



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE MISSIONARIES

OCTOBER 23 IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

Most just know the name because of the special collection taken at our parishes, but what is it really?

World Mission Sunday is a day Pope Francis calls us to be missionaries for Christ and the Church throughout the world. We can do so through the prayers we offer at Mass this weekend, but also through our financial gifts that support Catholic Social Teaching in action, resulting in hope and peace in parts of the world that are vulnerable to deplorable conditions and areas that have been forgotten by society.

World Mission Sunday gifts go directly to the Society for the Propagation of

Faith Fund. It is important to note that this same fund made a difference for the Catholic Church and many people in America. When the missionary fund was created in 1822, two thirds of the collection went to the “young church in the United States” particularly to the missions from Louisiana, Kentucky and extending northward towards Canada.

Today financial gifts significantly help more than 1,100 mission dioceses serving - 26 million children in primary schools, 844,000 catechists teaching the faith, 258,540 religious sisters caring for families, 8,750 homes for

orphans and elderly, and 11,840 health clinics.

In a world that is divided by so much evil, Pope Francis’s emphasis for this World Mission Sunday is that God calls us all to unite and participate in the mission of Christ and the Church with guidance by the Holy Spirit, as Jesus called upon his disciples, “You shall be my witnesses” Acts 1:8.

The fund supports the training and religious formation of the missionaries who work within these 1,100-plus diocese of Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and Europe.

“Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity

among Christian communities,” he said in his address for World Mission Sunday 2022. “I repeat Moses’ great desire for the people of God on their journey: ‘Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets!’ (Num 11:29). Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism.”

Let us lift up and support our pontifical world missions in prayer and financial gifts, joining missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and serve those who do not yet know Christ. It is by living our faith that we share our faith and the love and mercy of Jesus.



HE IS THE SAINT OF IMPOSSIBLE CAUSES

ST. JUDE, PRAY FOR US



We call on saints to intercede for us in nearly every circumstance. One saint in particular is summoned during the most desperate of situations – impossible causes. St. Jude Thaddeus, pray for us.

The Church celebrates his feast day on Oct. 28th. He is one of the original 12 Apostles, the brother of St. James the less and according to Matthew 13:55 he is a relative of Jesus Christ.

He evangelized Jews in Galilee, Samaria, and Judea, before traveling to present day Iraq, Libya, Turkey, and Persia with St. Simon.

The Gospel letter of Jude warns Christians about imposters who teach false facts and ideas about the faith. He urges them to be steadfast in their faith, and no matter what difficulties they face God is always with them.

The Church believes he was martyred while preaching in the Middle East. His body was taken to Rome and entombed beneath St. Peter's Basilica.

Prayer cards and religious images of St. Jude typically show him with a flame over his head, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, which came upon the apostles at Pentecost. He is often holding an image of Jesus near his heart, representing the importance to focus on Jesus always.

Go to him to intercede for you and those you are praying for in circumstances that are out of your control.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly -(make your request here)

- and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and loved in all the tabernacles until the end of time. Amen.

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever. Amen

St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers. Amen.

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Blessed be the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Blessed be St. Jude Thaddeus, in all the world and for all Eternity.

Say this prayer, followed by the Our Father and the Hail Mary:

Dear Apostle and Martyr for Christ, you left us an Epistle in the New Testament. With good reason many invoke you when illness is at a desperate stage. We now recommend to your kindness (name of patient) who is in a critical condition. May the cure of this patient increase his/her faith and love for the Lord of Life, for the glory of our merciful God. Amen.

HER SHORT LIFE LEFT POWERFUL MESSAGE

~WE CAN GET THROUGH ANYTHING WITH GOD~



She is someone young girls and parents can look up to when we need a heavenly intercessor particularly in times of unfair challenges, worry, illness, or pain. At a very young age it was evident that Blessed Chiara Badano had a heart of gold and understood the suffering of the Forsaken Christ was to save us all.

Blessed Chiara was born on Oct. 29, 1971, in Italy, to Ruggero and Maria Teresa Badano. She was their only child. They prayed for more than 11 years to have a child. When she was born, they knew they had been blessed, and thanked God for her, acknowledging that she indeed was a gift from heaven.

