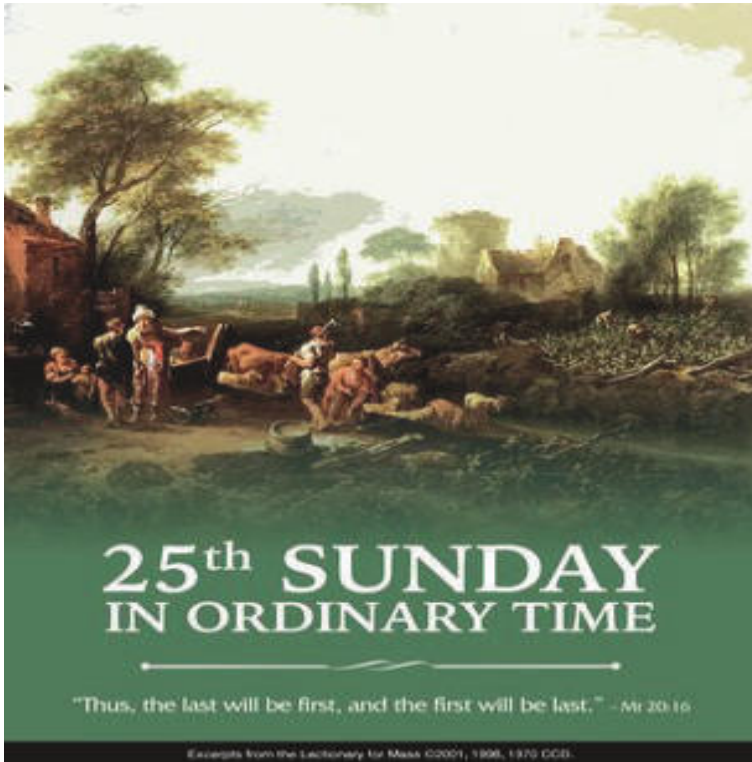


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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 20, 2020



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 Office hours: Mon — Thu 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 3:30—3:50 pm on Saturdays at St. Rita
 8:30—8:50 am on Sundays at St. Mary
 10:30—10:50 am on Sundays at St. Anne
 (Or call Fr. Joseph for an appointment)

CONTRIBUTIONS for September 6, 2020

			Online
St. Anne - \$	820.00	St. Anne - \$	55.00
St. Mary - \$	495.00	St. Mary - \$	105.00
St. Rita - \$	1,007.00	St. Rita - \$	40.00

We encourage your parish giving by going onto our website: <https://ncc.weconnect.com>. Or you can mail your envelope to the parish office at PO Box 110-Boulder Junction, WI 54512. If you have any questions please call the office @715-385-2390

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesdays at 8:00 am—St. Mary, Sayner
Thursdays at 9:00 am—St. Anne, Boulder Junction
Fridays at 9:00 am—St. Rita, Presque Isle
Saturdays at 4:00 pm—St. Rita, Presque Isle
Sundays at 9:00 am—St Mary, Sayner
Sundays at 11:00 am St Anne, Boulder Junction
Due to the fact we are only allowed to have 25% of total occupancy, we are asking you to call the office Mon—Thurs. 8:30 to 4:30 at 715-385-2390 or email me at stannechurch@centurytel.net to preregister each week for which Mass you are attending and how many people. You are encouraged to attend our Masses through the week to help in this matter.
 We are also live streaming Sunday Mass on YouTube on Sundays. Go to YouTube, Type in Northwoods Catholic Churches , Scroll down to St Anne Mass. You can watch anytime on Sunday after 11:00 am.
 Thank you and God Bless

2020/2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you for filling out a Catholic Services Appeal envelope. For those who did not fill one out, please do so before you leave church today. No gift is too small, and our parishes are trying to reach 100% participation.

**Our goals for this year are: St. Mary-\$15,139.00
 St. Rita-\$12,680.00, St Anne-\$9,476.00**

**As of 9/13/20 we have raised: St. Mary -\$2,838.00,
 St. Rita-\$2,721.00, St. Anne-\$3,651.00**

There are many challenges that face us today. The shortage of priests is one such challenge. The responsibility our parish has to help provide diocesan services and ministries such as support for vocations and the education of seminarians is an answer to the challenge.

