

From the Pastor's desk

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

Ralph Milton tells of the teacher who, for reasons of her own, asked the kids one day, "If all the bad children were painted red and all the good children were painted green, which color would you be?" Think about it. What color would you be? Red or Green? It is a tough question isn't it when you pose only two options. One very wise child answered the teacher: "Striped." -- The reason I am going on about this point is simple. It seems to me that in the frame of the story - everyone but Jesus is striped.

It is the same in the world today. We are a curious combination of the lost and the found. We are striped. We are, in some sense, not completely complete. It is hard language, this language of lost and found, especially for folks in the middle, as most of us are, most of the time. It seems too absolute. Rarely are we completely lost. And rarely are we completely found. There is always a part of us that needs to be dragged and cajoled into the light, and there is always a part of us that is already there in the light. For some it is more and for some it is less, but always some part. The wonderful thing is that God wants us to enter fully into the light. The wonderful thing is that God wants to bless us all richly to keep us safe, to make us strong, to help us be like a Shepherd who really cares for his sheep, or like a poor widow who really values all her coins.

Peace,  
Fr. Dennis

“Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God’s hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child.”

St. Edith Stein



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[Jesus said,] “...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” LUKE 15:7

**Scripture Readings**

**Sunday, September 11th:**  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

**Monday, September 12th:**  
I Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Psalm 40; Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 13th:**  
I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Psalm 100; Luke 7:11-17

**Wednesday, September 14th:**  
Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

**Thursday, September 15th:**  
I Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118; John 19:25-27

**Friday, September 16th:**  
I Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 17; Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 17th:**  
I Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Psalm 56; Luke 8:4-15

**MASS & ADORATION**

**Saturday, September 10th**  
5:00 PM SM—+Deceased parents of Ervin & Diane Binstock

**Sunday, September 11th**  
8:30 AM SE—+Eleanore Messmer by Fran & Cindy Martin  
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo

**Monday, September 12th**  
7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

**Tuesday, September 13th**  
6:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:45 PM SM—Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
7:00 PM SM—Bryan Fevold by Marlene Schaefer

**Wednesday, September 14th**  
7:30 AM SM—+Harvey Herberholz by Rose Fitterer  
6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 PM SE—+Eleanore Messmer by Arlene & Norbert Rohr

**Thursday, September 15th**  
7:30 AM SM —+Fran Ella Serr by Larry & Eileen Lechler

**Friday, September 16th**  
7:30 AM SM—+Fran Serr by Randy & Lori Fitterer

**Saturday, September 17th**  
5:00 PM SM—+Leroy & +Eleanore Kilwein by Denise Kilwein

**Sunday, September 18th**  
8:30 AM SE—+Philip & +Susanna Hollinger by John & Marietta Hollinger  
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo


A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today. ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Confessions will be offered before each daily Mass and before Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's.



St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers			
September 17th & 18th, 2022			
MINISTRY		Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector		Mike B.	Kris E.
Mass Server		Schmidts	Kazen N./Mark F.
Rosary Leader		Maureen G.	Ann W.
Gifts		Martina S.	Gregg Fitterer
Collection Report St. Mary's			
September 3rd & 4th, 2022			
Adult		Youth	
\$	1225.00	Envelopes	\$
\$	34.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$	1259.00	Total	
\$	1259.00	Monthly Total	
Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers			
September 18th, 2022			
Sunday 8:30 AM			
Lector		Deran	
Mass Server		Alisha	
Ushers		Dustin & Darrell	
Gift		Elvie & Trish	
Collection Report St. Elizabeth's			
September 4th, 2022			
Adult		Youth	
\$	585.00	Envelopes	\$ 0.00
\$	284.00	Loose Plate	
\$	869.00	Total	
\$	869.00	Monthly Total	

<b>Knights of Columbus</b> <b>Council #5477</b>	 <b>Knights of Columbus</b> <b>Council #9675</b>
Meetings held monthly at the Lefor KC Club. For more information contact <b>Fran at 483-6091</b>	Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mary's. For more information contact <b>Mike at 701-290-2493</b>

**Saint Hildegard in Menoken will host their fall dinner Sunday, September 11th following 10:00 AM Mass. Food, kid's games, bingo, produce and baked goods. More information on flier.**

