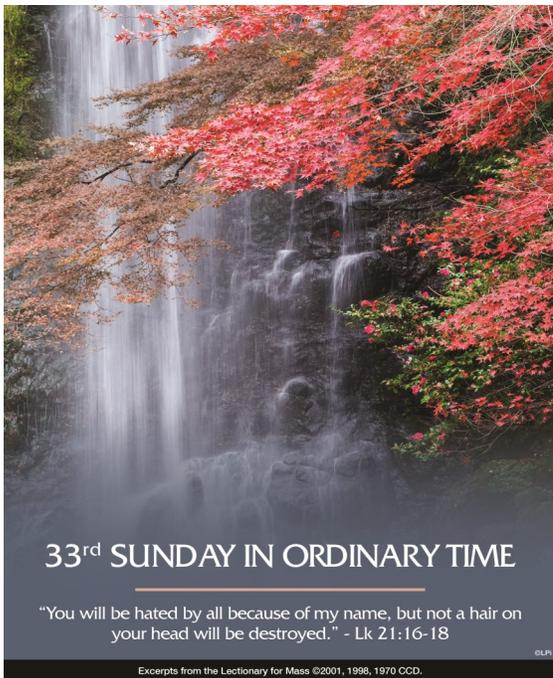


Nov. 17, 2019

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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

“You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” — Lk 21:16-19

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New Parishioners

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday:

11:00 am at St. Pius
3:00 pm at St. Anthony

Sunday:

11:30 am at St. Mary's*

*Please indicate to Father your intent to make confession either by appointment or in person so he may make himself available to you.

Winter Mass Schedule

Saturdays:

Gordon—4:00 pm

Sundays:

Solon—8:30 am

Minong—10:30 am

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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Office Hours: (usual hours)

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday,	No Mass	
Tuesday,	11/19/19	Solon
9:00 am	Henry Puckett - Charles R. Brown Family	
Wednesday,	11/20/19	Minong
9:00 am	Francis & Cora Rochon - Mag Rasmussen	
Thursday,	11/21/19	Gordon
9:00 am	Chris (healing) - Dolly Cosgrove	
Friday,	11/22/19	Solon
9:00 am	Barb Risler	

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday,	Nov. 23, 2019	
4:00 pm	Dorothy Murray - Dolly Cosgrove	Gordon
Sunday,	Nov. 24, 2019	Solon
8:30 am	All Parishioners	
10:30 am	Delores Huntowski - Jean Groat	Minong

Extraordinary Ministers Schedule

Saturday,	Nov. 23, 2019	
4:00 pm		Gordon
Server	As Available	
Reader	Dan Rankila	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Bette Balcsik	
Sunday,	Nov. 24, 2019	Solon
8:30 am		
Server	As Available*	
Reader	Fran Coenen	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Ann Mini Amy Patel Diane Lagae	
	* Emmett Patel, Nolan Patel	
10:30 am		Minong
Server	As Available*	
Reader	Cheryl Maki	
Extraordinary Ministers:	Maureen Singleton Paula Nail Josie Johnson	
	* Chris Kenny, Logan Henning or Jeff Meling	

From the Pastor's Desk

We left the Linn book, **Good Goats**, last week with the following question. **To me repentance means a change of heart. How can God or anyone else help people who don't want to change? For example isn't it true that alcoholics can't recover until they hit "rock bottom" and ask for help?** The 12 Step recovery movement's attitude toward "hitting bottom" and "doing an intervention" has evolved. In the early days of Alcoholics Anonymous, it was often thought that until an alcoholic "hit bottom" and was ready for help, there was little that could be done for that person. According to Robert Stuckey, today early interventions are encouraged, on people who seemingly don't want help and "show no signs of wanting to reform." If 12 Step group members can break through to people who seemingly don't want to change, so can God.

Are you really saying that God loves and heals us as unrepentant sinners, without us doing anything to earn it, not even asking for help?

Yes. That God loves and heals the unrepentant sinner might seem strange to many of us raised in the "Deuteronomic Code mentality." According to Richard Rohr, the Deuteronomic Code, exemplified by the Ten Commandments, was based on punishing (not healing) the unrepentant sinner. Thus the Deuteronomic Code had the following movement: I sin, God punishes me. I repent, God loves me and rewards me. In such a movement, I *earn* God's love and my reward through repentance. But stories such as Paul's conversion or the return of the unrepentant prodigal son turn the Deuteronomic Code upside down. They have a different movement: I sin, I am unrepentant, I am loved and rewarded by God, this heals me so I can repent. In such stories I do not earn God's love and reward through repentance. Instead "grace" or God's love and reward is *unearned*, a free gift which heals me and makes my eternal repentance possible.

The radical break with the Deuteronomic Code was the hallmark of the covenant introduced by the prophets. In this covenant, God's *mercy* would no longer be in contrast to God's retributive *justice*. Rather, the concepts of mercy and justice are used together. Justice for God now means God being true to Godself as the merciful one, the magnanimous one, the unconditional lover. God would never again vengefully punish sin (Is. 54:9) but rather would heal the hard-hearted by being excessive to the excessive degree, by "astounding this people with prodigies and wonders" (Is. 29:14, Jerusalem Bible).

