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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 30 - September 6



Events

SATURDAY Aug. 30

2nd Collection for the people of Gaza

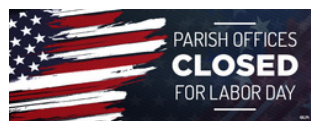
Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY Aug. 31

2nd Collection for the people of Gaza

MONDAY Sept. 1



TUESDAY Sept. 2

Centering Prayer

3:00-4:45pm - Heritage Room

OCIA

6:30-8:00pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY Sept. 3

Stitchers

9:00am - 12:00pm - St. Francis Room

Exposition, Adoration & Benediction

6:00 - 7:00pm - In the Church

Music Practice

6:15 - 7:15pm - Music Room

THURSDAY Sept. 4

OLL Games

1:00 - 3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30 - 8:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY Sept. 5

Spanish Charismatic Group

6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY Sept. 6

No AM Events

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am

10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am

1st FRIDAY

10:00am

Adoration

TUESDAY

**No Adoration,
will resume Sept. 16th**

THURSDAY

**No Adoration,
will resume Sept. 18th**

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/30	5:00pm	Derek & Erica Waterworth (Wedding Anniversary)
Sat.	8/30	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	8/31	8:00am	Betty Harrison +
Sun.	8/31	10:30am	Don & Jan Copeland +
Mon.	9/1	9:00am	Phil Harter +
Tue.	9/2	9:00am	Larry Spittler +
Wed.	9/3	5:30pm	Richard & Patricia LaHood (Special Intention-Living)
Thu.	9/4	9:00am	Janet Mantsch +
Fri.	9/5	10:00am	Sarah Buzzard (Living)



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DAILY MASS READINGS

Collection through
August 24, 2025

Envelopes:		\$37,053.94
Plate:		\$3,400.00
Green Envelopes:		\$8,940.00
Total:		\$49,393.94

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Special Collection for the People of Gaza

Bishop Rice has sent a request to all of the parishes in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeking financial aid and prayer for the people of Gaza. The following is an excerpt from Bishop Rice's letter.

"Pope Leo XIV and Catholic ambassadors around the world have highlighted with great concern the unfolding humanitarian crisis and mass starvation in Gaza, with the pope calling the situation "dire".

At the request of Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the USCCB, I am joining bishops across the United States in asking parishioners to participate in a second collection for emergency humanitarian aid for the starving people of Gaza, a crisis that has reached catastrophic levels. There is terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza who are struggling to survive, to protect their children, and to live humanely in tragic circumstances.

All funds from the special collection will be used by Catholic Relief Services, which is on site in Gaza and partnering with local Church entities to provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies and trauma assistance; and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, which is providing "vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded."

A special collection will be taken in support of this request at all Masses Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31.

If you will not be at the Masses next weekend, donations for Gaza can be dropped off at or mailed to the parish office. Simply mark your donation "Gaza" so that we can apply your gift properly. All forms of electronic giving are also available for this purpose. Again, indicate that your gift is for Gaza.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for the people of Gaza.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25:35-36





We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSoft Giving—our new, secure giving platform. This upgrade will happen automatically and securely.

The transfer date from Faith Direct to ParishSoft will take place Tuesday, Sept. 9th

No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

- **Weekly Giving:** If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- **More Flexibility:** Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.
- **More Ways to Give:** Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition.

Adorers Needed

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." – Jeremiah 29:12

Tuesday	Thursday
10:00 - 11:00am	3:00 - 4:00pm
&	&
1:00 - 2:00pm	5:00 - 6:00pm

We will not have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the week before, the week of, and the week after a holiday.

If you are available for one of these time slots please contact Julie Johnsonbaugh julie.johnsonbaugh@gmail.com

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**PEOPLE SHOULD
EAT AND DRINK
AND ENJOY THE
FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR,
FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.**

-ECCLESIASTES 3:13



**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!**



Welcome Back!

Coffee and Christ

RESUMES - Sunday, Sept., 7th
9:15am to 10:15am - Faith Formation Room



Lectio: Mary
"The Bible and the Mother of God"
with Dr. Brant Pitre

Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?

