

From the Diocese



October is a favorite for many people, especially the cooler temperatures after we endured oven-like temperatures for a long period of time. What I especially like during October are some of our favorite saint feast days, such as St. Therese of Lisieux (Oct. 1), St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4) and St. John Paul II (October 22). However, I want to share a couple of compelling stories of two other saints.

The first is Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher (Oct. 6). Like many people these days, she lived a life of constantly changing circumstances. Her birth name was Eulalie. She grew up on a family farm in Quebec and enjoyed school, horseback riding, and spending time visiting Jesus in the Eucharist. When she was eighteen her mother died. She grieved immensely. Her brother was a priest, and she went to live with him. Not only did she help with housekeeping but became a catechist and liturgy coordinator.

Eventually, the bishop invited her to found a religious community that provided education and catechesis for poor children. She resisted at first because of her poor health and felt she wasn't qualified. Her "yes" led to her to become a saint. What is God calling us to do? God doesn't necessarily call the qualified but equips us

when we say "yes."

The other saint is Chiara Badano (Oct. 29). She was born in 1971. Her parents felt immense gratitude because they prayed for eleven years to have a child. As a teenager, she enjoyed sports and dancing with her friends, although she was challenged by failures in school. When she was seventeen, she was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. She struggled with the diagnosis, but after she had surrendered her pain to the Lord, the cancer strengthened her bond with Jesus. She even said, "For you Jesus. If you want it, I want it, too!" Knowing that death was near, she prepared to meet Jesus face to face. Like a bride about to meet her spouse, she asked to be buried in a wedding dress. Do we see suffering as a punishment or an opportunity to unite ourselves with Jesus?

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NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

World Mission Month

World Mission Month is a global celebration in which Catholics everywhere join efforts in support of 1,124 mission territories.

To Give:

Anytime during the month of October, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "World Mission Sunday"



—Upcoming Events—

— 10/2-3

Joyful Women's Retreat
Hays

— 10/4

Fall Festival

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Salina

— 10/8-10

Seminary Visit

St. John Vianney Seminary

— 10/9-11

Silent Discernment Retreat for Women

Kansas City, Missouri

— 10/11

Anniversary Mass

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Salina,
2p.m.

Fall Festival

St. Edward's, Belleville, 4-7p.m.

— 10/18

Mass for Parents of Deceased Children

Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Salina, 2:30p.m.

— 10/20

Ladies of St. Andrew's Ham Loaf Dinner

5-7p.m.

— 10/25

Anniversary Mass

St. Nicholas of Myra, Hays, 2p.m.

— 10/30-11/1

Silent Ignatian Retreat for Women

Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life,
Victoria

Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!

DOCERE: "TO TEACH"

DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

When someone is a 'doctor of the church' it does not mean they helped people who were physically sick. The word 'doctor' comes from the Latin word '**docere**', which means "**to teach**." So, doctors of the church are the great teachers of our faith!

TERESA OF ÁVILA

Saint Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, is one of four doctors of the church who are girls. We celebrate her on October

15th. She taught us a lot about prayer, comparing our souls to beautiful castles!



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also called Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, is another of the four girl doctors! Her feast day is October

1st. She taught us about the "Little Way": doing little, everyday acts of love to become a saint.



THERÈSE OF LISIEUX



GUARDIAN ANGELS



We celebrate our guardian angels on October 2nd. They protect and guide us from the day we are made until the day we die. We don't know their names, but we can use this prayer to ask them to help us!

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day [night] be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.

Amen

HALLOWEEN



Did you know Halloween has Catholic roots? Scan the QR code to learn more about how it intertwines with our faith!

