



THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Feast Day - October 16

On October 16th, the Church honors and remembers the life of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, known as Marguerite-Marie in her native France, who piously promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From the time she was a young child, Margaret had a love for the Blessed Sacrament, and preferred silence and prayer over typical play. After receiving first Holy Communion at the age of nine, she practiced mortification secretly, until paralysis left her confined to her bed for four years. She made a vow to the Blessed Virgin to pursue religious life and was then instantly restored to health. During her adolescence, at a time when Margaret's family was suffering in poverty due to the death of her father and an injustice done to a relative, the girl sought solace in the Blessed Sacrament. She received visions of Christ during these years, usually as the Crucified or Ecce Homo; she was not surprised by these visions, assuming such events occurred to all people.

After joining the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in 1671, she began in 1673 to receive visions revealing the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was rebuffed by her superior and by theologians for a time, about the validity of the visions, but remained humble, obedient, and charitable to those who persecuted her until the truth of the mission given to her by Our Lord convinced those who opposed her.

The task given her by Christ, who called her the Beloved Disciple of the Sacred Heart, was to teach and encourage devotion to His Sacred Heart. It was based on this Christly inspiration that St. Margaret Mary was moved to establish the Holy Hour and Sacred Heart Devotion in the modern form. Prior to this time, there was a devotion to the love of Jesus and to the wounded Heart of Christ, but not established as the devotion is today. The practice encouraged by the saintly woman, at the guidance of Christ, included the Holy Hour on Thursdays, to share in the mortal sadness He endured when abandoned by His Apostles in His Agony, and to receive Holy

Communion on the first Friday of every month. Additionally, He appointed through St. Margaret Mary for the Friday after the octave of the feast of Corpus Christi to be the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Margaret Mary was canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV and then in 1928, Pope Pius X reiterated in his encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor* the value of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart, given to us through St. Margaret:



“Now, since it may be that some of the people do not know, and others do not heed, those complaints which the most loving Jesus made when He manifested Himself to Margaret Mary Alacoque, and those things likewise which at the same time He asked and expected of men, for their own ultimate profit, it is our pleasure, Venerable Brethren, to speak to you for a little while concerning the duty of honorable satisfaction which we all owe to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the intent that you may, each of you, carefully teach your own flocks those things which we set before you, and stir them up to put the same in practice. . . .

. . . And indeed, Our Predecessor of happy memory, Leo XIII, admiring the timely opportuneness of the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, said very aptly in his Encyclical Letter, Annum Sacrum, “When in the days near her origin, the Church was oppressed under the yoke of the Caesars the Cross shown on high to the youthful Emperor was at once an omen and a cause of the victory that speedily followed. And here today another most auspicious and most divine sign is offered to our sight, to wit the most Sacred Heart of Jesus, with a Cross set above it shining with most resplendent brightness in the midst of flames. Herein must all hopes be set, from hence must the salvation of men be sought and expected.”





Our Parish Office will be closed this Monday, October 11th, for Columbus Day.

There will be NO DAILY MASS on Monday or Tuesday of this week. 



Our Women's Guild will meet on Monday, October 11th at the Normandy restaurant at 10:30 a.m. All women of our Parish are invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact Sue Kozma!

Our Food Pantry could use pasta sauce, canned sweet peas, and chicken noodle soup for our next food distribution. Also, there are posters in the foyer with items needed for our Thanksgiving distribution.



Is anyone interested in being an usher for our weekend Masses? **HELP!!!** We need you!!! Pleeceeease contact Bill or Carolyn Shaw at 342-9767 or 349-5182. Leave a message if there is no answer.

RCIA classes will begin at St. Francis this Monday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room downstairs. Classes are open to everyone from initial faith inquires to cradle Catholics. Come share the faith together. Masks are required. Bring your Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church if you have one. Snacks will be provided.



The "Shoes for Kids Program" is cranking up for this school year for those children in need of shoes!!! Please do not buy shoes. Monetary donations can be left at our Parish Office.



Visit this website for valuable information on how to get more people, including yourself, involved in the pro-life movement. 10stepstoendabortion.com



Pray for those who seek healing: Shirley Allegretti, Rita Bader, Joan Barnum, Rain Ball and mother, Ray Behr, Dean Birchard, John Wayne Crunkleton, Mary Cude, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Fiorillo, Brendan Fox, Carol Fox, Tony Frede, Brandon Hatch, Joan Hatch, Aaron Ivey, Millard Michaels, Bill and Dee Moffitt, Germaine Moffitt, Dolores Molter, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Tanja Savage, Bill Shaw, Linda Smith, Catherine Holten Snider, Marlene Taber, Irene Tisdale, Marlene Woods, Alice Yuzzi



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, October 9

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
Saint John Leonardi, Priest; BVM
5:00 P.M. † Steven Thornley by Annette Michalik
† Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Sunday, October 10

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 A.M. Joan Hatch by Joe and Marilyn Ricke
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Monday, October 11

Saint John XXIII, Pope
9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Tuesday, October 12

9:00 A.M. NO MASS

Wednesday, October 13

5:30 P.M. † Katherine Evans by Marie Davenport
† Brevon Kimsey by Marie Davenport

Thursday, October 14

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
9:00 A.M. † Gonzalo Magnas Rojas
by Dolores Zumudo

Friday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
9:00 A.M. † Margaret L. Swanson by Charlene

Saturday, October 16

Saint Hedwig, Religious;
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
5:00 P.M. Josette Roisin

Sunday, October 17

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 A.M. Shirley Allegretti by Joe & Marilyn Ricke
11:30 A.M. † Holy Souls in Purgatory by Basilia

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

The Rosary

The Rosary is recited everyday one-half hour before Mass.

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:
Stephen Fox, Kyle McCormick, Elizabeth Scoone

