25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11


GROWING AS CATHOLICS IN THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FORMATION AND COMMUNITY.
We Warmly Welcome New Parishioners! Contact the Parish Office To Register!

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Readings for the Week September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:47/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Eze 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eze 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eze 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befg, 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, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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From Our Youth Minister

From time to time I get asked by people why I believe in God. My first response is that I know God exists because I’ve experienced God countless times throughout my life. I’ve experienced God in prayer, in times when I’ve had to make a decision and God has nudged my heart in a certain direction I needed to go. I’ve experienced God through relationships with other people. I’ve experienced God in each of the sacraments. I experience God’s love and truth when I meditate on passages of Scripture. I could go on and on with ways I’ve experienced God, and that is my first response to the question about why I believe in God.

But we can also know that God exists through the use of our reasoning ability. Great saints and thinkers throughout history have developed philosophical arguments that rationally show why God must exist. The most famous of those arguments come from St. Thomas Aquinas, who is arguably the greatest theologian the church has ever had.

I once read an awesome book by John Allen called To Light a Fire on the Earth: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age. In that book John Allen summarizes St. Thomas Aquinas’ Five Proofs for God’s existence as follows:

1. Unmoved Mover – For Thomas Aquinas, ‘moving’ included any kind of change – not just spatial motion. Things change all the time in the world, and those changes are always caused by something else. A plant grows because someone waters it, I change jobs because someone hired me, and so on. However, that chain can’t go back indefinitely because at some point there has to be a force that initiated change without an external cause, and that’s what God is.

2. First Cause – In the world, everything that happens has a cause. Once again, however, that chain can’t be infinite because something has to exist without being caused, and that’s God.

3. Contingency – When we look around, it’s clear that everything in the world depends on something else, meaning everything is ‘contingent’. However, there has to be something that’s not contingent that got the ball rolling, and that is God.

4. Degree – As we think about the world, instinctively we think about things as more or less ‘good,’ more or less ‘beautiful,’ et cetera. Yet that evaluation implies some absolute standard of perfect goodness, perfect beauty, and so on, against which everything else is being judged, and that’s another way of saying ‘God’.

5. Natural End – In the world, even non-intelligent beings appear to behave with purpose – acorns, for instance grow into oak trees without anyone engineering it. Yet since these things can’t think for themselves, they must have acquired that orientation toward a goal from some intelligent force, and again, that’s a way of talking about God.

Fr. Dan Janasik

“Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service”

In our Gospel reading this weekend Jesus tells the parable of the Dishonest Steward, a story about prudence, honesty, and wealth that has been debated by interpreters for centuries. The passage concludes with Jesus saying, “No servant can serve two masters...you cannot serve both God and mammon” (In this case, “mammon” is usually translated as “wealth” or “riches”). With this statement, Jesus is begging the question: To what do we readily give ourselves when all is said and done? Do we spend our time acquiring things (wealth or possessions) or doing things (activities, chores, etc.) instead of giving our God-given time, talent, and treasure back to God? We are faced with this choice every day, but as Jesus says, we cannot give ourselves to two absolutes. We open our Mass today singing “Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service” asking for the wisdom to know where our priorities lie and acknowledge that our gifts must be consecrated for God’s purpose and used for the betterment of others. It is in doing this that we turn from a path that is only self-serving toward a path that is God-serving.

Bryan Staedler, Director of Music
St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata, which has never been explained. He was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina to a farm family. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. Fortunately, his parents were also very religious, and they supported his Catholic development.

His family attended daily Mass and he served as an altar boy at his local parish. Francesco was known for taking on penances and his mother once scolded him for sleeping on a stone floor. From a tender age, Francisco had a peculiar ability: he could see guardian angels and spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

This was not something taught to him but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too. Although Francesco and his family were very religious, they were also very poor, which required that he work. He spent many years as a child tending to a poor, which required that he work. He too. Although Francisco and his family assumed other people could see them too.

Padre Pio in the 1920s. His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who worked in the hospital. On the night of June 20, 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had begun to fail. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." Pope John Paul II recognized Padre Pio as a saint on June 16, 2002. His feast day is September 23. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, and the village of Pietrelcina.
**PRAYER LIST**


*Please help us keep our prayer list current by calling the parish office.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 24... Seven Days of Service
Sept. 26...... School Welcome Back Mtg.
September 26... Open House/Book Fair
September 28/29... Women of Christ Talk
September 29.......... Flu Shot Clinic
Oct. 2–Dec. 11... Wednesday Bible Study
October 3... Soccer/Volleyball Team Pics
Oct. 3–Nov. 21.... Catechist Enrichment
October 5.... H&S Car Show/Brat Fry
October 6......... Hospitality Sunday

*Download our parish app www.myparishapp.com. Contact Kathleen in the parish office for assistance or questions.*

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY**

Do you have 30 minutes to spare once a month? Or once every other month?

