

The Junior Observer Celebrates Rosary Month

A Decade a Day With Bishop Malloy

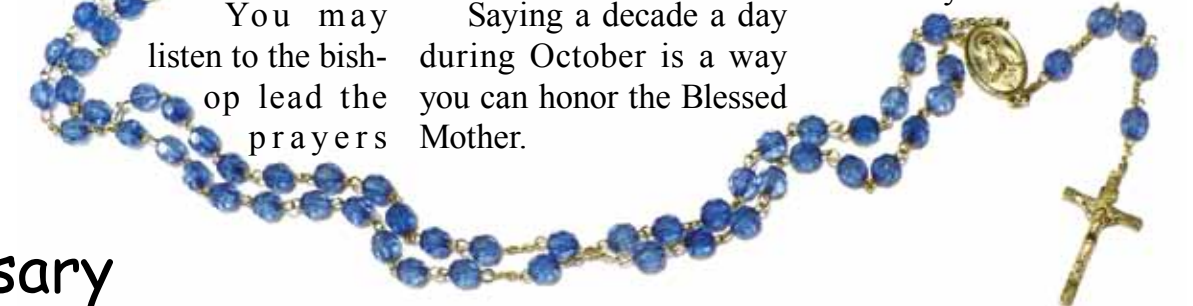


(Junior Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld) Bishop David J. Malloy prays the rosary in his office in Rockford.

October has been celebrated for many years as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary. During this Year of Faith, Bishop David J. Malloy, invites the children of the Rockford Diocese to join him in saying a decade of the rosary a day, Monday through Friday, during October. You may listen to the bishop lead the prayers on The Junior Observer page of the *The Observer* website. You'll need to have a parent, teacher or other adult help you with this project. (They'll need to read the box at the bottom of the page.) Say the prayers at school or at home with your family or your friends. Saying a decade a day during October is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother.

The rosary is a doubly good way to pray during October, because it is also Respect Life Month. You can pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn. And you don't really need a rosary to say the prayers. You can always use your fingers to count the Hail Marys.

By his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Here's How to Say the Rosary

A decade of the rosary is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer. If you haven't said the rosary much, most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions here will be easy to follow. Here's how to say the rosary with Bishop Malloy, starting on Oct. 1. Make the **Sign of the Cross**. Holding the Crucifix, say the **Apostles' Creed**. On the first bead, say an **Our Father**. Say **three Hail Marys** on each of the next three beads. Say the **Glory Be**.

Read the Mystery and the description. Think about the Mystery, then say the **Our Father**. While fingering each of the 10 beads of the decade, say **10 Hail Marys**. Try to keep thinking about the Mystery as you pray. Then say a **Glory Be**. As you finish each decade, say the prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: **O my Jesus**, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy. After finishing each Mystery — at the end of the

fifth decade — say these prayers: **Hail, holy Queen**, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen. **Pray for us**, O holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.** **Let us pray:** O God, whose Only Begotten Son,

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Think about the mystery each day as you pray.	Oct. 1 Joyful Mysteries The Annunciation Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.	Oct. 2 The Visitation Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.	Oct. 3 The Nativity Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.	Oct. 4 The Presentation in the Temple Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present him to God.
Oct. 7 The Finding in the Temple Jesus is found in the Temple discussing his faith with the teachers.	Oct. 8 Luminous Mysteries The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan God proclaims that Jesus is his beloved Son.	Oct. 9 The Wedding Feast at Cana At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first miracle.	Oct. 10 Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.	Oct. 11 The Transfiguration Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John
Oct. 14 The Institution of the Eucharist Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper.	Oct. 15 Sorrowful Mysteries The Agony in the Garden Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before he dies.	Oct. 16 The Scourging at the Pillar Jesus is lashed with whips	Oct. 17 The Crowning with Thorns Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns	Oct. 18 The Carrying of the Cross Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify him.
Oct. 21 The Crucifixion Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.	Oct. 22 Glorious Mysteries The Resurrection God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.	Oct. 23 The Ascension Jesus returns to his Father in heaven.	Oct. 24 The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.	Oct. 25 The Assumption At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.
Oct. 28 The Coronation of Mary Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.	Oct. 29 Start over with the Joyful Mysteries and you'll be on your way to a new prayer habit.	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Rosary reflections are from www.loyolapress.com/mysteries-of-the-rosary.htm#sthash.367cB2UE.dpbs

