

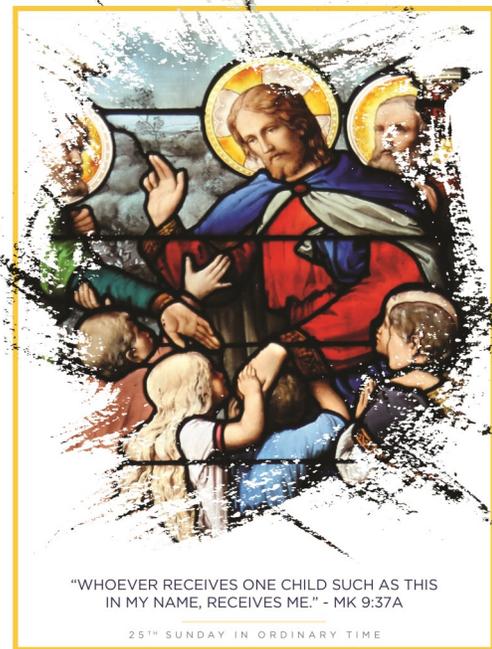
Sept. 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- *ST. PIUS X*
(*SOLON SPRINGS*)
- *ST. ANTHONY*
(*GORDON*)
- *ST. MARY*
(*MINONG*)

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." — Mk 9:36-37

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Mass Schedule

In-person masses:

Tuesday: 9 am—St. Pius
Wednesday: 9 am—St. Mary
Thursday: 9 am—St. Anthony
Friday: 9 am—St Pius
Saturday: 4 pm—St. Anthony
Sunday: 8:30 am—St. Pius and 10:30 am—St. Mary

**Communion service will be in lieu of daily masses on 9/21–9/25.*

Live-streamed Mass

Sunday: 12:30 pm

New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431 ext. 2) to register full or part-time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—3:30 pm—St. Anthony
or by appointment by calling Fr. Kinney, 715-378-4431 ext 4

Mass Intentions Week of Of 9/20-21–9/26/21

All Parishioners
Patrick Cosgrove—From the Cogrove family
Terry Turek—From Lee & Pat Block

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

The second collection this weekend is for the Building Fund

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by Mary M. McGlone

Historians tell us that the ancient Incas' preferred method of incorporating new groups into their empire [was by gift-giving](#). A delegation would enter a foreign territory carrying an abundance of food and rich offerings to demonstrate how people's lives could thrive under their rule. If that didn't work, they found other methods to subjugate the group.

The Incas provided a wobbly attempt at something like Jesus' model of servant leadership. The great distinction between the Inca and Christian approach is that Jesus limited himself to the humble, vulnerable power of service and attraction, never moving into coercion. That made him a threat to people who flaunted their status and strove to control others to their own advantage.

Today's selection from the Book of Wisdom portrays clearly the fate of prophets like Jesus. Their humble dealings with others create an implicit critique of authoritarianism and religious pretension.

As we see everywhere from neighborhood playgrounds to international politics, people who act with great generosity, who serve by bringing out the best in others, are frequently recognized as a threat by those who need to make their importance felt. People who strive to be first, whose driving motivation is their own advantage and advancement, cannot abide the servant leader. The servant's style unmask their egoism.

At their core, those who wield dominating power intuit their own weakness. They know that they are susceptible to anyone with greater power and thus they must hold tight to their fragile supremacy. Deep down, they understand that their control is limited to the efficacy of the threat they can muster. They gain a following by inspiring fear, an emotion incapable of generating loyalty. Jesus relied solely on the attractiveness of the message he incarnated, a method so contrary to the way of the world that, like us, the disciples found it extremely difficult to grasp.

Today's Gospel presents Jesus' second attempt to help his disciples understand that his enemies were going to use all the coercive power at their disposal to put an end to him and his ministry. Worse yet, it would look like they succeeded. The first time Jesus taught this way, [Peter tried to correct him](#). This time, Mark says the disciples were "afraid to question him." Obviously, they were beginning to understand what he was saying.

Their fear was entirely rational. It wasn't just that Jesus was going to suffer, but his fate involved similar implications for them. Love him as they did, they weren't quite ready to go that far.

