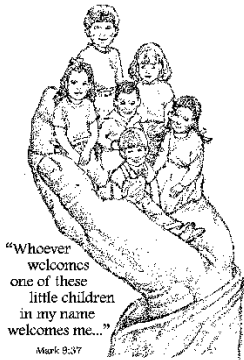


September 23 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHILDLIKE WONDER

"What were you arguing about?"



Who is the greatest and most important? As the years go by, we easily see how fleeting fame is. Today, Jesus asks us to become childlike and welcome God. Then we become a reproach to hypocrisy, wickedness, and "getting ahead at all costs."

The change makes us like children. In welcoming Jesus, we welcome the one who sent him, the heavenly Father, and the life-giving Spirit. Now there is childlike wonder - and real importance!

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Sept. 26 7:45 AM Morning Prayer
Fri., Sept. 28 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 22 4 PM Art Simon
Sun., Sept. 23 10 AM Don Gilland
Sat., Sept. 29 4 PM Art Young
Sun., Sept. 30 10 AM Irene Barnhorst

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – September 29 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Steve and Katy Schmidt
Kyle and Bridgette Horan
Server: Macey Moorman
Cantor: Brooke Payne
Lectors: Elizabeth Hermes, Amanda Sutton
Euch. Ministers: Judy Steuri, John Wagner
Terry Harmeyer, Jane Pictor

Sunday – September 30 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Mike and Janice Simon - *back*
Greg and Amy Kinker - *back*
David and Jodi Meister - *side*
Servers: Nick Miller, William Tunny
Cantor: Rachel Toops
Lectors: Cassidy Harmeyer, Olivia Kavanaegh
Euch. Ministers: Joyce Muckerheide, Sharon Miller
Katie Spreckelson, Rita Kress

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2596.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 10.72
Loose Collection	\$ 243.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2849.72
Religious Ed	\$250.00

Your Gifts ARE Acceptable to the Lord!

"Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be." ~ Thomas à Kempis

"In our own case, we accept excuses too easily; in other people's, we do not accept them easily enough."
~ C.S. Lewis

"THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SOWN IN PEACE."

Lord,
please cause us to
care for your garden of peace,
cleaving only to your holy teachings:
to

- sow some seeds
(hardy ones like mercy and forgiveness),
- feed them with love,
- sprinkle them with truth,
- weed them every day,
- make room for them to grow,
• and wait.

Then, finally,
to share the goodness
(with everyone you know).

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STEWARDSHIP – Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn September 23 through September 30 for Alvin and Mildred Simon.

FATHER GEIS – We joyfully welcome Father John back to the parish and to his ministry among us. Let's pray for his continued good health.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Members of the Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, September 27, 7:00 PM. Members of this committee are Rita Kress, Greg Kinker, Mary Bultman, Paul Thole, Jack Ferkinhoff, and our bookkeeper, Jenny Hardesty. Their service to the parish is greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, September 26, 6:45 PM.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, September 30, 8:30 AM.

ST. MAURICE CELEBRATION – The Faith Formation Committee hopes you plan to attend our Sunday evening celebration of the Feast of St. Maurice and closing celebration of "Set Your Faith on Fire." The meal will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by a sing-a-long and candlelight service. Bring a covered dish and join in the celebration!

GOLDEN GATE CHOIR – The Golden Gate Choir will be presenting "Christmas Makes Everything New" on Sunday, December 2, at 7:00 PM, at the Damm Theater in Osgood. Practices will begin on Sunday, September 30, 2:30 PM, at the Osgood Methodist Church, 213 South Walnut St. You don't have to be at all the practices. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Sharon Miller, 852-4936.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE – The Martha and Mary Circle will have their annual Fall Rummage Sale the weekend of October 5 and 6. Donations can be dropped off at the parish hall Monday, October 1, through Wednesday, October 3. If the doors are locked, you can put your stuff in the shelter.

Help is always needed to sort and organize before the sale (Mon-Thurs), to work at the sale (Fri-Sat), and to box up and clean at the end (Sat noon). Call Roberta Bohman (812-756-4191) if you can help.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Ann Ruesch, RN, of Wisconsin Rapids, WI, found this charming story about Blessed Jordan of Saxony, who succeeded St. Dominic as the second Master General of the Dominican Order in the 13th century: "Once during night prayer, a novice experienced a giggling fit. It quickly proved contagious, and soon all the novices were giggling. A scandalized brother tried to threaten them into silence, but Jordan rebuked them, saying, 'Who made you novice master?' and then told the young men, 'Laugh on! You may well laugh, for you have escaped the Devil, who formerly held you in bondage. Laugh away, dear sons!'" (The Joyful Noiseletter)

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

The Great Depression began in 1929 and lasted a decade. Shantytowns appeared across the U.S. as unemployed people were evicted from their homes. As the Depression worsened in the 1930s, it caused severe hardships for millions of Americans.

Now, nearly a century later, it is déjà vu as we again see homeless encampments under freeways, people sleeping on the sidewalk, and people with cardboard signs at many street corners.

The Gospel is not about being the greatest and most important person. Called to be servants to one another, especially to the least of us, Jesus continues to put the problem right in our face. He invites us to work on it.

(Deacon Dick Folger)