Note to Parents, Teachers and Catechists: To access the daily rosary prayers with Bishop Malloy, go to The Junior Observer "Decade a Day" page at The Observer website — <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day/>. Starting Oct. 1, you'll be able to listen to daily installments of the rosary with Bishop Malloy in both English and Spanish.

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A Good News Story

Jesus Plants Faith to Grow in Us

When Jesus was talking privately with his Apostles, one of them said to him, "Lord, increase our faith." Jesus thought for a moment before he said anything. He held out his right hand with his index finger over his thumb, with only a small space between them, indicating something very small. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed," he said as he then spread his arms open wide, "you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."



Q&A

What did Jesus say about the mustard seed?

What did the Samaritan leper do that the other lepers did not?

Read more in Luke 17.

After he had given his friends time to think about what he had said, Jesus stood up and reminded them they still had many miles to go before they would return to Jerusalem, and they would be passing through Samaria and Galilee along the way. The men picked up their traveling packs and began walking with Jesus. Hours later, as Jesus and his Apostles approached the entrance to a small village, 10 lepers called out to Jesus. "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"

Against the advice of his friends, Jesus walked closer to the lepers so he could see their faces. The lepers, who often begged outside the village, did not allow people to get close to

them, not wanting the disease to spread. Jesus gave them a command that followed the laws of Moses regarding lepers. "Go show yourselves to the priests," he said. The lepers immediately obeyed Jesus, and as they headed into the village they all were healed of the leprosy. One of them, a Samaritan, turned around and praised God, then bowed down and thanked Jesus for the miracle.

Jesus asked him: "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Jesus reached his hand out to the Samaritan. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Later that day, Jesus said to his disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it ... As lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day."

Jesus looked at each one of his friends before he spoke again. Then he said, "Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it."

St. Mary School in DeKalb is Full of New Faces and Things This Year

St. Mary School in DeKalb, is renewed in many ways this year. New faces include the pastor, Father James Parker, and the Principal Carol Norman.

Many new student faces grace the classrooms, which were blessed by Father Parker and have new flooring, and enthusiastic teachers.

God also blessed the school with talent and treasure to add student computing stations with state-of-the-art software in the classrooms and technology lab.

Father Parker and Mrs. Norman

have instituted many new religious celebrations to help children learn about their Catholic faith.

On the first day of school, students and teachers gathered around the statue of St. Mary in front of the school as Father Parker blessed the statue, led a decade of the rosary and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There is weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an all-school Mass, coordinated by each grade to provide students the opportunity to express their faith through the planning and leading of the celebration of the Eucharist.



(Photo provided) Father James Parker blesses children and their classroom at St. Mary School in DeKalb.

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Junior Miss Fair Queen

Avery Cellitti, a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Rockford and a seventh-grader at St. Bernadette School, was crowned Junior Miss Winnebago Fair Queen on Aug 14. Her many duties will include parades, appearances and community service work. She hopes that her love for her Catholic faith will shine through and guide her this year as she represents Winnebago County. Her parents are Paul and Stacey Cellitti of Rockford.

(Photo provided)

Bible Trivia

Jesus often told lessons by using stories. What is the special name we sometimes use for these stories? (Answer on page 10)

Puzzler

On the lines below, write the person, things and Bible chapters from the lists that go together. Example: David, slingshot, 1 Samuel 17. (Answers on page 10)

People: Adam, Shadrach, Simon, Samson, Paul, Judas, Peter, Moses
Things: Garden, wind, silver, burning bush, blindness, furnace, haircut, net
Verses: Genesis 2, Judges 16, Acts 9, Exodus 3, Acts 2, Matthew 26, Mark 1, Daniel 3

Person	Thing	Verse
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