Additionally, they were still enthralled by the images of power that surrounded them. They had suffered under Rome's domination and, as simple people, they were cowed by the sophisticated, haughty religious elite. Except for Jesus, they had precious few examples of authority that expressed itself in love that empowered others and created unity. Competition and power struggles were much easier to understand.

When the disciples prayed today's psalm saying, "By your might, defend my cause," they probably imagined God crushing their enemies. In contrast, Jesus longed for them to comprehend the power of the invincible love of God. They wouldn't really understand that until they saw it played out in the cross and Resurrection — exactly the scenario Jesus was preparing them for. As we listen to today's readings, rather than wonder at the disciples' thickheadedness, we might examine our own attitudes about power, service and love.

The message Jesus taught with his life was that God's dominion is solely one of attraction. God so loves the world that God will have nothing to do with coercion — not even to save the Son from suffering and death. Instead, the greatest revelation of God's character shines through Jesus' refusal to allow any rejection, threat or suffering to cause him to abandon his mission of making God's love present.

The Incas' offering of the good life was tentative. Unlike God, they abandoned that method if it didn't produce rapid results. What they and political and religious systems before and after them failed to do was to prioritize the faithfulness that flows from love. Love is the only power capable of generating genuine loyalty, a faithfulness that is stronger than death.

Today's liturgy invites us to assess our personal and communal relationships with God and one another. Do we, like the Incas, attempt coercion when love seems too weak? Are we willing to gamble that servant love is sufficient to transform evil? Do we as a church give witness to such fullness of life and joy that we entice others to give their lives to it?

Today, we are invited to walk the road with Jesus and his thickheaded disciples, praying that we, too, can learn the invincible and irresistibly attractive power of self-giving love.

[St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.]

| 9/05/21 | Solon | Gordon | Minong |
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| Envelopes | 1084.00 | 500.00 | 1440.00 |
| Loose Change | 179.00 | 77.00 | 377.00 |
| Fuel | 55.00 | 132.00 | 5.00 |
| Charity Fund | 293.00 | | |
| Building Fund | 183.00 | 71.00 | 383.26 |
| Haiti | 700.00 | 10.00 | |
| Holy Days | | | |
| Total | \$2494.00 | \$790.00 | \$2205.26 |
| CSA Goals (2021/22) | \$10,655 | \$6,460 | \$14,026 |
| CSA Results (as of:) | | | |
| % of Goal | | | |
| Electronic Donations (Monthly) | 755.00 | 335.00 | 1404.14 |

Mark Your Calendars

- Religious Education classes for St Mary's will begin September 26 at 9 am. If anyone you are interested in sending your child(ren) please contact Kathy Birtzer 715-491-5413.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Levels I, II and III, and the Adolescent Religious Ed. program begin at St. Pius X September 19 at 9:30 am.
- Registrations packets will be handed out the morning of classes.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

CGS is a common religious experience involving children and adults in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the Atrium.

Catholic Services Appeal

This is the annual Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Weekend throughout northern Wisconsin. Our parish goal this year is that every family and individual will participate to the very best of their ability, in recognition and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. All registered parishioners should have received a special letter from Bishop Powers seeking their personal commitment and a pledge of support. If you are among those in our parish family who have already responded in the spirit of stewardship and discipleship or will do so today, fervent thanks and blessings are yours. If you are still contemplating your Appeal gift, please give from your heart on behalf of those whose lives will be changed for the better because you cared. Every pledge and gift is vitally important and will bring us closer to reaching our goal. God will indeed bless and reward your generosity and concern for others, of that you can be assured.

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| St. Pius | \$10,655 |
| St. Anthony | \$ 6,460 |
| St. Mary | \$14,026 |

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

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| Dawn DenHartog | Joseph Treb |
| LaVerne Treb | John Poole |
| Virginia Bartelt | Cami Marie DenHartog |
| Patti Cosgrove | |

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Please Note:

Fr. Kinney will be on vacation from September 20—October 22. Weekday masses will be Communion Services without a priest. There will be visiting priest for the weekend Masses. Please pray for Fr. Kinney to have safe travels and a refreshing vacation.