



Sunday 25A, Sep 24, 2023

Sat, 9-23, StA	5:00 pm (†Harold Althoff)
Sun, 9-24, StsPP	8:30 am (Parishioners)
Sun, 9-24, StA	10:45 am (†John Heikamp)

Tue, Fr Michael at Presbyterate Days

Wed, 9-27, 6^{pm}, StA (†JD Link)

Thu, 9-28, 8:30^{am}, StsPP (Troy Stanley)

Fri, 9-29, 9:30^{am}, StA (†Vonnie Halverson)

Sat, 9-30, StA 5:00pm (†Robert Breuer)

Lector: Joe Braun / Usher: Jane A.

Sun, 10-1, StsPP 8:30 am (Parishioners)

Lector: Craig Pausch / Usher: Jeff Mauch

Servers: Volunteers / Gifts: Dan & Trudi Glynn

StA 10:45 am (Christian Mothers)

Lector: Brian Boyle / Usher: Brian B. & Patrick B.

Servers: Luke B. & Matthew B. / Gifts: Laura B. & Christal H.

Confessions: St A—Sat, 4:30 pm; SS PP—Sun, 8 am.

Or call for an appointment (no problem).



PARISH PRAYER LIST: Loretta Althoff, Brenda Burger, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Jim Mitchell, Travis, Steve Cerkas, Weldon Hoesel, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, Susan Westphal, MaryAnn Franks, Jerry Muth, Kristen Czekala, Jake Fuller, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Loran Palmer, Patricia Herschberger.

Intercessory prayer asks “on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one’s enemies” CCC 2647. Please let us know who (with their permission) we can lift up in prayer. Thnx.

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Our favorite stop was a simple house where a man named Doug lived. He'd moved there to help fix up his daughter's house and never left. He went to auctions and bid on items that came with a whole lot of other stuff.

His yard was divided in two by a big piece of plywood on which was painted two arrows. Nothing was priced. Everything in the back was “For Bid”; everything in the front was “For Free”. All day long he kept hauling stuff out of storage, some for the front, some for the back. We’d go back to his place a few times over the course of the day, and always our final stop.

In the prophet Isaiah we hear the Lord say, “My ways are not your ways.”

In the Gospel, the vineyard owner who represents the ‘ways of the Kingdom’ asks, “Are you envious because I am generous?”

Doug was a humble, unassuming guy, a soft spoken man of few words. He was generous and it was godly to behold. We liked his place best. Sure, the free stuff drew us in, but the **KINGDOM-VIBE** was very real.

Last Week's Giving



Mantador: Plate \$56
Envelopes: \$520.00
Bldg Fund:
Pledge Payment:
Grain Check:

Mooreton: Plate \$253.00
Children
Envelopes \$945.00

GENEROSITY. A landowner hires people at all hours of the day, giving each of them a full day's wage.

One lesson from this parable: it's never too late to get it right.

Whether we catch on early or late in life, the truth we discover will be the same: God is full of mercy and love for all who seek Him.

We live in a very transactional culture, tit-for-tat. We are trained to weigh and measure things. We pay for what a thing is worth. Free stuff means ‘cheap’ stuff.

Twice a year for the 6 yrs I lived in Bot-tineau, I'd go to Boissevain, Manitoba for their citywide rummage sale. Jim drove, a retired teacher with a mini-van with no back seats. We'd stop at the gas station on the edge of town and pick up a map of the 60 or so garage sales around town.





A Co-RESPONSIBLE CHURCH. Last wk, we continued our look at women in ministry—an extension of the Sep 3rd Feast of St. Phoebe (see below). After considering the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, we now turn to the writings of St. Paul.

But first, I wish to acknowledge the anonymous letter I received last week; not so much a letter, but an article anonymously sent. I appreciate the fact that this September discussion on women in ministry has provoked some response from a reader. The article by Dcn Dominic Cerrato is a personal opinion piece taking exception to the stance of Cardinal McElroy (San Diego), who welcomes a change in Church discipline regarding the exclusion of women from the diaconate. Cerrato may very well be correct when he concludes how unlikely it is Pope Francis will change Church practice on only ordaining men to the diaconate. To be clear, I am not advocating for women deacons, but for the discussion about them as posed by the documents of the upcoming Synod in Rome, beginning Oct 9.

Two comments: 1.) Dcn Cerrato's credentials are meager, an online doctorate from an unaccredited institution for continuing education, in comparison to Cardinal McElroy's undergraduate degree at Harvard, master's degree in American history from Stanford, a doctorate in moral theology from the Gregorian University in

Rome and a doctorate in political science from Stanford. Gospel truth is not settled by 'degrees', but credentials still mean something when it comes to forming others' minds.

2.) While I'm grateful that someone is taking these bulletin articles seriously, remaining anonymous undercuts any chance of dialog. The Church is becoming synodal, whether we like it or not. To quote the Vatican, "Synodality is an attitude and an approach of moving forward in a co-responsible way that is open to welcoming God's fruits together over time." Part of that attitude is welcoming face to face discussion. If nothing else, I hope my flock can find in their pastor someone easy to talk to.

Moving on to Saint Paul. His letters show how he trusted women and valued their ministry. In Paul's time, women had many roles and ministries in the Christian community.

Paul valued Priscilla, Euodia, and Syntyche as his co-workers in Gospel ministry. He refers to Junia (Rm 16:7) as a fellow Jew, his fellow prisoner, and as outstanding among the apostles. Paul commends Phoebe to the church at Rome as our sister, as minister/deacon of the church at Cenchrea, and as a benefactor for many, entrusting to her his letter to the Romans. Paul acknowledges positively the ministry labors of Mary of Rome, Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis. He warmly mentions no less than ten women in Romans 16. Paul had met some of these women when their journeys intersected. Other women in Romans 16, such as Julia, hosted house churches in Rome. He took seriously a report from Chloe of Corinth's people. He passed on greetings from Claudia of Rome and sent greetings to Apphia of Colossae. He recognised the house church of Nympha in Laodicea (Col 4:15) and asked that greetings be passed on to her and her church. He respected the faith and teaching of Lois and Eunice (2Tm 1:5).

Point is, Paul valued the ministry of women. He even compared his own apostolic ministry to that of a nursing mother (1Thes 2:7). At least 18 women are mentioned in Paul's letters; 16 by name. Some he mentions along with a male relative, but most are mentioned independently of a man.

Moreover, Paul used his favorite ministry terms, *coworker*, *deacon/minister*, and *apostle*, for both male and female ministry colleagues. Don't let all their foreign names fool you. The women of the Church today are the heirs of these collaborators among the first generation followers of Jesus.



LAND FOR SALE BY BID, 9-29-2023. SEE POSTED NOTICE.

**OCT 4, ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE RECTORY,
ANYONE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE CALL
ANITA ONCHUCK (701-274-8897)**



**Keeping God's House
Beautiful, October**

Sts PP: *Sue Westphal, Kathy Mauch, Diane Pausch, Sandy Mauch

St A: *Jodi Lingen, Jen Mauch, Danette Onchuck, Diane Bircherm, Laura Boyle, Ashley Nelson

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SEP 24-27, PRESBYTERATE DAYS FOR ALL PRIESTS,
IN VALLEY CITY.**

SEP 28, PARISH COUNCIL MTG, MANTADOR

OCT 4, PARISH COUNCIL MTG, MOORETON

OCT 4, ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE RECTORY



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Yoney Fobb, Brandon Griffith

Please pick up the ministry schedule on the table at the back of the church. Thnx.