

September 19 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**IF ANYONE WISHES TO BE
FIRST, HE SHALL BE THE LAST
OF ALL AND THE SERVANT OF ALL.**



**Who is greatest?
Who is first?**

**Jesus, you were born in a stable needing
everything, having only life.**

**Then you were on the cross,
needing everything, having no life.**

Yet you are greatest of all.

**You taught the disciples
as you journeyed through Galilee.**

Teach us to love You.

**To care for your children,
to serve the poor,
to welcome the immigrant,
to free the prisoner.**

**Lord, we ask you,
give us only your grace.**

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 19 – Wayne Schutte
September 26 – John Hamson
October 3 – Fr. John Geis

MASS INTENTIONS

September 18 – Lucille Simon
September 19 – Wayne Schutte
September 25 – Marge & Wanda Geis
September 26 – Gary Stier

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – September 25 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jane Pictor

Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – September 26 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Julie Stephens

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – October 2 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri

Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – October 3 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Susan Schutte, Amanda Schutte

Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2156.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 352.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2508.00
Capital Improvement	\$310.00
Religious Ed.	\$290.00
Haiti Relief	\$125.00
Walter Hermes Memorial	\$25.00
Africa Mission	\$10.00
Pick-Pockets	\$196.46
University of America	\$156.00

MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST

Electronic Giving for August	\$2,080.00
Total Sunday & Holy Day Collections (7/1/21 - 8/31/21)	\$29,863.20
Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/21 - 8/31/21)	\$26,672.00

JESUS' CLEANSING LOVE – Christ's greatness is revealed in his service. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). Jesus didn't wish to be first; he merely wished to be faithful. His goal was to love the Father and win us back, and that meant service and the cross.

In a painting by Master of Fossa, Peter is on his papal throne while Jesus kneels in front of him. What a role reversal! Peter should be washing Jesus' feet, but no. Even Peter tried to reject this act of service, but Jesus insisted.

Peter needed to be washed before serving and sanctifying others. So it is with us. During Mass allow your soul to be taken into Jesus' hands. Feel him cleanse you, pouring his warm grace over your wounds. Accept his gentle, loving attention as he caresses, dries and restores you. Only when you have known mercy and love can you then be an agent of that love to others. (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

PICK POCKETERS – Our "pick pocketers" raised \$196.65 this past weekend for the capital improvement fund. Thank you to Carter and Reese Black and Aleena and Reid Hicks and Mason Ryder. We appreciate your help!

MARRIED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Jessilyn Tunny** and **Austin Peter**, who received the Sacrament of Marriage on September 13. May God grant them the grace to faithfully live their marriage vows each and every day!

PARISH GATHERING – **OCTOBER 2, 5:00 PM. Cookout in Shelter and Parish Grounds.** Hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a covered dish!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 will have class September 22, 6:45 PM.

Junior High and High School will have classes September 26, 8:30 AM. CONFIRMATION CLASS TOPIC: Rite of Confirmation and the Trinity.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE – The Martha and Mary Circle will have their annual Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 1, and Saturday, October 2. Donations of good, clean clothing, fall plants, and household items are needed. Please keep this in mind as you do your fall cleaning!

ST. MAURICE AUCTION – What an auction it was! It looks as if we will make **over \$12,000**. The exact amount will be listed in next week's bulletin or as soon as we know.

The parish extends words of gratitude to the Hermes family for the estate items of Walter and Pat Hermes; the auction committee, Mary Bultman, Jack Ferkinhoff, Matt and Leslie Hicks; and all the parishioners who donated items, assisted in setting up the hall for the auction, all who worked on that day, and the ladies who served the luncheon and all who donated to the luncheon. What a fine parish effort it was! May you know the richness of God's love!

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH – *OPEN HANDS* – Fr. Michael Peterson speaks of the meaning of the symbol of open hands. He says that when your hands are open, you can give and receive freely, with God and with those you care about. When your hands are open, you are then open to what really matters and is meaningful in life. One of the great measures of success in one's life is simply how open we are to the needs of the world around us. Are our hands and hearts open or closed?

In the Gospel of Matthew, St. Joseph woke from a fitful night of sleep after an angel appeared to him in a dream telling him to take Mary as his wife. Joseph chose to be open hands to God's plan and to welcome Mary and Jesus in his life. St. Joseph, ask God to give us open hands!





HOLY FAMILY PARISH – Due to the rise in Covid cases, the festival at Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, on October 3 will be Drive-Thru only from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Dinners \$12.00.

TURKEY DINNER – St. Mary of the Rock Preservation Society Annual Turkey Dinner, Sunday, October 10, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Carry-Out Only. Meals \$13.00.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – The pastor of our current parish likes to lightheartedly quiz young first communicants during their First Communion Mass. "What do you have to do to get to heaven?" he asked.

A dozen seven- and eight-year-olds contemplated their shoelaces, but Molly raised her hand confidently. "Die!" she declared. (C. Justin Clements, Catholic Diocese of Evansville, IN, The Joyful Noiseletter)

September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
				 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (8:00 – Noon)		23 rd Week in Ordinary Time St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg, Church Picnic
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta – Pray for the poor today.</i> St. Anthony, Morris, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner		<i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Mary, pray for us.</i> 			Auction (10:00 - ??) Pick Pocketers	Religion Classes for Grades 6-12 (8:30 AM) Pick Pocketers Religious Ed. Collection
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Faith Formation Meeting (4:30 PM)	 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Religion Classes for Preschool - Grade 5 (6:45 PM)			Wedding of Jessilyn Tunny and Austin Peter	Religion Classes (8:30 AM) Sacristy Clean-Up, Liturgy Committee (1:00 PM)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>Feast of St. Matthew</i> St. Nicholas Eucharistic Healing Service (7:00 PM)	Religion Classes (6:45 PM)				26 th Week in Ordinary Time Religion Classes (8:30 AM)
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		<i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Angels of God, protect us.</i> Religion Classes (6:45 PM)	<i>Feast of St. Jerome</i> 	Rummage Sale (8:00 – 6:00)	Rummage Sale (8:00 – Noon) Parish Gathering (5:00 PM)	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in October will be October 8 th .**
						Introduction of Parish Theme