

## Fr. Joseph's Corner

One day, a group of frogs were hopping contentedly through the woods, just going about their froggy business, when two of them fell into a deep pit. All of the other frogs gathered around the pit to see what could be done to help their companions.

When they saw how deep the pit was, the rest of the dismayed group agreed that it was hopeless, and they told the two frogs in the pit that they should prepare themselves for their fate—because they were as good as dead.

Unwilling to accept this terrible fate, the two frogs began to jump with all of their might. Some of the frogs shouted into the pit that it was hopeless, and that the two frogs wouldn't be in that situation if they had been more careful and more responsible.

The other frogs continued sorrowfully shouting that they should save their energy and give up because they were already “goners” and they were going to “croak.” But the two frogs continued to jump as hard as they could, and after several hours of desperate effort, they were quite weary.

Finally, one of the frogs heeded the calls of his fellow frogs. Spent and disheartened, he quietly resolved himself to his fate, lay down at the bottom of the pit, and died as the others looked on in helpless grief.

The other frog continued to jump with every ounce of energy he had, although his body was wracked with pain, and he was completely exhausted. And so his companions began anew—yelling for him to accept his fate, stop the pain, and just give up and die.”

However, the weary frog continued to jump harder and harder, and higher and higher, until he finally jumped



so high that he sprang right out of the pit! Amazed, the other frogs celebrated his miraculous freedom. And then, gathering around him, they asked, “Why did you continue to jump when we told you that it was hopeless?”

Reading their “froggy” lips, the astonished fellow explained to them that he was deaf, and when he saw all their gestures and shouting, he thought they were cheering him on.

What he had perceived as encouragement had inspired him to try harder and to succeed against all odds!



This simple story contains a powerful lesson. Your encouraging words can lift someone up and help him or her to make it through the day. But your destructive words can cause deep wounds; they may be the weapons that destroy someone's desire to continue trying—or even their life.

Destructive, careless words can diminish someone in the eyes of others, destroy their influence, and have a lasting impact on the way others respond to them.

Remember: There is power of life and death in the tongue! An encouraging word to someone who is feeling down can lift him or her up and help them make it through the day. So be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The power of words ... it is sometimes hard to understand that an encouraging word can go such a long way.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph

### Holy Humor

Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his Dad if there was any chance of him getting a car for Christmas, which was only a couple of months away.

“Okay,” said his father. “I tell you what I'll do. If you can get your ‘C’ level grades up to ‘A’s and ‘B’s, study your bible, and get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter very seriously.”

A month later Danny's Dad said, “I'm really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent, and the work you've put into your bible studies is encouraging. However, I have to say that I'm really disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut yet.”

Danny said, “Look, Dad. In my bible studies, I've noticed in the illustrations that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson, and even Jesus had long hair.”

“Yes. I'm aware of that,” replied his father. “But did you also notice that they walked wherever they went?”

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

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October 27, 2024 † 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mondays • Tuesdays • Thursdays	8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • Fridays	12:00 p.m.

\*Coffee and Donuts are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.

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### Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND CENACLE GROUP: Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION



### Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

### Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

### MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

#### Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	10/28/2024	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	10/29/2024	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	10/30/2024	12:00 p.m.
Thursday	10/31/2024	8:00 a.m.
Friday	11/01/2024	8:00 a.m.
Friday	11/01/2024	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/02/2024	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	11/03/2024	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	11/03/2024	12:00 p.m.

Theresa Overton (L)  
Clint Giovanini (L)  
Kathie Leonard (D)  
Marie Smith (D)  
Rev Michael Dalton (D)

(L) Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16  
Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21  
Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30  
Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35  
Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a  
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Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34  
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## Today's Homily

### THE MAN WHO REALLY COULD SEE JESUS Mark 10:46-52

**JESUS' DEPARTURE FROM** Jericho signals the beginning of His final journey to Jerusalem, and the Passion that awaits Him there. Mark takes a break from his terse writing style to describe the healing of the blind Bartimaeus in detail.