With this covenant understanding see if you can pick the proper translation of Luke 7:47. That passage is Jesus' defense of the woman who as a public sinner scandalizes Simon the Pharisee by washing Jesus feet with her tears and drying them with her hair (Lk. 7:36-50). Jesus defense of the woman in 7:47 is translated two different ways: "For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love (Jerusalem Bible)." Or "I tell you that is why many sins are forgiven—because of her great love. Little is forgiven the one whose love is small (New American Bible)."

Which is right? The Jerusalem Bible stresses the covenant understanding. The woman's response, i.e., her acting in a healed way by showing great love, is given by Jesus as evidence of the prior *unearned* gift of God's love and forgiveness. In contrast, the NAB version reflects the Deuteronomic understanding. The woman's repentance and love *earn* God's reward of forgiveness. The answer to which translation is correct comes from Jesus' question to Simon in Luke 7:42, about whether the one forgiven a debt of five hundred or one forgiven a debt of fifty will love more, Simon's answer, that the one forgiven five hundred will love more, emphasizes that love flows from forgiveness as a response (Jerusalem Bible) rather than from a perfectionistic striving to earn forgiveness (NAB). Because nearly every bible mistranslates this, the Jerusalem Bible adds a footnote: "Not as usually translated, 'her many sins are forgiven because she has shown such great love.' The context demands the reverse: she shows so much affection because she has had so many sins forgiven." The fact that this passage is so frequently mistranslated . . . acts on the American ethic that there are no free gifts and that we have to work hard and *earn* whatever we get. **More next column.**

11/10/19	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	735.00	1011.00	654.00
Loose Change	60.00	72.00	58.00
Fuel			5.00
Building Fund	209.00	189.00	159.00
Holy Days		40.00	40.00
Candle Fund			9.00
Haiti	5.00		
Total	\$1009.00	\$1312.00	\$925.00
CSA Goals	\$10,531	\$6,789	\$13,639
CSA Results (10/25/19)	4307.50	4877.50	4740.00
% of Goal	40.9%	71.8%	34.7%
Electronic Donations (Monthly)	460.00	235.00	300.00



- Meet & Greet is this weekend. Saturday after the 4 pm mass in Gordon, meet at the Buckhorn. On Sunday after the 10:30 am mass in Minong at St. Mary.
- The tri-parish and St. Mary council meetings are on Tuesday, Nov. 19th starting at 6:30 pm at St. Mary.
- There is a Personal Silent Retreat on Wednesday, Nov. 20th at St. Pius Catholic church in Solon from 5–7 pm.
- Rel. Ed. is at St. Pius on Wednesday, Nov. 20th from 6:15–7:30 pm.
- The 4th annual Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Wascott Town Hall on Tuesday, November 26, at 5 p.m. It is located just east Hwy 53 at Cty Rd T/Red Lake Road. Following the service, they will have fellowship and potluck desserts.
- Mark your calendars, the annual Tri-Parish Christmas party is coming on Saturday, Dec. 7th. It will be at St. Mary's this year starting at 11 am. More details to follow.

Message From Bishop Powers:

It is with a heavy heart that I have the sad task of informing you of the struggle one of our priests has been dealing with. This past week, Fr. Tobolski, Fr. Gordon, and I met with Fr. Mike Tupa who shared with us that he has been struggling to live out of his promise of priestly celibacy. After a lengthy, heartfelt and honest discussion, Fr. Tupa voluntarily requested to be released from all priestly ministry. Effective November 7, I have granted his request and have suspended all priestly faculties. During this difficult time of transition, please join me in praying for Fr. Mike, and all those who will be affected by this announcement. May our faith and loving God carry us through this time of grief and change.

Message from Father Kinney:

"We join Bishop Powers in asking for God's good graces to carry Fr. Mike and all of us through this bitter sweet period of change. Change is often difficult but we always know that God journeys with us and our companions wherever life takes us. I say that as a person who has experienced similar dramatic change. While my life has been graciously renewed as a priest and pastor, I am also the same person who went through bitter sweet change some 26 years ago as I headed from married life to the priesthood. It wasn't easy but the graces and blessings certainly outweighed the challenge of loss and separation. May God do the same for Fr. Mike. Peace and love to you all during this time, Fr. Jim"

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.

Janet Henrkson	Joseph Treb
Dawn DenHartog	John Poole
Patty Cosgrove	Patricia Burgraff
Tamara Frie	Virginia Bartelt
Marlene Lucas	Darlene Flamang
Linda Sanders	Patti Joswick
Daryl Erickson	Joe Kaufman
LaVerne Treb	

Readings for the week of November 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Did you ever hear Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" that starts "fourscore and seven years ago..."? On November 19, 1863, people gathered to hear a famous "orator" at Gettysburg give a TWO-HOUR SPEECH after the Civil War. After he finished, President Abraham Lincoln gave a speech that lasted for less than two minutes. No one remembers what the other man said that day, but Americans will never forget what Lincoln said. He said that America will always have "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." Say a prayer of thanks today for living in the LAND OF THE PEOPLE and pray that people will work to keep the government FOR THE PEOPLE. Isn't that what Jesus would want?