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Father John Meyer, Pastor
Father Kevin Magner, Parochial Vicar

Weekly Meditation

You too go into my vineyard. (Matthew 20:4)

Jesus told this parable to help us better understand how generous and merciful God is. But the seeming unfairness of the landowner's decision can still leave us feeling a bit unsettled. We might react differently, however, when we consider the lives of two people who, like the workers in this parable, came to the vineyard later in life.

Felix Leseur was raised Catholic in nineteenth-century France but lost his faith in medical school and became an atheist. His wife, Elisabeth, on the other hand, grew closer to God and began praying fervently for her husband's conversion. After her death at the age of forty-seven, Felix began reading her diary. The deep faith he saw there touched him, and he returned to the Lord at the age of fifty-six and eventually became a priest.

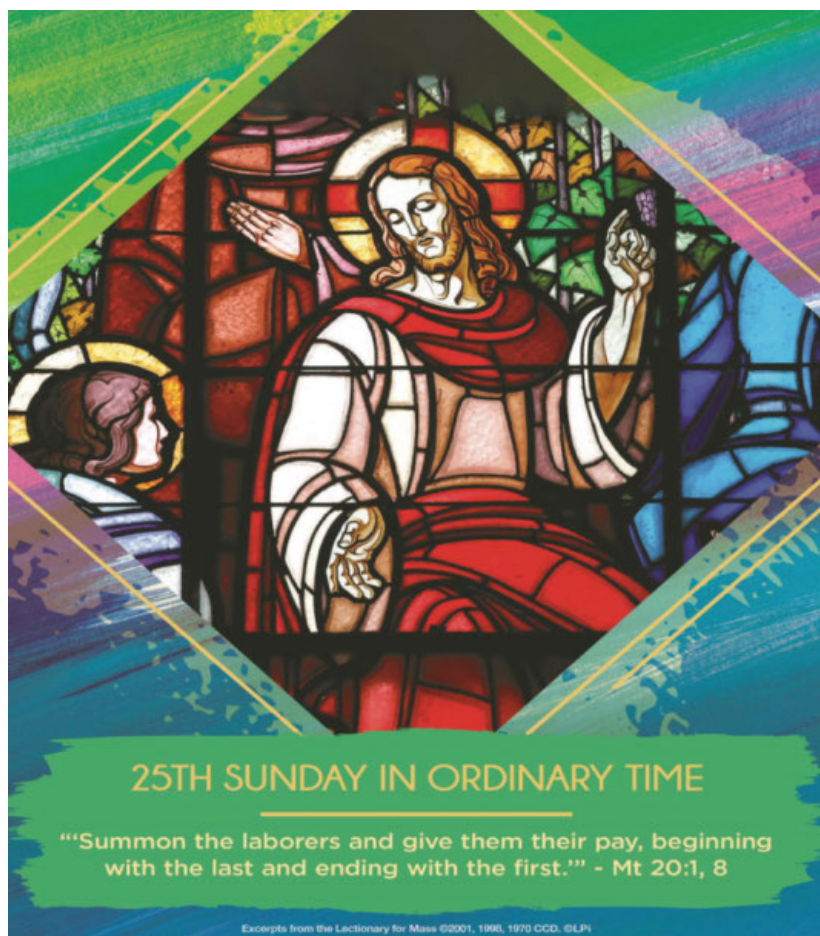
St. Angela of Foligno was born in 1248 to a wealthy family in Umbria, Italy. Married at a young age, she reveled in the worldly life and all its trappings. But a series of natural disasters and an ongoing war led her to reexamine her priorities. At the age of thirty-seven—considered midlife for that time—she sought the Lord's mercy in Confession. Then after the premature deaths of her husband, mother, and two children, she gave up all her possessions and became a lay Franciscan.

When we hear about people like Felix and Angela, we don't begrudge them the heavenly reward they are now enjoying. It doesn't matter that they came later to the vineyard. God and his angels in heaven still rejoiced, and so should we anytime we hear of someone turning to God later in life.

God is always inviting people to "go into my vineyard" (Matthew 20:4). Today at Mass, pray for the people you know who have not yet accepted his invitation. May they one day receive the reward he so graciously has in store for them!

"Father, I praise you for your mercy and generosity, which have no bounds!"

The Word Among Us - September 2023 Edition



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Spending time in Adoration is one of the best ways we can worship our Lord. Mother Angelica has said the main point of Adoration is to forget all your problems and frustrations and to just become aware of the awesome presence of God. On Thurs, Sept. 28th Eucharistic Adoration will be available between the hours of 8:30AM and 7:00 PM. Reservations are not required, drop in and spend as much time as you like. However, if you can commit to a time a sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space. Come and enjoy the tranquility of Adoration and the ever presence of Our Lord.