They described their daughter as outgoing and full of joy. At four her mother told her they should give a few of her old toys to charity, but young Chiara made a pile of her new toys to give. When she was nine, she attended a Catholic festival in Rome with her parents, where she learned about the Focolare Movement founded by Chiara Lubich. She was empowered by her experience and the group became her passion. The Focolare Movement is a group of faithful focused on the Forsaken Jesus and committed to living the Gospel, building a more united world where diversity is valued and respected. The group is also called the Work of Mary and recognized by the Catholic Church in 1962. More than 2 million people from Christian churches in 182 countries are members.

Blessed Chiara Badano was cute, athletic, loved her faith, and was a good friend with a compassionate heart. She was a confidant to her friends and loved everything a typical teenage girl does. She had the same heartaches, anxiety, and failures, but she was different in how she accepted her own suffering, as well as how she cared for others. She showed great compassion to anyone who needed assistance because they were marginalized to some degree. Maria Teresa Badano was frequently told, "You have a daughter who is not of this world," because of the extraordinary genuine kindness she showed.

The ultimate testimony Bl. Chiara would give would be in her late teenage years.



The summer when she was 17 years old, sudden shoulder pain forced her to stop playing tennis. Her doctor thought it was actually a broken rib, so they treated her for that, but the pain did not subside. Upon further examination it was discovered she had osteogenic sarcoma with metastases – a painful and debilitating bone cancer that was spreading. During her first chemo sessions she lost the use of her legs.

Her pain was within her body but also overwhelming the minds and hearts of her parents for the two years she fought the progressive cancer.



Her father said, "Certainly she offered this pain to Jesus.... What always helped us in those years was the presence of Jesus among us, trying to offer Him this suffering, the only way we knew how, the three of us together, and each of us on our own: so that He would give us the strength."

When she was forced by the cancer to stay in bed she said, "At this point I have nothing left, but I still have my heart and with that I can always love."

Towards the end of her life Bl. Chiara refused pain relievers, because if she took them, she would be lethargic and not fully present. In her words she accepted the suffering, "for you Jesus. If you want it, I want it too!" The Badanos said they would come up to the door of her room and hear her singing. While they knew she was in immense pain she still found it in her heart to get through it by focusing on her faith and all that was good.

She was an inspiration for her family, friends, and religious who visited with her. Her mother wrote that on the day she died Bl. Chiara was able to receive Holy Communion – her food for her heavenly journey.

She passed away on Oct. 7, 1990, just three weeks shy of her 19th birthday.

The Bl. Chiara Badano Foundation has more information on her life and light in the world at: WWW.CHIARABADANO.ORG/EN/

Her inspiration is also the subject of a book produced by the foundation, *In my Staying, Is Your Going – the life and thoughts of Chiara Luce Badano*.

CCWVA CELEBRATES CHARITY IN ACTION

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2022 Charity in Action Award: Michela Dorsett, Positive Spin and WVU Center for Community Engagement.

“We are excited to celebrate our inaugural Charity in Action Awards Luncheon in Morgantown,” said Beth Zarate, President and Chief Executive Officer of CCWVa. “God calls us to be bold and to share His love unconditionally with all who cross our paths. Our honorees embrace their Gospel call to serve.”

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MICHELA DORSETT - Michela Dorsett is a student at West Virginia University. She is an active member of the St. John University Parish Mountaineer Catholic Newman Club, where she serves as a social concerns leader.

“I believe Michela’s love for our Lord is embodied through her love and living out of the Church’s social teachings in a concrete way,” said Fr. Brian Crenwelge, who nominated Michela for the award.

“Her daily presence around the Newman Center and Mass shows her strong foundation in her Catholic faith,” said Fr. Crenwelge. “Yet, her actions around and outside the Newman Center show her putting her faith into action.”

Michela has led a number of projects, including: helping at Sarah’s Table; putting together Blessing Bags; doing water bottle handouts on High Street; coordinating trash pick-ups; and getting other service organizations to table at the Catholic Conference SEEK.



