Teresa at (203) 314-9816 for info.

Please be in prayer during these days to change hearts and save lives!

PRAYER: Psalm 127:3 139:16....."Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward, in your book all are written down; my days were shaped before one came to be." **Loving Father**, I praise you because I am wonderfully made. May I serve you and glorify you all the days you allotted me.

A message from the Archdiocese of Hartford: Due to a further threat of the spread of COVID-19, the archdiocese is requiring the wearing of masks in church for everyone.

We have restored our lovely statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary. We ask your cooperation in refraining from touching/placing flowers or any items on Mary or on her pedestal. These items can damage the finish.

Attention: Please notify the rectory if you have a loved one who is terminally ill before it becomes URGENT. Fr. Moran prefers to offer the Sacrament of the Sick while your loved one is still able to understand the Sacrament clearly.

F.Y.I: We have a CINTAS Professional First Aid Cabinet available if an injury occurs to a parishioner during Mass. Please alert an usher to notify the Sacristan of the injury. Our church has a disabled

restroom in the west corner of Fr. Crawford Hall. **Attention all parents/guardians:** During Mass we request that children should always be accompanied to the restroom by a parent or adult.

Social Action Committee at Christ the King: We are always in need of more help and ideas to carry out our busy calendar. The next meeting of this committee is Tuesday, Oct., 19th - 7 pm, church basement at Christ the King. Join us. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to learn more, call Nancy Kiely at 860-721-0197 (home), 860-989-5548 (cell) or email: nkiely80331@cox.net.

October Project Schedule:

Oct. 13th: Shelter Meal at ImmaCare

Oct. 17th- 9 am: Mass and coffee at St. Augustine's to develop relationships with them beyond donating food and to help break down cultural barriers.

Oct. 24th: GHIAA assembly via zoom 2-4 pm.

Oct. 25th- 7 pm: Talk about racism by Nicole Miller in the church basement

October (date to be determined): Homeless Bag Project: Collect and prepare bags for the homeless.

Oct. 30th & 31st: Fair Trade Sale by CREA after all Masses

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield: Are you wondering if your child is on track academically after the past year and a half? You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a special Election Day Open House Tues., Nov., 2nd from 8:30–10:30 AM, Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Hwy. Prospective students & their families are invited to attend while classes are in session. Corpus Christi offers personalized attention with an average class size of 16 students, specialized after school help, and more! Tours will be available; teachers, students & parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses Pre K-8th grade. Visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

Easy Catholic Open House: Thurs., October 28th, 6:45pm for 6th, 7th & 8th graders. To pre-register, go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS. Entrance exams: Saturday, October 30th or Saturday, November 13th, both starting at 8:30 am. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.



Church of the Incarnation Faith Formation

Church of the Incarnation Faith Formation online Registration for the year 2021-2022 for grades K-9 has now closed. If you would still like to register your child, please call our Faith Formation Office at (860) 529-6765. No new registrations after October 15th.

Family Mass for Middle School & Confirmation Grade 9 students & families will take place the first Sunday of every month, Christ the King Church, 5:15pm. Our next Mass is Sunday, November 7th. **All families are welcome.**

Elementary Grades K-6: Opening Day Mass and the first Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) for this school year will take place on Sunday, October 17th at the 10:30 am Mass. **All families and grade levels are welcome.** Material distribution to follow in Fr. Crawford Hall from 11:30-12 noon. If you cannot pick up your items, please send a representative. There will be no make up date to pick up items.

Parent Training:

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies K-6 Parent Training: Tuesday, October 19th from 6-7 pm in a Zoom format. Links will be sent via email.

Pathways Grades K-6 Parent Training: Wednesday, October 20th, Fr. Crawford Hall, 6-7 pm.

Family Gatherings:

The first Pflaum Family Gathering K-6: (Parents & Children) - Sunday, October 24th from 11:30-12:30 pm in Fr. Crawford Hall.

Pathways Seek Family Gathering K-6: Wed., October 27, 6-7pm, Fr. Crawford Hall.

Middle School Grades 7 & 8 will meet on Sundays from 6-7pm at Corpus Christi School on the following dates: October 17th & October 24th.

Confirmation Grade 9 will meet on Sundays at Corpus Christi School from 6:30-7:30pm on the following dates: October 17th & October 24th.

Confirmation 2021 Grade 10 will meet on the following Sundays in Fr. Crawford Hall: October 17th from 3-5pm; Sunday, October 24th at 10:30am Mass (family, student & sponsors are invited); These classes are all mandatory! Saturday, October 30th Confirmation will be celebrated at 11am at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford.

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