

# Saint Ignatius Catholic Church

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Father John Meyer, Pastor  
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## Weekly Meditation

*Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you? (Matthew 18:33)*

People saddled with impossible debt, desperate pleas for more time, threats of imprisonment and even torture—why did Jesus tell such an upsetting parable? To help his disciples understand the need to show mercy when someone sins against them.

Peter's question started it all: "How often must I forgive?" (Matthew 18:21). It was understandable. Shouldn't there be a limit to how often we should forgive, especially repeated offenses? An honest look at ourselves might help us see the answer. How often do we go to the Lord asking for mercy for the same sins again and again? We would never want him to tell us we have reached our limit. Thankfully, he never does; he repeatedly forgives us.

Not only does God forgive us again and again; he doesn't hold our sins against us. Remember the unforgiving servant. His entire debt was wiped out. There was nothing hanging over him. Similarly, God has pardoned every sin we have ever committed and stands ready to forgive every sin we will ever commit. Nothing is outside the scope of his mercy. He forgives us *everything*.

This is the standard of mercy that Jesus calls us to imitate. It's not so different from the Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us . . . as we forgive" (Matthew 6:12). Granted, today's parable is more graphic. But it shows us that God doesn't want us imprisoned in unforgiveness and tortured by resentment. He knows how hard it is to forgive. But he went so far as to give us his only Son to cleanse us and soften our hearts so that we could share that same mercy.

Mercy goes beyond simply not punishing offenses. It forgives the entire debt. That's how God treats us. Let that truth change how you treat the people who offend you.

*"Heavenly Father, strengthen me to be able to forgive others as you have forgiven me!"*

The Word Among Us - September 2023 Edition

## HOLIDAY DÉCOR SALE CCW FUNDRAISER

Friday, Sept. 29: Noon-4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30: 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Accepting your unwanted holiday décor from all holidays:  
Lighting, ornaments, garland, greenery, greeting cards,  
holiday tableware, linen, nativities, outdoor décor, etc.  
Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween & Thanksgiving.  
Indoor and Outdoor Décor.

We will be accepting your donations  
the following days and times:

\*Saturday, Sept. 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

\*Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

\*Monday - Friday, Sept. 18-22, during parish office hours

**Volunteers needed for set-up and sale hours.**  
**Please sign-up in gathering space.**

*Thank you!*

*Join us for  
coffee, donuts, and  
fellowship*

**NEXT SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24TH  
FOLLOWING 8:30 & 10:30 AM MASSES**

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Saturday, September 23rd @ 5:00 pm

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Magner

**Altar Servers:** Michael & Luke Millner

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Red Petersen & Audry Roth

**Greeter:** Greg & Audry Roth

**Lector:** Isaac Millner

**Sacristan:** Renee Logeais

**Ushers:** Tim Waldschmidt, Mike Zuehlke, Loren Frappier & Cliff Zimmermann

## Sunday, September 24th @ 8:30 am

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Magner

**Altar Servers:** Ryan Steinhoff & Caleb Danzeisen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michael Holthaus & Ric Fournier

**Greeter:** Pat & Dianne O'Keefe

**Lector:** Jackie Steinhoff

**Live Stream:** Brent Danzeisen

**Sacristan:** Diane Fournier

**Ushers:** Brad Holte, Doug Zachman, Jerry Elsenpeter & John Tracy

## Sunday, September 24th @ 10:30 am

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Magner

**Altar Servers:** Rylan Mackedanz & Celia Erickson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Roger & Karen Millner

**Greeter:** Craig Arends

**Lector:** Patrick Meuwissen

**Sacristan:** Patrick Meuwissen

**Ushers:** Jack Purcell, Art Dingmann, David Spike & Josh Paumen

## Calendar of **EVENTS**

Monday, September 18: Ladies Bible Study Begins  
Following 6 pm Mass

Tuesday, September 19: Synod Small Group  
Training 6:30 Gathering Space

Sunday, September 24: Donut Sunday following  
8:30 and 10:30 am Masses

Thursday, September 28: Eucharistic Adoration  
8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 29: CCW Holiday Décor Sale  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 30: CCW Holiday Décor  
Sale 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4: Faith Formation Begins

Thursday, October 5: CCW Meeting 6:30 pm  
Gathering Space

## CCW Corner

**Appalachia Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box) Missions:** This mission is for 2 parishes in Kentucky. These parishes have been greatly affected by flooding! They have respectfully requested more gifts for older teens, jackets for kids of all ages, diapers, and gifts for elderly. Cash donations are always greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to CCW, and we will split the donations between the two parishes. Boxes for donations are in the Gathering Space now through October 15th. Please remember we can only accept new items. Thank you for your generous participation!

**Holiday Décor Sale:** Please see bulletin cover for more information in this new event! Donations times are as follows:

Saturday, September 16th 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 17th 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Or at the parish office on the following days:

Monday, September 18th 8:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, September 19th 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday, September 20th 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, September 21st 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, September 22nd 8:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Donations will be sorted and ready for the Holiday Decor Sale taking place**

**Friday, Sept 29th 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Saturday, Sept 30th 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Next CCW meeting: Thursday, Oct., 5 at 6:30 pm in the gathering space

## St. Ignatius Faith Formation

Faith Formation for the 2023-2024 school year will be starting October 4th. Registration is now open! Please visit our website under the "Faith Formation" tab for more information and to register.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with our after school and evening programs. We are in need of **2nd and 4th grade catechists and 2 male middle school catechists**. There is no experience necessary, and all training and materials will be provided. Your prayerful consideration in sharing our faith with the youth is appreciated. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Faith Formation Director, Anastacia at [anastacia@stignatiusmn.com](mailto:anastacia@stignatiusmn.com) or 274-8828 ext. 105.

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Visit [churchofsttimothy.org](http://churchofsttimothy.org) or see the bulletin board in the gathering space for detailed event information.

## **Please note the change in regular office hours**

**Mondays 8:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Tuesdays: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Wednesdays 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Thursdays: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Fridays: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**



Monthly Videos from Archbishop Hebda

Beginning this September, the faithful of the Archdiocese can receive monthly email video messages directly from Archbishop Hebda. The purpose of Archbishop's messages, titled "Together on the Journey," is to inspire and encourage the faithful, as well as strengthen their relationship to this local Church and to their parish. A new video will arrive via email the first Monday of each month, beginning Labor Day, September 4.

Following the monthly video, Archbishop will offer bite-sized reflections each week on happenings in our local Church and insights into our beautiful Catholic faith. Those who sign up for this "Weekly Word" will also hear about local Catholic events, recent Practicing Catholic podcast interviews, and the latest news from The Catholic Spirit. Learn more and sign up: [archspm.org/togetheronthejourney](http://archspm.org/togetheronthejourney)



Fall Retreats:

The Curatio Fall Retreat is **Sept 22-24** at **Christ the King Retreat Center**, 621 First Ave. S., Buffalo. Theme: Love and Sacrifice: The Meaning of Suffering in Christ. Enjoy a spirit-filled weekend, daily Mass, five reflections, adoration, spiritual direction and more! Retreat Master: Fr. James Dominic Brent, Dominican. For more info or to register visit [www.curatoapostlate.com/2023/05/fall-2023](http://www.curatoapostlate.com/2023/05/fall-2023).

**Central Minnesota Koinonia** is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next weekend will be held **Sept 22-24**, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more info and to register.

Gospel Meditation

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

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| Julie Pelarski  | Marlene Niewind |
| Sally Phenow    | Leon Zachman    |
| Reanna Braun    | Karen Sommers   |
| Lynnae Frappier | Lauren Frappier |



- Saturday, September 16th**  
5:00 pm Paul DeMars
- Sunday, September 17th**  
8:30 am Parishioners  
10:30 am † Leonard Williams
- Monday, September 18th**  
6:00 pm † Leonard Williams
- Tuesday, September 19th**  
8:00 am Parishioners
- Wednesday, September 20th**  
8:00 am Parishioners
- Thursday, September 21st**  
8:00 am † Donna Schumann
- Friday, September 22nd**  
No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius  
8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy's
- Saturday, September 23rd**  
5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels
- Sunday, September 24th**  
8:30 am Shari Danzeisen  
10:30 am Parishioners



Projected weekly giving.....	\$5,890.00
492 parish families	
September 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th	
Envelopes .....	\$7,650.00
Plate .....	\$2,052.00
Auto Deposits .....	\$5,682.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15,384.00</b>

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# DIRECTORY

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## Office hours:

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Tuesdays 8:30am - 3:30pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 12:00pm

Fridays 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

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## Director of Faith Formation: Anastacia Schnabel

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## Youth Minister: Bernie Gauthé

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## Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and You Tube channel

## Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

## Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Sat. Mass)

## Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

## Sacraments

### Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

### Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon unless an early deadline notice is posted.**



Personal Reflection Questions  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

**Second Reading:** Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all — both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

**Gospel:** Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?

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