In both Old and New Testaments, blindness is often a sign of ignorance, particularly the ignorance of unbelief and lack of insight (see Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 15:14; Romans 2:19). The servant of the Lord was to open the eyes of the blind (see Isaiah 42:7). Thus, healing blindness became a mark of the Messiah.

The story of Bartimaeus (the name in Hebrew or Aramaic means "son of Timaeus") is the story of a simple healing by Jesus. It is another example of Jesus' election by God and of His compassion for others.

However, a deeper interpretation of today's Gospel focuses on the beggar's shout to the "Son of David" and on his identification of Jesus as "my teacher" (Rabboni, the same word used by Mary Magdalene in John 20:16).

This suggests that the person who is blind can see more clearly than those who are sighted.

Still another emphasis can be placed on the closing line, "Immediately he received his sight and followed [Jesus] on the way."

Coming just before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the Passion, the story of Bartimaeus provides a sterling example of Christian discipleship, particularly after the difficult teachings on divorce, ambition, and riches.

Finally, note the question Jesus asks: "What do you want me to do for you?" It is the same question He asked James and John when they wanted to be placed at His right and left hand.

In both cases, the availability and vulnerability of Jesus as He awaits the answer gives some indication of the openness, we must have toward others who call on us. The faith of Bartimaeus, his willingness to speak the deepest desire of his heart, and his immediate response of following Jesus remains a constant source of inspiration for the Church.

#### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto  
Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger ♦ Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Lloyd Rodgers  
Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Reba McDermott  
John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany ♦ Duncan Osgood  
Doni Bachand ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither ♦ Terri Hintze  
Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett ♦ Roy Beyer



## October—The Month of the Holy Rosary

### The Saints Carnival

We are now accepting donations of CANDY for the "Saints Carnival" for our Religious Ed students on **Wednesday, October 30th**. Thank you!

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### All Saints Day



On **Friday, November 1st**, the Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. in observance of **All Saints Day—a Holy Day of Obligation**.

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**Tuesday**  
November 5th is  
**Fr. Joseph's 40th**  
Priestly Ordination Anniversary!

Please pray that Fr. Joseph is having a wonderful vacation and for a safe journey upon his return.

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### Adoration

There will be Adoration in the evening, led by the Knights of Columbus, on the 1st Tuesday of the month, beginning on **Tuesday, November 5th, from 6 to 7 p.m.**



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### St. Thomas Homespun Bazaar and Quilt Raffle

St. Thomas' Altar Society is having their Annual Holiday Bazaar and Quilt Raffle on **Saturday, November 9th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the St. Thomas Parish Center Gym,

### Annual Christmas Bazaar

- \* Fudge!
- \* Bread!
- \* Peanut Brittle!
- \* Scones!
- \* Caramel Corn!
- \* More Bread!
- \* Jam!
- \* Gluten-Free Options!
- \* So Many Cookies!
- \* Dipped Pretzels!



These are some of the baked goods and candies that will be on sale this year. **Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** And don't forget that you can stay for lunch featuring **pulled pork sliders with sides and dessert**—offered for only \$8.

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### St Joseph's Thanksgiving Dinner

Fr. Joseph is hosting the Second Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our parishioners on **Thursday, November 28th**. If you aren't going away—if you aren't having a large family gathering, if you are alone—you are welcome! We don't want anyone to be alone this Thanksgiving.

There is no charge; however, we do need to know by **Tuesday, November 19th**, if you can attend so that we prepare enough food. Call or email **Darlene** at the office: (541) 447-6475 or email: [stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com](mailto:stjosephparish@bendbroadband.com).

Come celebrate with our family!

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### Bishop Cary's Annual Appeal

As of **Wednesday, October 21st**, we are at 87% of the Financial Goal for this year's BAA. Thank you to the 1,596 families of the 14,000 in the diocese (that's 87%) who have participated!

—Terri Isom, Diocese of Baker 2024 BAA