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**FRANCIS XAVIER**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

October 13th, 2024

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

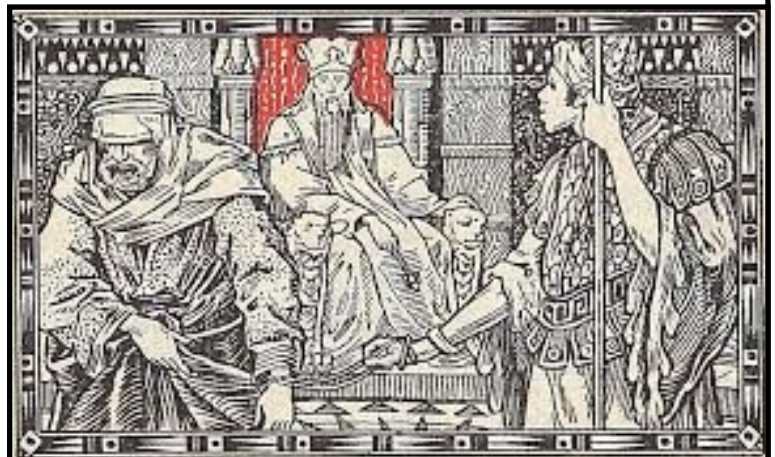
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

**TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -TWENTYEIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The wicked servant was soon brought before the king, who reminded him that he had been forgiven all the debt because he had asked, so he should have had like mercy upon his neighbor. The parable does not have the servant responding to the king, indicating that the wicked servant had finished life upon earth and was making a reckoning of his actions at his particular judgment. For at this time, we will not be able to respond in our defense or make excuse for our sins or plead for forgiveness, as the time of mercy is completed. The king brings forth the ungrateful servant and delivers him to the torturers. St. John Chrysostom says that the torturers represent the devils who torment the lost souls until payment is made; that is, for eternity, since one can never make adequate payment in that forsaken place....

It can be hard to forgive from the heart—mostly because we are proud and pride makes an offense feel like it is done against our very being. And when pride is mixed with a lack of forgiveness, it thirsts for revenge. The anger in the heart pursues retaliation and infliction of punishment on the offender. If the wound is brooded over in the mind, it wedges itself inside the soul and blackens the soul with bitterness and rancor. And it is easy to know if we haven't forgiven a person from our heart, for we will have the tendency to see only the bad in our neighbor, to be critical of him, to pounce upon his words and defects, and to think he has ulterior or hidden motives in his actions.

On the other hand, if we make an act of forgiveness from our will, we then decide to treat others as God has done to us. Such forgiveness does not mean that there will not be some pain remaining from the wound of the other person on an emotional level. But the soul—with its intellect and will— knows that it ought to forgive and then chooses to do so. And instead of throttling the other person and demanding from him the debt owed us, we train ourselves to recognize that all persons are made in the image and likeness of God, and we decide to do unto others—who are made in God's image—as God has done to us.



Commentary by Fr. Eric Flood, F.S.S.P.

## Wisdom and Riches: Reflection for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls “wisdom of heart.”

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the “many possessions” that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, “Teach us.”

*Dr. Scott Hahn*



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Carl Burrell, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

#### Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass,  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass,  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9AM-12PM

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Please contact the parish office by email to arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral, or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your intention, please email the office or leave your intention in the Sunday collection basket.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

5:30pm Mass *Emily Hart*

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

8:00am Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Vocations*

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

8:00am , Mass *Forgotten Souls in Purgatory*

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

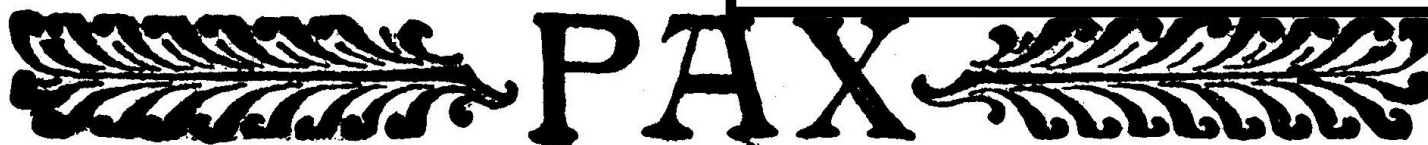
3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Pro Populo*

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Pro Populo*



## Seven Sisters Apostolate

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the "Seven Sisters Apostolate." This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509) 362-8646



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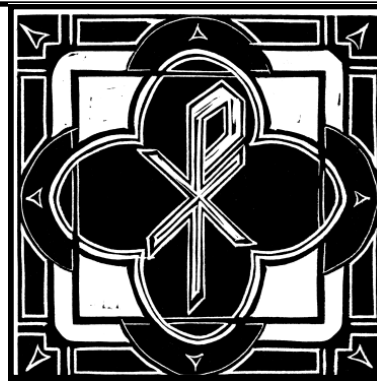
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St. Margaret Mary  
Alacoque, Virgin  
October 16th



Born in the diocese of Autun, France, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque consecrated her heart, while yet a child, to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In order to dedicate herself wholly to her Divine Spouse, The Saint joined the Visitation Order of nuns at twenty-three years of age at Paray-le-Monial in Charleroi. She was subjected to many trials and sufferings, but she underwent all for the love of Jesus. In 1675, she was chosen by God to reveal to the Christian World the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret and St. Claude de la Colombiere, S.J., were the chief instrument of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. She died in 1690 and was canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

**PRAYER:** Lord, pour out upon us spirit with which You enriched St. Margaret Mary. Help us to know the love of Christ, which is too great for human knowledge, and to be filled with the fullness of god. **Amen.**

St. Hedwig, Religious October 16th

Born in Bavaria in 1174, Hedwig was the daughter of the Duke of Croatia. In 1186, she was married to Henry I of Silesia and Poland to whom she bore seven children; after the birth of her last child, and her husband vowed continence. She is best remembered for her great zeal for religion and her penitential mortifications, which led her to live a hermit amidst her husband's court.

St. Hedwig donated her entire fortune to the Church and the poor, and after her husband's death she entered the Cistercian convent of Trebnitz, which she had founded, among many others. She died on October 15, 1243, and was canonized in 1266 by Pope Clement IV.

**PRAYER:** Almighty God, may the venerable intercession of St. Hedwig obtain heavenly aid for us, for her life constitutes a wonderful example of humility for all. **Amen.**





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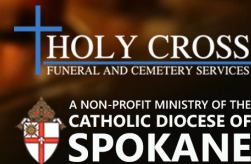
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*All Souls Day Mass  
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**Saturday, November 2 • 10 a.m.\***

Mausoleum Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery  
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\*Mass will be in the morning as evening is vigil for Sunday.  
\*Graveside candles will be lit Friday evening, All Saints Day.



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