

# September 25 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Aspire to Greatness

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we may idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success, however we define that word. Then with time, maybe a few setbacks, one or two genuine hardships, we gradually settle for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by and we no longer embrace the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.



**Lazarus & The Rich Man**

The rich man of today's Gospel passage was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, a poor man he passed by and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could have helped, he refused to do so. How could one be so blind as to have everything and not be willing to offer leftover food to someone in need?

God opposes complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. In today's first reading, God upbraids the rich for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches (Amos 6:4). In the second reading we hear Saint Paul challenge the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. If we keep our eyes on him, we will never settle for anything but true greatness in the eyes of God. (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

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## SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 25 – Allie Walke  
October 2 – Father John Geis  
October 9 – Dale Tunny

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 24 – Craig Simon  
September 25 – Richard Wagner  
October 1 – Harold and Virginia Reisman  
October 2 – Lucille Simon

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – October 1 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Tara Johannigman  
*Gifts:* Brian and Karen Horan  
*Eucharist Minister:* Judy Steuri

### Sunday – October 2 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Amy Kinker, Amanda Schutte  
*Gifts:* Ken and Janice Fry  
*Eucharist Minister:* Leslie Hicks

### Saturday – October 8 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Terry Harmeyer  
*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford  
*Eucharist Minister:* Roseann Wirth

### Sunday – October 9 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, Grace Truesdell  
*Gifts:* Greg and Amy Kinker  
*Eucharist Minister:* Vicki Wagner

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3069.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 5.00
Loose Collection	\$ 355.00
Total Collection	\$3429.00
Capital Improvement	\$50.00
Religious Ed	\$75.00
Catholic University	\$5.00

## **THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

*"No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants." ~ Pope Francis*

**PARISH GATHERING** – See you at our pitch-in today, SATURDAY, at 5:00 PM in the parish hall!

**LITURGY MEETING** – Members of the Liturgy Committee will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – Next weekend, October 1 and 2, you can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Brandi Merkel and Jenny Simon will be there to assist you!

**RUMMAGE SALE** – The Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. The hall will be open for you to bring your items starting Sunday afternoon, October 2. Donations of good, clean clothing, house plants, and household items will be accepted. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, call Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 will be Wednesday, September 28, 6:45 PM.

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

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Committee #10, with Eva Volz as chairperson, will be cleaning church during the month of October. We thank the ladies for a job well done!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – Our Fall Smorgasbord will be Saturday, November 12, in our parish hall. More details will follow next week.

**SERVERS** – We are grateful to our new servers, Morgan Busch, Allie Harmeyer, and soon to be Mason Ryder. Thank you also to Macy Kinker, Hudson Kohlman, and Brady Borgman, who continue to serve at Mass. If you are not serving but have a desire to do so, please let us know!

**PRAYER** – Loving and faithful God, help us to learn the true joy of living together as brothers and sisters with all your children. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Redemptorists)



### *The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor*

The chasm between the rich and the poor continues today. As we ponder the Gospel, we need to consider whether we have become indifferent to the sufferings of others. The Lord hears the cry of the poor. It is up to us to answer their pleas. The statistics on global hunger are alarming. In developing countries, 12.9% of the population is undernourished, and one out of six children is underweight. In the United States, 45 million Americans require government assistance. People of color and Latino households experience a much higher rate of food insecurity. 92% of schools now serve breakfast. Globally, nationally, locally, all need assistance. **Let's do our small part as we give to the local food pantries this year through the efforts of our children (Pick Pockets) each month. Next weekend, October 1 and 2, they will ask for your change or more!**

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#### **GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS**

October 1 – Ken Harmeyer and Gary Wagner  
October 8 – Brian Horan and Dennis Wagner  
October 15 – Joe Wagner and Steve Gilland  
October 22 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner  
October 29 – Paul Simon and Ken Hellmich





#### **GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS**

October 2 – George and Mary Bultman  
October 9 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide  
October 16 – Paul and Arlene Gehl  
October 23 – Kevin Tunny and Steve Wagner  
October 30 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

**BLOOD DRIVE** – St. Louis Church is sponsoring a community blood draw on October 11 at the K of C Hall. Come anytime between 12:00 noon and 5:30 PM. To schedule an appointment, you can go to [www.hoxworth.org/groups/stlouiscc](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/stlouiscc) or call 800-830-1091.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Sign outside St. John's Episcopal Church, Kingsville, MD: "I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk, but I never got the chants." (via Lorene Irving, Lutherville Timonium, MD)

# 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  