"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me." Psalm 28:7

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 30th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Luke & William Millner
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Goodale & Bren Stepp
Greeter: Deb Goodale
Lector: Jessica Magrum
Sacristan: Mark Logeais
Ushers: Al Jude, Mike Zuehlke, Ron Mares & Cliff Zimmermann

Sunday, October 1st @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Coady & Alex Dircks
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Athman & Renee Logeais
Greeter: Dennis Arfsten
Lector: Gael Zachman
Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen
Sacristan: Mary Arfsten
Ushers: Doug Zachman, Dan Oliver, Jerry Elsenpeter & Tom Gay

Sunday, October 1st @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer
Altar Servers: Maddison & Presley Dwenger
Eucharistic Ministers: Shelly Naaktgeboren & Lori Guck
Greeter: Shelly Naaktgeboren
Lector: Mary Nowak
Sacristan: Jerry Polaschek
Ushers: Roger Millner, Craig Arends, David Spike & Josh Paumen

Looking ahead to October - December, if you have dates that you are not available, you can update your "Not Available Dates" in Ministry Pro or contact Tom at the Parish Office or by email: Tom@stignatiusmn.com. This will greatly help in creating the schedule and reduce the number of sub request. Deadline: Sept 24

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

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Information:

NEW CCW FUNDRAISER



Friday, Sept 29th
 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 and
 Saturday, Sept 30th
 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

BRING A FRIEND! COME AND SHOP GENTLY USED HOLIDAY DECOR!

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! Please see the bulletin insert for more detailed information.

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

Kitchen Clean-Up Day will be Thursday, Oct. 26 at 9:00 am. Many hands make for light work! Please come and join the fun morning! Call Pam at 274-8074 if you are able to help or just bop in!

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 or 274-8828 ext. 105.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to anyone who would like to formally become Catholic, would like a "refresher" on their Faith or would like to come share in small group discussion about Catholic teachings presented by Bishop Robert Barron (via video!). Please contact the St. Ignatius Parish office at (320) 274-8828 or parishoffice@stignatiusmn.com for more information. We will be meeting from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Tuesday nights, at St. Timothy's Catholic School, Maple Lake beginning October 17, 2023 through Easter Sunday, 2024 (March 31). All are welcome!

"You show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy"
 Psalm 16:11

Holy Spirit Academy's Harvest Banquet- Please Join Us!

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to our Annual Harvest Banquet on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 at the Church of St. Michael in St. Michael, MN. Bishop Michael Izen is our keynote speaker which we are very excited about! Enjoy an evening of fellowship, a great speaker, live & silent auction, dancing, and great food! Tickets can be purchased online at www.holyspiritacademy.org through October 15th, 2023. Please join us to support our local Catholic High School! Raffle tickets available for a pilgrimage for 2 to the Holy Land available. Cash prizes will also be awarded. If you are interested in buying a raffle ticket for \$50, please contact an Holy Spirit Academy family or email kbuboltz@holyspiritacademy.org.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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| Larry Oberg | Jaden Hanson |
| Joseph Niznik | Nick Mares |
| Mike Meyer | Wayne Dearing |
| Larry Purcell | Ronda O'Brien |
| Lynnea Stay | Russ Fortner |
| Katelyn Busch | James Utecht |
| Herman Wittsack | Mary Malachuk |
| Mary Wittsack | Jason Mitchell |
| Mary Danielson | Deb Cole |
| Mark Johnson | John Holker |
| Paul DeMars | Marlene Niewind |
| Julie Pelarski | Leon Zachman |
| Sally Phenow | Karen Sommers |
| Reanna Braun | Lauren Frappier |
| Lynnae Frappier | Mike Nelson |
| Dan Schultz | Monsignor Callaghan |
| Louise Borstad | |

St. Vincent de Paul (Feast Day September 27th)

St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a patron saint of thrift shops! Young Vincent became a priest hoping to advance and rise above his modest upbringing. His early ambition amounted to little when he was assigned to a poor rural parish. Here he experienced a new joy in his vocation. Hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Originally priests only, the mission expanded to include groups of laity who provided for spiritual and material needs of the poor in each parish. Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on!



Personal Reflection Questions 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah urged his fellow Israelites who were in exile to seek the Lord who is near, merciful, and forgiving. When have you sought the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading: Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from prison, facing a spiritual dilemma of feeling "caught between" life and death. Have you ever helped someone going through a spiritual problem?

Gospel: The parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks to God's generosity. In what ways do you think God has been generous to you and your family?

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Gospel Meditation

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

— Father John Muir

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Saturday, September 23rd

5:00 pm † Ervin Schreifels

Sunday, September 24th

8:30 am Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, September 25th

6:00 pm † Anna, John, & Harvey Fraber

Tuesday, September 26th

8:00 am † Mary Worden

Wednesday, September 27th

8:00 am † Shari Danzeisen

Thursday, September 28th

8:00 am Parishioners

Friday, September 29th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy's

Saturday, September 30th

5:00 pm † Robert Bruns

Sunday, October 1st

8:30 am † Bill Christianson

10:30 am Parishioners



Projected weekly giving.....\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes\$3,847.00

Plate\$645.51

Auto Deposits.....\$1,240.00

Total\$5,732.51

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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.



Baptism

Benjamin Allen Hisgen, son of Josh & Natasha Hisgen,
received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on
Sunday, September, 17th.
Welcome into the One Holy Catholic Church, Benjamin!

Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Tuesday, September 19: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
- Sunday, September 24: Donut Sunday following 8:30 and
10:30 am Masses
- Tuesday, September 26: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
- 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
- Tuesday, October 3: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 4: Faith Formation Begins
- Thursday, October 5: CCW Meeting 6:30 pm
Gathering Space
- Tuesday, October 10: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
- Sunday, October 15: Deadline for Appalachia
Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box)
Mission Donations
- Tuesday, October 17: Synod Small Group
Leadership Training 6:30 pm
- Thursday, October 26: CCW Kitchen Clean Up Day
9 am

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