Sunday, Sept., 7th

Session 7: The New Rachel

The Old Testament story of Joseph prefigures the life of Jesus and his salvific role in the New Testament. Likewise, the life of Benjamin, Joseph's younger brother, has parallels with the life of John the beloved disciple. Rachel, the mother of Joseph and Benjamin, prefigures Mary, the mother of Jesus and spiritual mother of John, and, thus, she can be seen as the New Rachel.

Sunday, Sept., 14th

Session 8: Question & Answer

As the study concludes, Dr. Pitre takes time to answer questions that surfaced over the course of the video sessions. We are reminded that a deeper understanding of Marian teachings, illuminates even more fully the beauty and love of Our Lord!

Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study

RESUMES - Sept. 9th
10:00am - Noon
Faith Formation Room

JOIN US FOR

Luke:

The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

8 sessions
beginning
Tues., Sept. 9th



For more information
contact Pat Schooley
at patjschooley@gmail.com

To register

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link below

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The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection.

Hey Deacon!

What is “Catholic Guilt” and is it good or bad?

Have you ever felt bad for falling short in doing the “right thing”? Have you shared this concern with a friend only to tell you that you have “Catholic Guilt”? What is Catholic Guilt? Why is it labeled Catholic?

The phrase Catholic Guilt was coined in reference to the understanding that Catholics are held to follow a lot of rules. Consequently, when a person breaks one of those rules they commit “sin” which separates us from God. This “sin” is strongly emphasized regarding morality in the Catholic Church, which seems to be emphasized more than all the good we do.

While all of this is true about the Catholic faith, there is more to the complete context of Catholic Guilt. I think that if properly understood, people will find that Catholic Guilt is a necessity not only in our faith life but in our everyday actions as well.

The root of Catholic Guilt is linked to moral development, or how we train ourselves to make either good or bad decisions. As we grew up our parents taught us the difference between right and wrong, and through our faith we have guiding principles like the 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes which help us to make right decisions as well. But God also gave us the gift of free will and conscience. Guilt is a feeling that flows from our conscience. Guilt is that feeling of heaviness in the pit of our stomach that lets us know there is something wrong.

There is a tendency to view guilt as a negative feeling. But I argue that guilt can also be a gift. If our conscience is properly formed, meaning that we have trained our conscience to know the difference between right and wrong, then our conscience will inherently know when we have committed a wrong action. Nobody is perfect, so being in touch with your conscience and understanding why you are feeling guilty for a decision becomes important.

The beauty of Catholic guilt lies in its role as a spiritual tool that guides individuals towards introspection, repentance, and a closer relationship with God. It is a universal human experience that reflects our awareness of sin and encourages us to correct our actions. In the Catholic context, guilt is not merely a negative feeling but a gift that prompts us to seek forgiveness and healing through the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament offers both healing and peace from God, allowing us to be forgiven no matter what we have done.

This scripture verse from Philippians reminds us that our God is a compassionate and understanding God and we should turn to Him when faced with anxiety.

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” -- Phil 4:6-7

The stereotype of Catholic Guilt needs to be understood in the context of our conscience in our moral development and understanding of why we are feeling guilty in the first place. When I am confronted with a moral decision, I asked myself will my choice bring me closer to God or further away from God. This helps me in making the right choice.

The next time you feel that Catholic Guilt, pray for clarity and thank God for the gentle reminder. And if it is of grave matter, seek out the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God’s healing forgiveness.

OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

Safe Environment Requirements for:

Clergy ♦ Employee ♦ Adult Volunteers*

*(which include the following ministries)

Knight of Columbus

OCA

PSR

Welcome Women

Hospitality

Safety & Security

Ushers

Young Adult

Music Ministry

Help Desk

Hispanic

Eucharistic Ministers

Parish Office Volunteers

Homebound

Bible Study Leaders

Sacristans

Gift Shop Volunteers

Lectors

Funeral Ministry



Before engaging in diocesan, parish and school-sponsored activities for minors and vulnerable adults, all clergy, employees and adult volunteers are required to be in compliance with the diocesan Safe Environment Requirements which include:

1) A Background Screening

2) Safe Environment Training

3) Code of Conduct - *must be completed annually*

The Code of Conduct is **required annually** and is made available at the beginning of each fiscal year, **July 1**.

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage

<https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a *RESOURCES SECTION*

Select the Prevention and Protection tab.

