

**Announcements**  
**For the week of October 30, 2016**

**Happy birthday to Carolyn Pete Lincoln who celebrated 70 years on October 28th.**

**The Jr. Daughter's of St. Catherine Court # 64 thanks everyone for making our year end bake sale fundraiser a great success.**

**Tuesday, November 1st is all Saints Day, Mass will be at 6am and 6:30pm. This is a holy day of obligation.**

**Daylight Savings Time ends November 6, 2016. Remember to Fall Back!!**

**Families needing help from The Empty Stocking Fund to provide toys for their children this holiday season can apply at First United Methodist Church on 701 Calder Ave from 8:30am-4pm. They are also in need of Volunteers.**

**Fr. Aloysius would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers, farewell reception and especially for the generous gifts. Be assured that you are in my prayers and please keep me in yours as well.**

**Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements can be emailed. They must be approved by our Pastor, Fr. Lowell Case. Deadline for all announcements is 2:00pm on Monday. No impromptu announcements.**

**Please pray for all our Military, all the Sick and Shut-In and their families. Take home a copy of this week's bulletin for other announcements.**

**October 30, 2016**

**GOOD EVENING/MORNING PARISHIONERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VISITORS!  
(PAUSE)**

**WELCOME TO OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE ARE IN  
THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.  
KINDLY TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR AND EXTEND A GREETING OF  
WELCOME. (PAUSE 20 SECONDS).**

**BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PARISH, GIVE GENEROUSLY IN TODAY'S  
COLLECTION.**

**TODAY'S THEME:**

What a beautiful first reading we have today! It almost sings of God's tender care for all creation. As we gather for our celebration today, it is comforting to know how much God loves us and wants only the best for us. As this Jubilee Year of Mercy winds down, it is good to be reminded that God has mercy on all. Let us give thanks for such a gracious and merciful God!

**OUR CELEBRANT FOR THIS MASS IS:**

**(Priest Name) Fr. Case**

**4:30 P.M.- Fr.**

**7:00 A.M.-Fr.**

**9:00 A.M.-Fr.**

**11:30 A.M.-Fr.**

**AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER:**

Jesus was going to pass right through Jericho until he saw Zacchaeus in that tree. Instead he stopped, invited himself to dinner, and turned Zacchaeus' world upside down, saying that "the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost." As we contemplate God's mercy in these readings today, let us try to think of times when we feel lost, and how Jesus might catch sight of us and save us as well.

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

**Priest:** The Lord's imperishable spirit is in all things, and so we pray for all because they belong to the Lord.

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer**

- ◆ For our Church as we strive to continue our Lord's mission to seek and save what was lost, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That we might all be good stewards of this earth we share, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ That all who serve our parish communities—priest, deacons, religious sisters and lay ministers—humbly recognize the fragile humanity of the people of God has given them to serve, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For the grace to respond to our Lord's mercy as Zacchaeus did, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we pray to the Lord...
- ◆ For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken... [*pause for 10 seconds; the presider alone concludes...*], we pray to the Lord...

**Priest:** O God, you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made. In your mercy hear these our prayers and grant them through Jesus Christ our Lord..

# **TO ALL MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

October 29-30, 2016

**PLEASE WELCOME THE VISITORS**

**ALSO PASS OUT THE CHILDREN'S  
BULLETINS TO THE LITTLE ONES!**

**Make sure that you sign the sheet in the book.**

Remember to use the white bags for the collections.  
Please try and refrain anyone from walking during the  
1st reading, 2nd Reading, the Gospel and the Homily.

**Remember to take the count of those present at each Mass and  
turn the count sheet in after the 11:30AM Mass**

**This is very important. Secure collection after Mass**

**Second Collection**

**NONE**