POSITIVE SPIN - Positive Spin was founded in 2005 to educate, encourage and empower people to maintain and ride bikes anywhere, anytime, for any reason.

The volunteer-run organization receives donated bikes, and provides a community bike shop where people learn to build, maintain, and embrace the fun of bicycles. Anyone can earn a bike, and the organization has given away thousands of refurbished bikes over the years.

CCWVa Refugee Outreach Worker Renée Corbett nominated Positive Spin and its president, Jonathan Rosenbaum, for the Charity in Action Award.

“I originally connected with Jonathan in March 2022 when I was in the processing of resettling a Syrian family in Morgantown,” said Corbett. “The family had four kids, and we thought that bicycles might help the children feel more independent and comfortable in their community.”

“Jonathan and Positive Spin have worked hard to find and repair bicycles that meet the needs of each of our clients,” said Corbett. “Most refugee resettlement clients don’t know how to drive a car when they arrive in the United States, leading them to feel isolated. Access to a bicycle has allowed clients to feel more independent and self-sufficient.”

Rosenbaum’s passion for bikes and the positive benefits bikes bring to peoples’ lives is evident in all he does.



WVU Center for Community Engagement - The WVU Center for Community Engagement (CCE) aims to leverage university knowledge and resources to support effective partnerships with communities that enhance discovery through community-engaged teaching, scholarship, and action.

The Center focuses on supporting faculty, staff, and students in working with external partners on meeting reciprocal and mutually beneficial needs and advancing WVU’s land grant mission.

“The WVU Center for Community Engagement has worked with Catholic Charities for over 15 years in various ways to further both of our missions,” said John Catone, CCWVa Chief Advancement Officer and nominator of the WVU Center for Community Engagement.

The WVU Center for Community Engagement values civic engagement as a diverse experience committed to providing WVU students the opportunity and guidance in becoming civically engaged citizens, scholars, and leaders through interdisciplinary events; including but not limited to service learning, research, volunteerism and partnerships.

Charity in Action awards will be presented at CCWVa’s Charity in Action Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 21 at the Erickson Alumni Center.

“Catholic Charities is excited to expand our services in Monongalia County and our reach to struggling individuals and families,” said Zarate. “We are honored to work alongside our honorees, as well as the many non-profit organizations at Hazel’s House of Hope, to provide compassionate services to everyone who seeks help.”

To learn more, visit www.CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Our just God doesn't have favorites. He hears all of our cries and prayers.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

Second Reading: 2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

St. Paul tells us in his letter to Timothy that he is approaching the end of his life, and reflects on it knowing he "competed well - finished the race - and kept the faith." The latter teaching us that like Paul, the Lord strengthens us who believe in Him on our journey and rescues us from evil. For that we get the greatest reward - heaven. Glory be to God.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus teaches us the importance of admitting we are sinners and calling out to God for mercy. It is better to humble down than to be a bragging fool.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church and all her missionaries throughout the world, let their voices singing the praise and glory of God be heard, echoing across the globe, and let their merciful and loving actions bring about the light of Christ into the darkest corners of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leaders, that they support the efforts of Christian missionaries and keep them safe as they journey to bring the Word of God to all people in all nations, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the faithful, just as an athlete preparing for the greatest challenge let us understand that we must train our minds, hearts, and words to think, reveal, and speak all that Jesus taught us by reading Scripture, attending Mass, serving our community, and being fully alive in the Church - for it truly is our church and lifeline to heaven, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are suffering - mind, body, or soul - we ask You, Lord Jesus, to shepherd them back to health to be living examples of your love, mercy, and hope, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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Berkeley Springs	FM	107.9
Clarksburg-Bridgeport	FM	97.5
Dunbar - Charleston	AM	1450
Eastern Panhandle	AM	740
Eastern Panhandle	FM	106.5
Grafton - Clarksburg	AM	1190
Montgomery - Beckley	FM	89.7
Purgitsville	FM	98.7
St. Marys - Parkersburg	FM	105.3
Star City -Morgantown	FM	89.7
Summersville	FM	91.3
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