The documents may be found there.

or through

VIRTUS: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)

The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera

- For **new employees and volunteers**, to begin the process, an account must **first be created in VIRTUS**.
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes **"Protecting God's Children"** and **"Mandated and Ethical Reporting"**, are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact

Nickie Rivera

Please call, text, or email

417-251-1819 Cell

NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the Associate Safe Environment Coordinator,

Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscg.org or

the Director of Child and Youth Protection, Bill Holtmeyer,

billholtmeyer@dioscg.org

or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

OLL Games



Join us on September 4th
OLL Game Day
1:00pm Faith Formation Room

Scores from August 21st

OLL Train - Ed Plus Two
BIG Winner is Julie J -106
Brenda -298
Lil' Winner is Ed -351



OLL Train - Just 4
BIG Winner is Marty -360
Eva -392 Judy E -406
Lil' Winner Remy -472

Swoop - 5 Girls and 1 Guy
BIG Winner is Sharron -211

Karen -215 Margaret -306 Judy H -339 Sharon S -335
Lil' Winner is Dan -348



Scores from August 28th

OLL Train - 3 Blind Mice
BIG Winner is Curtis -369
Julie J -390
Lil' Winner is Brenda -449



OLL Train - Wee Four
BIG Winner is Joe -193
Judy E -258 Marty -263
Lil' Winner is Ed -327

Swoop - Holy Moly
BIG Winner is Butch -229
Sharon P -363 JulieAnn -365
Dan -387
Lil' Winner is Julie W -442



Swoop - Harry and His Harem
BIG Winner is Margaret -151
Harry -237 Judy O -338
Sharon A -363 Sharron -446
Joyce -520
Lil' Winner is Sharon S -665



Happy Birthday
Joyce!

Thanks to ALL the Game Friends who help celebrate birthday days, share jokes, laugh with each other, warmly greet one another, provide the great snacks.

Extra special thanks for the support,
prayers and fellowship!

If this is what you are looking for,
please come join us on Thursday Game Day!!!

PSR~ Parish School of Religion

RESUMES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT., 10th

Click Here
To
Register
for PSR

If you have any questions,
Please call, text, or email
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NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

OR Scan the
QR Code



Interested in joining the
PSR Team on
Wednesday evenings?
Opportunities Available:
Kitchen Team
Prayer Team
Safety Team
Small Group Leaders
Small Group Assistance

Please call, text, or email
417-251-1819 Cell
NickieRivera@ollbranson.com

**SUNDAY
YOUTH NIGHT**
Starting

Sunday, Sept. 14th

Grades -10, 11 & 12

6:00 - 7:00pm

St. Michael Room

Food will be provided

PSR
WEDNESDAY-SEPT., 10TH
Kindergarten - 9th Grade

- 5:30pm - Mass
- Following Mass - Orientation Meeting with parents & students in the church
- Meet PSR teachers & see classrooms
- Food in Faith Formation Room

NEW PSR SCHEDULE
Starting - Wed., Sept. 17
Kindergarten - 9th Grade

Start time - 5:30pm - Mass

**Parents are very encouraged to
attend Mass with their children**

**Attendance will be taken
in the Gathering Space
as you enter the Church**

Class 6:00 - 7:00pm

Food provided during class

***No Pre-K class this year**



Our Lady of the Lake PSR youth are partnering with the PCCW at Our Lady of the Cove

You can give great joy to the poorest of the poor by participating in this year's Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy Project.



Boxes are filled with age appropriate items from toys to personal care and beyond, giving tremendous joy to the children in need.

There are two ways to help:

- Take a box after Mass in September, fill it with goodies and RETURN it by Sept. 28th with \$9 for shipping, OR
- Donate \$20.00 and we will fill a box for you and ship it off.

The boxes will be available to pick up with instructions and monetary donations will be collected in the Gathering Space after all the September Masses.

**Thank you for your support -
Your box may be the only Christmas Gift a child receives!**



**Our Lady of the Ozarks
(Forsyth)**

Fall Rummage & Bake Sale

is scheduled for

Sept. 25, 7am - 4pm

Sept. 26, 8am - 4pm

Sept. 27, 8am - noon



Your donated items can be dropped off at
Our Lady of the Ozarks
during their set up hours starting on
September 8 - September 19
9am - 1pm

Please note that they will not be able to pick up items as they have in the past.

