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"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MATTHEW 20:16

• *ST. PIUS X*  
(*OLON SPRINGS*)

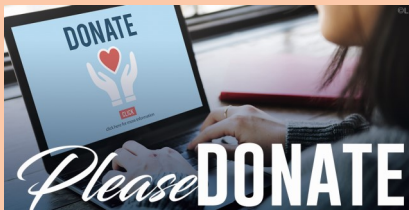
• *ST. ANTHONY*  
(*GORDON*)

• *ST. MARY*  
(*MINONG*)

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard... When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'" — Mt 20:1, 8

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### New Parishioners

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

Mass Intentions Week of 9/8—  
9/13/20

Amos Hewitt—Paul & Ann LaLiberte  
Don Leinwander—Polly Leinwander &  
Family

### Mass Schedule

Outdoor mass will be offered on Sundays, 10:30 am at St. Pius, 12:30 pm at St. Mary. Registration is required by calling the office; 715-378-4431 ext 2 or ext 3. Live-streamed masses can be viewed on Facebook on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Tue.—Fri. at 9 am. Live-streamed masses are also available on the tri-parish website.

### 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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## **Pope Francis' critics are dividing the church and families—including mine.**

**Mike Lewis (America Magazine)**

August 13, 2020

"Pope Francis has damaged my faith," she told me. I held my tongue, remembering my futile past attempts to respond to her antipathy toward our pope.

"I told Father today, and he says Pope Francis has hurt his faith, too," she added. A final dig.

Last December, my mom was only a few days from the end of her final illness. Our pastor had seen her that morning and heard her confession. It was the last time we ever discussed faith or religion.

There was nothing more important to my mother than her faith. She often reminded us that her vocation and mission was to pass the faith down to her four children and to get us into heaven. With the same talents that made her a gifted schoolteacher, she instructed us in the church's teachings. She shared the faith with us in a way that was attractive, rich, interesting and true—supplementing and far surpassing the standard parochial school catechesis we received.

The faith she passed down to me and my siblings was influenced by her own Catholic school education in the 1950s and early '60s. Her teenage faith was informed by her father, who was deeply angered, even traumatized by the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. And he was vocal about it. As an adult, however, my mother's views on religion became less recalcitrant. My dad converted to Catholicism months before they were married, and I think his faith—genuine but also practical and down-to-earth—tempered the reactionary impulses of her upbringing. Still, my mother's religiosity was always the center of our childhood experience.

She taught us our prayers, the Scriptures and saints. Mom instructed us in moral doctrine, the four last things and the dignity of human life. Although I never heard her use the term Catholic social teaching, she opposed the death penalty, supported justice for immigrants, was strongly against racism and stood with the pope on matters of war and peace.

We had a picture of Pope John Paul II in our kitchen. I remember as a child looking at it and thinking how lucky we were to have such a great leader for our church. Although my grandfather often viewed the hierarchy with suspicion and contempt, my mother developed a love for the pope and trusted the church to teach the truth.

Certainly there were gaps in our religious formation, but this was not due to a lack of effort on her part. She passed everything she had on to her children. Our everyday conversations often revolved around our faith: big, deep, eternal questions. Catholicism became an integral part of who I was—who we were—and even during dark times in my life, even when God seemed distant, my prayers went unanswered and my future was uncertain, my faith never left me.

Even when my relationship with my mother became strained from time to time, I was grateful to her for the faith she passed on to me.

That is why our division over Pope Francis was so painful.

Pope Francis' election in 2013 coincided with a period of personal conversion and spiritual growth in my life. Not only had I thrown myself more deeply into practicing my faith, attending daily Mass and eucharistic adoration, but I had begun to understand my faith more deeply in terms of my relationship with God and encounter with Christ.

The faith that Mom shared with me, the faith that she helped nurture, finally became my own. Many people contributed to my education and formation in the faith. But there is no question that the person who first watered the seed of my faith was my mother.

When Francis became pope, everything seemed to come together. Most of us remember fondly those first months of his papacy: a whirlwind of powerful gestures, challenging words and unprecedented, surprising decisions. The worldwide good will generated by the beginning of his papacy created a "Catholic moment" in our culture. After years of media focus on church scandals and involvement in political culture wars, it was as if our new Argentine pontiff had single-handedly changed the narrative when he stepped onto the loggia, offered a modest wave and said the words "Buona sera."

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9/6/20	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	885.00	1245.00	500.00
Loose Change	55.00	55.00	55.00
Fuel	15.00	100.00	5.00
Building Fund	25.00	100.00	42.00
Catholic Herald			
Haiti			
Assumption Mary			
Charity			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$980.00</b>	<b>\$1500.00</b>	<b>\$602.00</b>
<b>CSA Goals</b>	<b>\$10,531</b>	<b>\$6,789</b>	<b>\$13,639</b>
<b>CSA Results</b>			
<b>% of Goal</b>			
<b>Electronic Dona- tions (Monthly)</b>	<b>565.00</b>	<b>235.00</b>	<b>308.17</b>

**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 September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a  
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

#### Catholic Services Appeal

This weekend is the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) commitment weekend. Our parish goal this year is that every family and individual will participate to the very best of their ability. 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.

#### Mass Schedule

Live streamed masses on Facebook: Tuesday–Friday at 9 am and Saturday at 5 pm.

Outdoor masses: Sunday, St. Pius X at 10:30 am and St. Mary at 12:30 pm. Reminder, please call the parish office to register by Friday at 4 pm. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on the opening of our churches, possibly by 9/27/20.



#### Kids Corner

##### Hey Kids!

On Monday, Sept, 21st we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew. Some people might not LIKE this saint, since he was a TAX COLLECTOR! Others might like him because the name "Matthew" means *gift of god*! Matthew lived the same time Jesus did, and people THEN did not like to pay taxes any better than TODAY's people do! They often had nothing to do with a man who earned his living by collecting taxes. They didn't want to talk to him, wouldn't invite him to parties, and probably even crossed the street when they saw him coming so they wouldn't have to talk to him.

Jesus, however, CHOSE Matthew to be one of his apostles. And Matthew was a very good apostle, preaching, and baptizing many. He also wrote the Gospels of Matthew in the Bible- and it has been read by millions of people through the centuries. So it turned out THIS tax collector truly WAS a "gift from God"! So, take a look at the Gospels of Matthew (1st book in New Testament) and see if you can figure out why Jesus might have chosen Matthew as an apostle.