

From the Pastor's desk

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2022

Today's gospel parable about the wily steward is a little tricky to interpret. The steward, about to be fired by his employer for embezzling, commits one final act of embezzlement to win the favor of his master's debtors, hoping that they will give him another job. Jesus does not praise the rascal for his dishonesty, but he does give him credit for his cleverness in "winning friends and influencing people."

An up-dated but innocent example of the "children of this world" being enterprising is the department store clerk who had broken all sales records. Modestly disclaiming credit, he explained to his boss, "A customer came in, and I sold him some fishhooks." "You will need a line for those hooks," I said, and sold him some line. Then I told him, "You have to have a rod to go with the line," and I sold him a rod. "You ought to have a boat so you can use your new rod in deep water," I suggested, and sold him a boat. Next I told him, "You'll need a boat trailer" and he fell for that too. Finally, I said, "How will you pull the trailer without a pickup? And guess what? He bought my pickup." And the boss said, "But I assigned you to the greetings card department." "That is right," the salesman nodded. "This customer came to me for a get-well card for his girl, who had a broken hip. When I heard that I said to him, 'You haven't got anything to do for six weeks, so you might as well go fishing.'

In Luke's Gospel account today, there are morals drawn from the story to unfold its meaning. The parable advises us to take inventory of the resources placed in our charge: time, talents, opportunities, health, intelligence, education, and other advantages. It also challenges us to use these resources wisely so that they will serve for our good in eternity.

Let us serve one another in love,

Fr. Dennis



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[Jesus said,] "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other....You cannot serve God and mammon."

LUKE 16:13

Scripture Readings

Sunday, September 18th:
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; I Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Monday, September 19th:
Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalm 15; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 20th:
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 21st:
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19; Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday, September 22nd:
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Psalm 90; Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 23rd:
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Psalm 144; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 24th:
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90; Luke 9:43b-45

MASS & ADORATION

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

Monday, September 19th
7:30 AM SM—Communion Service

Tuesday, September 20th
6:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:45 PM SM—Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
7:00 PM SM—+Gerald Emmil by Emmil Family

Wednesday, September 21st
7:30 AM SM—+Fran Serr by Randy & Lori Fitterer
6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM SE—St. Pius Verein

Thursday, September 22nd
7:30 AM SM —+Harvey Herberholz by Larry & Eileen Lechler

Friday, September 23rd
7:30 AM SM—Richard Stagl by family

Saturday, September 24th
9:00 AM SM—+Harvey Herberholz by Bernice Gylai
5:00 PM SM—+Drew Madler by Marc & Anne Wolf family

Sunday, September 25th
8:30 AM SE—+John & +Pauline Herold by Debbie Herold
10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo


A WORD FROM Pope Francis

In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.

ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF US CONGRESS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers			
September 24th & 25th, 2022			
MINISTRY		Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector		Lori F.	John E.
Mass Server		Schmidts	Evan V./Jackson V.
Rosary Leader		Ivo S.	Gregg F.
Gifts		Connie J. family	John Ehlis family
Collection Report St. Mary's			
September 10th & 11th, 2022			
Adult		Youth	
\$	1220.00	Envelopes	\$
\$	258.00	Loose Plate	\$
\$	1478.00	Total	
\$	2737.00	Monthly Total	
Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers			
September 25th, 2022			
Sunday 8:30 AM			
Lector		Fran	
Mass Server		Bailey	
Ushers		Dustin & Darrell	
Gift		Michele & Curt	
Collection Report St. Elizabeth's			
September 11th, 2022			
Adult		Youth	
\$	120.00	Envelopes	\$ 0.00
\$	108.00	Loose Plate	
\$	228.00	Total	
\$	1097.00	Monthly Total	

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

Volunteers needed! Faith formation is seeking helping hands for classrooms or for during school Mass times. If you would be interested or willing to help please contact Kris Ehlis.

Saint Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries
September 18: (A) Kris & John Ehlis, (A) LoAnn & Randy Mellmer; September 19th: Brian Herold, Breken Binstock; September 20th: (A) Anne & Marc Wolf; September 21st: Kim Herold; September 22nd: Ron Ehlis; September 23rd: (A) Cindy & Keith Hanson; September 24th: Mark Fitterer, Paul Barnhardt;

Saint Elizabeth Birthdays & Anniversaries
September 18th: Francis Martin, Robert Lefor; September 19th: Arlene Rohr; September 20th: (A) Dorita & Darrell Kuhn, Delinda Kaufman; September 24th: Elvera Reindel

St. Mary's Announcements:

St. Elizabeth Announcements:

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

*Parish council will meet Wednesday, September 21st following Mass.

Stewardship

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

- Stewardship Thought: Those who practice stewardship see themselves as caretakers of God's gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and are eager to share their gifts out of love for God and one another.

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Donna Jirges, Dennis McDevitt, Keith Witte, Lacy Gutenkunst, Marietta Hollinger, 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

God or Mammon? Jesus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness. Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation! Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon? Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre: A friend sent me a copy of The Catholic Worker newspaper. It was founded by one of his heroes, Dorothy Day. What can you tell me about her? Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897. She finished high school at age sixteen and joined the Socialist Party in 1914 as a college student. She converted to Catholicism in 1927. During the Great Depression, Dorothy's commitment to the poor deepened. In 1932 she met Peter Maurin, with whom she founded the Catholic Worker Movement. In 1933 she created The Catholic Worker newspaper, through which she proclaimed the rights of workers to dignity and to fair and honest treatment by industry and government, landlords, and neighbors. Her pro-labor and antiwar beliefs caused her to be labeled a Communist, but she was never a member of the Communist Party. Dorothy's concern for social justice grew—among other things, she worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. She was orthodox, pious, and had a deep sense of Catholic morality. She died in 1980. In 2000, St. John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open a cause for Dorothy Day's sainthood. That cause was endorsed in 2012 by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who called her "a saint for our time." In December 2021, Servant of God Dorothy Day's cause advanced from the Archdiocese of New York to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. Fr. Rick Potts, CSSr Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Priesthood Sunday, Sunday, September 25th, is a special day set aside to honor the holy priesthood. It is a day on which we are asked to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the church. The day is designated to honor all priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and the Sacraments could not be celebrated. It's a day on which we are reminded to take the time to thank God for the gift of our priests and honor them in unique ways, such as with prayer, a special card or a meal. Please take the time to thank our priests and continue to pray for vocations. May God Bless You!

Faith Formation important dates: September 24 - <u>Mandatory</u> meeting for parents of students who are preparing to be confirmed (grades 7 & 8), immediately following 5pm Mass. October 1 - <u>Mandatory</u> meeting for parents of students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion (grade 2), immediately following 5pm Mass October 5 - First day of Faith Formation Information regarding the meetings has been sent to the parents. Child care will be available during the meeting, and older siblings are welcome to come and help watch the little ones! If you have any questions, please contact Kris Ehlis or Fr. Dennis.	SAVE THE DATE! We will be folding and preparing the Alumni Newsletter to mail on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20th and 21st at 9:00 AM. Many hands make light work, see you there!
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Glen Ullin, ND will be hosting a Parish Dinner 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, free will offering. Also, children's games, bingo, chinese auction, and a cake walk. Please join us.	

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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.