Any questions can be directed to
Barbara Peterson at 417-251-0041 or

barbsp@protonmail.com

Spiritual Companioning with Doreen Oesterreicher

*Welcome to all
young and old adults!!*

Starting - September 11th

**We meet on the
2nd and 4th Thursdays
of the month**

at 6:30pm

**St. Ignatius Room
(Resource Room)**

on the lower level of the Church

**We will learn how to share
and help each other based on
St. Ignatius Exercises to become more
intimate with Christ.**

- **We can share our joys, loss, or trauma in a safe place.**
- **We will look to see where God is, using our five senses in all these events.**
- **We will call on the Holy Spirit to guide us.**
- **We will help each other grow in our faith.**

**On Thursdays, we will start with
reading the Daily Readings
to start our discussions.**

- **How did the readings touch me?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?**

This is open to both men and women, in my experience, it is good to see each other's insight on how we love God.

**Please note that this is not
Spiritual Direction.**

What is Spiritual Direction?



Spiritual Direction provides special help in discerning our path of holiness. Our Christian life is a journey to become closer to God.

In other words, spiritual direction helps us discern and pursue our unique callings from the Holy Spirit at each stage of our life. It involves three parties: the one receiving spiritual direction, the one giving spiritual direction, and, of course, the Holy Spirit.

It usually entails meeting up with a spiritual director for an hour roughly once a month

In spiritual direction, we consider how the Lord is speaking to us and what He is saying. The role of the spiritual director isn't to tell us what to do or not do. Rather, through the spiritual director's expertise and training, they help us discern how the Lord is working in our lives.

Spiritual direction invites us to confront and respond to questions prompted by the Holy Spirit. What does God want me to do or not do?

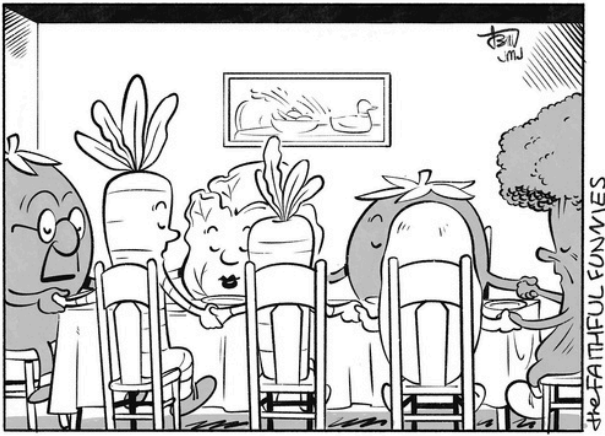
For someone beginning the spiritual journey, spiritual direction can offer us insight into the fundamentals of prayer and what it means to live a sacramental and communal life of faith.

For those a little more advanced, spiritual direction can deepen our life of prayer and help us discern how we're being called to use our gifts to serve God and His Church.

***Dorene Oesterreicher has openings for
those wanting Spiritual Direction***

***For more information, please contact the
Parish Office***

"What did the vegetables say before they started praying?"



"Lettuce pray."



Praying together is a beautiful part of Christian life. We can pray to thank God for His blessings, ask for His guidance in our lives, or just to spend time with Him.

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EMBRACE EVERY CHALLENGE

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which grotto located in France is visited by millions of pilgrims every year?

Answer: Lourdes.

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Common Childhood Ear, Nose and Throat Problems



SPEAKER *series*

From ear infections to tonsils and adenoids, learn what every parent needs to know. Dr. Travis Brawner will share his expert insights on the most common ENT issues children face, what to watch for, and when to seek help.

September 16, 2025

11:30 – 1:00 PM

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\$10 registration is required

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:18)

Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.
(Ps 68)

Second Reading:

You have not approached that which could be touched
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness. (Heb 12:18)

Gospel:

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor,"
Jesus instructs. "Blessed indeed will you be
because of their inability to repay you." Each
of us has our own banquet to offer, our own
gifts to share. Who will we invite?

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Wednesday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day



Devotions, *Explained!*

Imago divina (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (literally, "divine lesson"). *Imago divina* is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Prayer for Humility

Dear God,
Mold my heart after Yours.
Help me to see myself as You
see me: surrounded by Your
love. Help me to see others as
You see them as well. Give me
knowledge of your ways, today
and always.
Amen.

Readings for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table” (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts. My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist — same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer — the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. *I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?*

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even *look* like — no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more — and more happily, more lovingly — when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me — it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer:

If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best.

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