**Saint Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries**

September 12: Molly Wolf; September 13: Jame-son Vearrier, (A) Cathryn & Ryan Binstock; Sep-tember 15: Michelle Wolf, Ryan Binstock; Sep-tember 17: Evan Vearrier, (A) Breann & Jade Krebs; September 18: (A) Kris & John Ehlis, (A) LoAnn & Randy Mellmer

**Saint Elizabeth Birthdays & Anniversaries**

September 15th: Arlen Lefor; September 16th: (A) Cindy & Francis Martin; September 17th: Rob-ert Wax, (A) Arlene & Norbert Rohr; September 18th: Francis Martin, Robert Lefor

**St. Mary's Announcements:**

\*St. Mary's parish council will meet Tuesday, September 13th following Mass.

**St. Elizabeth Announcements:**

\*September church cleaners are Debbie Herold, Nita Iverson and Mary Urlacher.

**Stewardship**

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

- Stewardship Thought: In a life committed to stewardship we are called to "possess lightly." Je-sus taught about the damages of clutching to ma-terial possessions and pointed to the real treas-ures available to us in life.

**Please Keep in Your Prayers:** Donna Jirges, Dennis McDevitt, Keith Witte, Lacy Gutenkunst, Marietta Hol-linger, Kent Maershbecker, Belinda Lynch, Doretta Wiegum, Nicole Leck, Gene Wert, Rick Schaefer, Anthony German, Kent Candrian, Dan Mollman, Rod Crane, Bob Barnes, Bart Rohan, Derek Benz, Todd Leach, JoAnn Urlacher, Katie Stolz, Bonnie Benz, Andy Prokop, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Howard Schiwal, Yvonne Fettig, Kim Kuhn, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick

**Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents:** Ann Wert, Grace Bach, Leona Schiwal, Violet Dobitz, Beverly Held, Theresa Decker, Marilyn Wert, Gilbert Buzalsky, Joe & Aggie Wandler, Charlotte Krebs, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Donnella Koppinger, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick

**Keep in your prayers our deceased loved ones:** +Patti Frank, +Mary Hanson, +Fred Heidecker, +Theresa Tarpo, +Anton Krebs, +Josie Steier, +Melanie Fitterer, +Lawrence Urlacher, +Leonard Gartner, +Arlene Schaefer, +Jim Krebs, +Lea Madler, +Juanita Koppinger, +Eleanor Kilwein, +Dorothy Kohl, +Kevin Schaefer, +Drew Madler, +Fran Serr

**Filled with Compassion**

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compas-sion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God. In He-brew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond be-tween a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us. These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us. Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**Dear Padre:**

**My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?** When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild. Godpar-ents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inher-ent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older. While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. "The whole ecclesial com-munity bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at bap-tism" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSr Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

**SAVE THE DATE!** We will be folding and pre-paring the Alumni Newsletter to mail on **Tues-day and Wednesday, September 20th and 21st** beginning at 9:00 AM. Many hands make light work, please help if you can!

*"All things are possible for him who believes, more to him who hopes, even more to him who loves." St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

*We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Patricia "Patti" Frank, Patti's Mass of Christian Bur-ial was celebrated Friday at St. Mary's. For a life lived well here on earth, may she now be rewarded with the eternal life of heaven. Eternal rest grant until her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 204 Ash Ave East, Glen Ullin, ND will be hosting a **Parish Din-ner on October 9th, 2022** at the Sacred Heart Parish Center from 11:00am to 1:30pm CST. We will be serving Turkey & Roast Beef and all the trimmings. This dinner is a free will offering. There will be children's games, bingo, chinese auc-tion, and a cake walk. Please join us for this fun family event.

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**Mass Schedule**

**St. Mary**

Tuesday: 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 AM  
Last Saturday: 9:00 AM (Adoration Chapel)  
Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 10:30 AM

**St. Elizabeth**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM  
First Friday: 7:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**St. Mary**—Tuesday: 6:00 PM; Adoration Chapel at your convenience

**St. Elizabeth**—Wednesday: 6:00 PM

**Marriage:** Contact Pastor at least nine months prior to your wedding date.

**Baptism:** Pre-Baptism preparation session required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** By request.