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We will be having our first Generations of Faith sessions this Sunday 12-2:30 PM and Wednesday 6-8:30 PM with the subject of All Saints and Souls Day. **There will be no regular K-12 classes this Wednesday, October 13th** since we will be having the intergenerational learning sessions. On **October 20th K-7th grade classes** will meet at their **regular times** and **9-12th grade students** will be joining the FCA activity at the **Pumpkin Farm starting at 6:30 PM.**

**Preschool** began last Weekend. Preschool is held for 3-5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten **during the Liturgy of the Word at all Masses when two volunteers are present.** *We could still use more volunteers. If you are an adult or a student in at least the 7th grade, were unable to attend last Wednesday and would like to volunteer, please contact Crystal.*

**High School Students** please remember to turn in your **Youth Rally registrations** and **NCYC intentions** to Crystal by **October 15th.**

Could God be calling you to the priesthood? Join other college students and single men between the ages of 17 and 45 on Saturday, October 16 from 10 AM-5:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Student Center in Ames for Mass and a dinner to follow. There will be no cost and no obligation. Discussions will be led by Fr. Jonathan Fassero. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. Bob Gruss at 563-324-1912, ext. 254 or email him at [gruss@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:gruss@davenportdiocese.org).

**BULLETIN DATE: October 9 & 10, 2004**

**Please join the Church Women United on Sunday, November 7 at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church for World Community Day 2004: "In Faith, Women Shape the Future For Peace".**

The parish patronal celebration will include the recitation of the Rosary and the praying of a Litany in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary. This will be this Sunday, October 10, at 5:00 in the church.

**Is God calling you? How can you know?**

Connect with other single Catholic women, 18 and over, as they explore questions about the purpose and meaning of their life's path during a "Live-in Experience" Vocation Retreat hosted by the Sisters of St. Benedict. Come learn who we are, how we live and how we seek God. Enjoy meals, conversation, prayers and reflection with us. You make no commitment and there is no charge. To learn more about the weekend of October 22 – 24 at St. Mary Monastery, 2200 88th Ave. W., Rock Island, IL, 61201, contact Sr. Roberta Bussan, OSB, at (309) 283-2300 or (800) 650-1257, or email [vocation@stmarymonastery.org](mailto:vocation@stmarymonastery.org).

**The Council of Catholic Women will be holding an Open Meeting on Tuesday, October 12 beginning at 9:30 AM in Washington, IA. If you would like more information and/or for a ride to the meeting, contact Rita Baustian at 236-5145.**

Father Reynolds will be away from Monday through Thursday attending the annual convention of the Canon Law Society of America. Call a priest in a neighboring parish if there is an emergency. If there is a death call the parish office for assistance in finding a priest for a funeral.

**Thanks again to all those who helped to make our parish festival a success. Profits of \$8,200 have been reported, and we are grateful for the help of so many for this good work.**

**Ministerial Roles: October 16 & 17, 2004**

|  | <b>5:30 PM</b>  | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>11:00 AM</b>   |
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| <b>Greeter(s)<br/>Ushers</b>                               | Lee McFee family<br>Mike Beck<br>Mike Hotchkin<br>Pat Fitzgerald<br>Pat White | Colette Wilson<br>Carroll Smith<br>Charles Bruggemann<br>Dan DeBettignies<br>Dennis Crawford                                  | Craig Schultz family<br>Mark Godar<br>Mark Miller<br>Michael Sims<br>Mark Watts |
| <b>Lector<br/>Gift Bearer(s)<br/>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Lynn Cavanaugh<br>Dennis Conway<br>Kathy Utech<br>Wendell Utech               | Sr. Ladonna Woerdeman<br>Dianne Latimer<br>John Osborne, Larry Wilson<br>Beth & Steve Kenkel<br>Rosie Niece<br>Patsy Probasco | Amanda Molitor<br>Mark & Donna Godar<br>Monessa Cummins<br>Vicki DeAngelo       |
| <b>Servers</b>   | Barbara McCulley<br>Madison Cirks<br>Stephanie Kenealy                        | Scot Wilson<br>Jessica Crawford<br>Lucas Crawford   | Frank Loutsch<br>Ann Menner<br>Jack Menner                                      |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, October 9

4:00 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass for John Varnum

### Sunday, October 10

9:00 AM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners  
COFFEE & ROLLS  
11:00 AM Mass for Callie Ott  
12-2:30 PM All Saints & Souls Day  
Generational Learning Session  
5:00 PM Our Lady of the Rosary Celebration  
Recitation of the Rosary and  
Litany of the Blessed Mother

### Monday, October 11

8:00 AM Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 12

10:00 AM Rosary at St. Francis Manor  
5:30 PM Communion Service

### Wednesday, October 13

8:00 AM Communion Service  
10:00 AM Rosary at Friendship Manor

Wed, Oct 13

- **NO Regular K-12 Classes**
- 6-8:30 PM Generations of Faith

Friday, Oct 15

High School YR and NCYC registrations due



### Thursday, October 14

5:30 PM Communion Service

### Friday, October 15

10:30 AM Funeral Mass for Gerald Youngbeck

### Saturday, October 16

4:00 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Mass for Carmella Gallagher  
7:30 PM Mass in Montezuma for Rev. Jim Wilson

