

# September 11 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOLDEN COVENANT.**

*Jesus, when you ate with sinners tongues wagged, and you told about the prodigal son.*

*Is that what you are – prodigal son, wasting your life on us hungry sinners?*

*Or are you the prodigal father lavishing kindness on our laggardly selves, even if we are a long way off; running to meet us with hugs, kisses, and fixing of the finest calf, for a feast for us?*

*Prodigal Son, Prodigal Father, and Prodigal Holy Spirit, we feel awe and wonder at the love that you squander on us. Thank you.*

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## **SONSHIP RESTORED**

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes at a later hour, receiving the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us towards those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy, should be that of the loving father in today's gospel. The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The Father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns ruined by sin.

Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The parent-child relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father in the gospel. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Be prepared to forgive those who have hurt us. Be ready to open our hearts and our arms to embrace those who are seeking our acceptance, our understanding, our love. (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

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## **SANCTUARY LIGHT**

September 11 – Walter and Annabelle Busch

September 18 – Ernie Clemans

September 25 – Allie Walke

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

September 10 – Walter and Annabelle Busch

September 11 – Angie and George Stars

September 17 – Charles Simon

September 18 – Dale Tunny

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

### **Saturday – September 17 at 4:00 PM**

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff

*Gifts:* Brian and Karen Horan

*NO Eucharist Minister*

### **Sunday – September 18 at 10:00 AM**

*Lectors:* Julie Stephens, Ron Bauerle

*Gifts:* Paul and Arlene Gehl

*Eucharist Minister:* Vicki Wagner

### **Saturday – September 24 at 4:00 PM**

*Lector:* Judy Steuri

*Gifts:* Dennis and Flo Wagner

*Eucharist Minister:* Terry Harmeyer

### **Sunday – September 25 at 10:00 AM**

*Lectors:* Cindy Weisenbach, Arlene Gehl

*Gifts:* Ken and Janice Fry

*Eucharist Minister:* Amanda Schutte

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

Adult Envelopes	\$3380.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 65.00
Loose Collection	\$ 385.00
Total Collection	\$3830.00
Capital Improvement	\$240.00
Religious Ed	\$611.00
Pick Pocket	\$413.48

## **WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

*"When someone whose heart is synchronized with God's sees the repentance of a person, they rejoice, no matter how serious their mistakes may have been. They do not stay focused on errors, they do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person's good is mine as well." ~ Pope Francis*

**MARRIED IN CHRIST** – Congratulations to **Kyle and Tara Johannigman**, who professed their marriage vows on Saturday, September 10. Your presence in St. Maurice Parish is a gift to us!

**WE REMEMBER** – Let us pray for our country as we remember the attacks of 9/11/01, and all who lost their lives. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

**MEETING** – The Mary and Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 PM, to discuss the Fall Dinner. All ladies are invited to come and share their thoughts and ideas! For those unable to attend, your input is still welcome: please call Judy Steuri or Arlene Gehl before the 13th.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 begin Wednesday, September 14. Opening Prayer Service is in church at 6:45 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend this service with the children.

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Grades 6 through 10 will meet next Sunday, September 18, at 8:30 AM. Grades 11 and 12 will meet Sunday, October 2, 8:30 AM, in the St. Francis Room.

**PARENTS** – One of your primary responsibilities is to carry out the promise you made at the time your child was baptized. Please bring them or see that they attend these weekly Religious Education classes.

**REMEMBER** – Our parish hall is being rented this Saturday, the 17th. Parishioners will need to come to the Church for Mass.

**PICK POCKETS** – Wow! Thank you to our young children, Morgan and Mason Busch, Paul, Kane and Caroline Fullenkamp, who helped to raise **\$413.48** for the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry. You did great!

The children will present this money, and the money raised for the next three months, to the Food Pantry in December. Beginning in January until May, they will begin collecting money for the Ripley County Food Pantry. Both pantries are in need of financial assistance. Yes, we are better together as we continue to spread God's Word throughout our community and county.



**GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS**

September 17 – Joe Wagner and Ken Harmeyer  
September 24 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner

**GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS**

September 18 – George and Mary Bultman  
September 25 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

**OUR SICK** – The sick of our parish request your prayers, especially Mary Gilland. If you'd like to send her a card, her address is: 5177 W. CR. 650 N, Osgood, IN 47037. Also, Rosemary Mistler recently celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her address is: 6569 N. Old Michigan Rd., Osgood.

**PRAYER** – Merciful God, mindful of how much we are forgiven, please give us the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Redemptorists)





**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – "My little brother was a nervous wreck to get his haircut. Mom tried everything, and in her loving way, she continued to explain to him, 'Don't worry, Sami, it's not going to hurt, and it'll grow back.' For weeks we heard the same coaxing by my mother.

"When the day finally came, he was able to make it to the barber chair, and he got his haircut! All went well and it didn't hurt.

"Later in the day we went up to his room, where he often spent time alone playing with his many stuffed animals. However, upon this visit, we noticed something unusual... Pink and blue and brown and purple fuzz was everywhere!

"Sami was sitting amongst all his stuffed animals with a pair of scissors firmly placed in his left hand. He looked up at us, with his endearing smile, and simply said, 'Don't worry, it'll grow back.'" (Rita Madden, Honolulu, HI, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
 <p><b>THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</b>            For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.</p>					 <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon</p>	Mass 4:00 PM  Blood Pressure Checks
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mass – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM  Blood Pressure Checks	Labor Day			Birthday of the Blessed Mother  Finance Meeting 6:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 PM	Wedding – Ricke & Johannigman 1:30 PM  Mass 4:00 PM  NO Mass in Hall – Rented
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Junior High & High School Religious Ed. 8:30 – 9:45 AM  Mass – 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts	Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary	Mary & Martha Circle Meeting 6:30 PM	Preschool – Grade 5 Religious Ed. 6:45 – 8:00 PM  Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross	 <p>Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows</p>		Mass 4:00 PM  NO Mass in Hall – Rented
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Religious Ed. 8:30 – 9:45 AM  Mass – 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time			Religious Ed. 6:45 – 8:00 PM  Feast of St. Matthew – Apostle	Feast of St. Maurice		Mass 4:00 PM   Parish Feast Day Celebration 5:00 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Religious Ed. 8:30 – 9:45 AM  Mass – 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts			Religious Ed. 6:45 – 8:00 PM  Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael  