

September 24 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's Not Fair!

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Mt 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The Lord is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).

† Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

PARISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: Please call the parish office about Sacramental preparation and to schedule Baptism celebration.

Marriage: Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date of your wedding.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the Masses or by appointment.

The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Monday: Rosary at 10:30 AM

Thursday: Holy Hour at 5:00 PM; Mass following at 6:00 PM

Sunday Obligation: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: Holy Hour at 7:00 AM;

Mass following at 8:00 AM

Friday: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday Obligation: 5:00 PM

Sunday Obligation: 7:30 AM

Confession: Friday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM / Saturday: 4:45 PM

SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 24 – Ernie Clemons

October 1 – Fr. John Geis

October 8 – Carl and Patricia Mistler

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 23 – Cletus Wagner

Sunday, September 24 – Chad White

Tuesday, September 26 – James L. Bedel

Saturday, September 30 – Evelyn Kieffer

Sunday, October 1 – Dolores Wagner

Tuesday, October 3 – Amelia Wolter

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – September 30 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Ella Wagner

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff

Gifts: Brian and Karen Horan

EM: Beth Simon (*Bread*), Judy Steuri (*Hall*)

Janet Wagner, Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – October 1 at 10:00 AM

Server: Mason Ryder

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Grace Truesdell

Gifts: Nathan and Courtney Wagner

EM: Vicki Wagner (*Bread*), Dana Newhart (*Hall*)

Leslie Hicks, Katie Spreckelson

Saturday – October 7 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ella Wagner, Allie Harmeyer

Lector: Tara Johannigman

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

EM: Terry Harmeyer (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)

Judy Steuri, Rita Kress

Sunday – October 8 at 10:00 AM

Server: Hudson Kohlman

Lectors: Susan Schutte, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Daniel and Becca Harlemert

EM: Amanda Schutte (*Bread*), Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*)

Kevin Tunny, Scott Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2553.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 30.25
Loose Collection	\$ 275.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2858.25
Capital Improvement	\$130.00
Religious Education	\$145.00
Catholic University	\$20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PARISH MISSION – Thank you to Fr. Bill Rhinehart for celebrating our parish mission. The talks were enriching and enjoyed by all.

If anyone would still like to make a donation to the Vincentian Parish Missions, you can make out a check to St. Maurice Church and place it in an envelope marked Parish Mission. Any money received by September 26 will be forwarded to the Vincentians.

FLOAT – The 175th Anniversary Committee has decided to have a float celebrating our 175th Anniversary in the Pumpkin Show on September 30. Anyone wanting to help, please reach out to Joyce Muckerheide, who will be in charge of this event.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, September 27, 6:45 PM. There will be fire/tornado/lockdown drills.

JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes for Grades 6 through 12 next Sunday, October 1, at 8:30 AM.

RUMMAGE SALE – The Mary & Martha Circle Fall Rummage Sale is coming up on Friday, October 6, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, and Saturday, October 7, 8:00 AM to Noon. You can bring your donations to the hall starting Sunday, October 1, through Wednesday, October 4, no later. And if you plan to donate bed linens, curtains, or similar items, we ask that you label what they are, the size, and how many pieces are in a set. Please call Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191, if you can help in any way.

COFFEE AND DONUTS – No coffee and donuts next Sunday, October 1, as we begin setting up for the Rummage Sale.

OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS – Please remember in prayer the sick and shut-ins in the parish: Rosemary Mistler, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Lou Wolter, Sue Tunny, Eileen Wagner, Todd Schuler, and Albert Volk.

PRAYER – Wondrous God, we ask for the grace to see as you see and to reflect your face to each person we meet. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (*The Redeemers*)

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

*THIS WEEKEND, WE HONOR OUR CATECHISTS
WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENT
FOR OUR RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM.*

Preschool: Donna Harlemert

Kindergarten: Elizabeth Holland & Sandy Wenning

Grade 1: Elaine Hicks

Grade 2: Patty Simon

Grade 3: Stephanie Green

Grade 4: Julie Stephens

Grade 5: Gracie Simon

Grade 6: Judy Steuri

Grade 7: Joyce Muckerheide

Grade 8: Heather Staples

Grade 9: Amy Miller

Confirmation Class: Susan Schutte

Grade 12: Jack Ferkinhoff

**Assistants: Grace Truesdell, Ann Wagner,
Terry Harmeyer, Laurie Husted, Dolly Stim,
Brianna Little, and Samantha Toops**

Student Helper: Sophia Volz

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

September 30 – Ken Harmeyer, Dennis Wagner

October 7 – Steve Gilland, Brian Horan

October 14 – Paul Simon, Ken Harmeyer

October 21 – Eric Busch, Ken Hellmich

October 28 – Dennis Wagner, Gary Wagner

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

October 1 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

October 8 – George and Mary Bultman

October 15 – Paul and Arlene Gehl


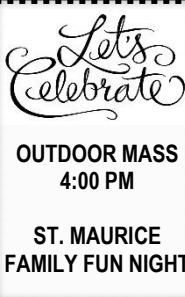
October 22 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide

October 29 – George Bultman, Kevin Tunny

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A little boy was given a five-dollar bill to put in the collection plate. When the offering came around, he wouldn't put it in. But after the end of the service, when he went to shake the pastor's hand, he pulled out the five-dollar bill and gave it to the pastor. The pastor asked him, "Why are you giving me this money? Why didn't you put it in the offering plate?"

And the boy answered, "Because my mommy told me you're the poorest pastor we've ever had!" (Church Funnies, broadcaster.org.uk)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Mass - 4:00 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall Blood Pressure Checks Pickpocketers T-Shirt Pickup
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mass - 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks Coffee & Donuts Pickpocketers T-Shirt Pickup		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	 OUTDOOR MASS 4:00 PM ST. MAURICE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 6:45 PM	First Class for Elementary Religious Education 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM MISSION PRIEST
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
First Class for Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts MISSION PRIEST	PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Being Chosen / Trust in God")</i> Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM	PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Empty Your Bowl of Yesterday's Rice / Moving On")</i> Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM NO Holy Hour due to Parish Mission	PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM Mass Social Gathering Following LAST DAY to Order 175th T-Shirts		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon FEAST OF ST. MAURICE	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Baptism <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> October 6-7: Fall Rummage Sale </div>