### Sunday, October 17

9:00 AM Mass for St. Mary's Parishioners  
COFFEE & ROLLS  
11:00 AM Mass for Adeline Wacha  
4:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting at Marengo

### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

October: 24: Propagation of the Faith & Deacons' Fund

Montezuma Masses  
7:30 PM

October 16  
November 20  
December 18

Baptismal Classes in REC

November 8 ~ 6 PM  
December 6 ~ 6 PM

**Please report birthdays and  
anniversaries to the parish office  
at 236-7486.**

## LAST WEEK'S FINANCIAL DATA

Last Week's Envelope Count: 146  
Amount of Contributions: \$4,651.00  
Average for 14 weeks: \$3,522.62  
Amount needed per week: \$3,837.04

**St. Mary's Parish Foundation News:**  
<http://stmarysgrinnell.faithweb.com/foundation.htm>

### MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

#### MONEY COUNTERS

October 12 THIS IS A Maridean Tharp & the Zells  
TUESDAY  
October 18 Rosie Niece & Sally Rummelhart  
October 25 Rosie Niece & Rita Baustian

#### BULLETIN REAM TEAM

October 15 Maridean Tharp & Florence Hotchkin  
October 22 Sylvia Trish & Mary Schulte  
October 29 Jim & Pauline McKenna

*This Wednesday night will be a Generations of Faith learning session. Spaghetti is on the menu as part of the program.*

*The Family Life Wednesday Night Meals will return NEXT Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM. A Baked Potato Bar is on the menu.*

### ANNIVERSARIES:

October 13 Tom & Cherrill Dayton  
October 15 Russ & Heidi Campbell  
October 16 Dennis & Renny Crawford, Don & Dayna Ellis

### BIRTHDAYS:

October 12 Jim Ludden,  
Nathan Russell, Doug Shutts  
October 13 Adam Doorenbos, Lisa Ann Kriegel  
October 14 Patrick Busch, McKenna Jo Cline,  
Cathy De Meulenaere  
October 15 Jodie Gallagher, Kyle Renbarger,  
Brittany Tielbur, Sarah White  
October 16 Bruce Briggs,  
Steven Lyons, Kari Ripperger  
October 17 Nicole Ward, Vic Wilson, Todd Zell

**ON "THANK YOU" COMMERCIALS, AND THANKS**  
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A couple of oddball TV commercials come to mind when I read today's Gospel passage about the ten lepers. The first one shows a woman and a man sitting together in a restaurant. If I remember it correctly, the woman is asking the man about his marriage intentions. The conversation makes the man uncomfortable, and his response to the duress is, "Thank you." Instead of calling him an idiot or at least challenging the out-of-context comment, the woman babbles something about how it's the nicest thing anyone has ever said to her. The trace of a smile crosses the man's lips as he realizes he's off the hook. "Well, I mean it," he coos. More babbling by the woman. Oh, brother.

The second commercial is cut from the same cloth. Here, two women happen upon each other in the supermarket. One of the women is a bit on the larger size, prompting a stranger there in the grocery aisle to ask her when the baby is due. "I'm not pregnant," the bit-on-the-larger-size woman says. Nervous silence. Then the stranger says, "Thank you." I can't recall how this commercial ends, but it seems to me that the non-pregnant woman begins babbling just like the woman in the first commercial, and we all get the felling that everyone is going to live happily ever after.

Great, but until I started asking around during a recent lunch hour, I couldn't tell you what product or company these commercials were selling. I asked a co-worker, Patricia, if she had seen the two spots. She had, but she didn't know what they were selling, either. Nor did John or Cliff or Herman. Smiling, though, Herman said that he thought the commercials were about socks. *Socks?* Cliff was pretty sure that they were about either a wireless phone service or an insurance company until he went on Yahoo and discovered that they are for Citi Bank credit cards. Seems Citi Bank has a new rewards program for card users, and they know that saying "thank you" is important.

I'm no marketing expert, but the commercials seem to have fallen short. And even if Patricia and John and Cliff and Herman and I knew what the ads were selling, I doubt that we'd argue for the appropriateness of saying thanks in the given situations. Still, no one can argue with the appropriateness of saying thanks when we have something to be thankful for. Which in our case is every minute of every day. I try to be a thankful person--to my co-workers, to my family, to my neighbors, to my God--but I don't always pull it off. And when I realize that I haven't pulled it off, I often recall Christ's haunting words from today's Gospel: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" In Citi Bank credit card commercials, saying thanks doesn't make much sense. When thanks are truly called for, however, let's try to beat the one-in-ten odds. God knows a single thank you can go a long, long way.