Our volunteers provide a weekly communal service each Sunday at the Muskego Nursing Home, Heritage Senior Center and the Tudor Oaks Nursing Home. We are expanding services to Caring Alternatives!

This ministry requires a very small commitment!

The communal service normally takes about 30 minutes of your time. Nursing Home Ministers provide the communal service one Sunday per month or two or more individuals can share a monthly rotation. Ministers perform a short group service at each Sunday.

The nursing home participants really enjoy and look forward to their Sunday service.

The Ministry provides you with all the training, tools and materials needed to perform the service.

If you have any questions or want to know more about the Ministry please contact the Nursing Home Ministry Coordinator, Jodi Staral at 262-370-7115 Email: jostaral@gmail.com.
Focus: CLAS
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We always have room for more children. If you have a child who would benefit from this program, please contact Deacon Rick Wirch at 414-233-3586 for more information.

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**
4:00 pm Volleyball Practice— Gym
6:15 pm CF Elementary Classes— K5, Gr. 1-6, MM
6:15 pm YM Monday Classes— All Saints, Library, Music
6:30 pm Vines & Branches— Youth Center
8:00 pm Centering Prayer— Chapel

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**
2:15 pm School Drama Club Rehearsals— Church
4:00 pm Volleyball Practice— Gym
6:00 pm 7 Days of Service— All Saints
7:00 pm Pastoral Council— Board Rm

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**
6:30 am Early Risers Scripture Study— Fireplace Rm
4:00 pm Volleyball Practice— Gym
6:00 pm Scout Pak 118 Skit Practice— Cafeteria
7:00 pm Men’s Ministry— Youth Center
7:30 pm Council of Catholic Women Mtg.— MM

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**
6:00 am Men’s Ministry— Youth Center
9:00 am Centering Prayer— Chapel
4:00 pm Volleyball Practice— Gym
4:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal— Church
5:30 pm Book Fair/Open House— All School
6:00 pm School Welcome Back— Church
6:30 pm Choir Practice— Church, GS

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019**
3:00 pm Wedding— Church, GS, Sacramento Rm
4:00 pm Volleyball— Gym

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**
8:00 am Volleyball /Tournament – Gym
5:00 pm Women of Christ Witness Talks— Church
5:30 pm YM Wall of Envelopes Fundraiser— GS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**
7:30 am (ALL MASSES) Women of Christ Witness Talks— Church
8:30 am (AFTER ALL MASSES) YM Wall of Envelopes Fundraiser— GS
9:00 am Little Leos Nursery— Little Leos Rm
10:15 am YM Classes— All Saints, John Bosco, Library, Youth Center
10:15 am CF Elementary Classes— Gr. 1-8, K4, K5, MM, Music, LC
12:00pm Volleyball/Tournaments— Gym
6:30 pm Confirmation Classes— Church, All Saints, Gr. 5 &8, Music Rm, John Bosco, MM, Chapel

**SCRIP sold after all Masses in the Gathering Space**

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**JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

Join the Office for Marriage & Family Life in celebrating your silver or golden wedding anniversary! The annual Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration is **Saturday, October 5, 2019**, at 10 am at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, St. Francis. **This Mass honors those celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries. Couples married over 50 years are also welcome to attend.** A reception will follow the Liturgy. Cost is $40 per couple and includes a commemorative certificate and a professional photo. Call 414-758-2201 to register, or visit [www.johnpaul2center.org/marriageministry](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/marriageministry).

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**TURKEY TROT HELP WANTED**

Do you drink water? Have you ever used a table? Then you may have the experience needed to be our water table captain. Duties include transporting and setting up tables, water, and cups for two water stops along the race course. Our retiring captain, (Chuck DuPont) will be happy to help by relating his experience from the last seven years. If you are interested in this position, or being on the Turkey Trot committee; email Allen Jorn at stleonturkeytrot@yahoo.com

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**THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** (formerly Christian Mothers) will be having a meeting on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Margaret Mary room.** Come and pick up a Gift Certificate for the Fall Gift Basket and Bake Sale which will be held on October 19th and 20th, 2019.

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**REGULAR PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

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