When making your donation at Mass or sending to the parish office please **make check payable to your parish, and in memo write CSA. Thank you!** Online Giving to the Catholic Services Appeal provides (www.Catholicdos.org) donors with a secure and easy way to make a gift to Catholic Services Appeal. Your parish is automatically credited with your gift.

ALL THREE PARISHES

Special Prayer Request: Please pray for the health of Joe Lakota, Greg Shimon, Dale Muth. Our prayers also go out to all Police, Fireman, First Responder, and the active-duty men and women who are serving in the military.

If you have a special prayer request, please contact Kathy in the church office at 715-385-2390

ST. ANNE PARISH

Reader for Sept 27th: Janie Russell

If you need help with getting groceries or anything else, we have willing volunteers. Please contact the office @ 715-385-2390

Lay Leadership: Trustees: John Ader, Therese Safford

Parish Council: Barbara Douglas-Johnson (Chair), Susie Schwanda (Vice-Chair), Dennis Aukstik (Secretary), Peter Kable, Mary Van Grinsven.

Finance Council: Tom Wierzba, Greg Van Grinsven.

Bible Study: Is not meeting at this time



In 1 Chronicles 29: 1-22 we learn of the Biblical pattern for receiving an offering for a building program. This is the story of the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. We find in this story that King David and the leaders of Temple set the example for giving by giving *first*, or in *advance*, of the Temple families and by giving *sacrificially*. They were pacesetters!

We are following this example in our *Gather Us In* Campaign. We will be receiving *advance commitments* for our Campaign from the Parish Council, the *Gather Us In Campaign Committee*, and other financial steward leaders of the church. Much like in the Chronicles 29 story, advance commitments will build confidence among our parishioners that the leadership is fully supportive of this Campaign and that it is well underway. Advance commitments will be received by Friday, October 9, and the results will be announced on Sunday, October 11.

Would you like to be a “pacesetter” in our *Gather Us In* Campaign and be a part of getting us off to a good start? If so, please contact the church office.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES/MASS INTENTIONS

09/19 Sat.	St. Rita, Presque Isle	4:00 pm
	The People of the Cluster	
09/20 Sun.	St. Mary, Sayner	9:00 am
	+Ray Kessro, by Sue & Norman Kessro	
	+Jerome & Patricia Fassbender, by Family and Loved ones	
	+Dodd Millar, by Rose Anne Millar	
09/20 Sun.	St. Anne, Boulder Junction	11:00 am
	In memory of Sophie Bieschke 100th birthday	
	By her children	
	+Judy Durand, by Scott Durand	
09/23 Wed	St. Mary, Sayner	8:00 am
	+Bobby Moser, Jr., by Ida Nemec	
	+Bernard Stromberg	
09/24 Thur.	St. Anne, Boulder Junction	9:00 am
09/25 Fri.	St. Rita, Presque Isle	9:00 am
09/26 Sat.	St. Rita, Presque Isle	4:00 pm
	+Michael Kelly, by Nellie & Dick Hemming	
	+Teddie Mallon, by Louise Eifert	
	+Harriet Zych, by Louise Eifert	
09/27 Sun.	St. Mary, Sayner	9:00 am
	The People of the Cluster	
09/27 Sun.	St. Anne, Boulder Junction	11:00 am
	The Jack Palmer Family, by Marge Palmer	
	+Jim Wittig, by Cheri Wittig	

ST. RITA PARISH

Reader for Sept 26th: Otto Novak

If you need help with getting groceries or anything else, we have willing volunteers. Please contact the office @ 715-385-2390

Lay Leadership: Trustees: Bob Hagen, Jerry Sanders

Parish Council: Otto Novak (Chair), Faith Newberry (Vice chair), Leo Crawley, Jim Steines, and Lisa Roan

Finance Council: Richard Schmalzer

Parish Council and Finance council meeting:

Tuesday September 22, 2020 @ 6:00pm will be a Parish council and Finance council meeting at St Rita annex.

Food Pantry Donations: St Anne and St Rita will be accepting donations for the Food Pantry. Items needed are: Toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant wipes, glass cleaner, anti-bacterial hand soap, disposable gloves, and paper towels. Please be generous in your giving. Thank you !!!

ST. MARY PARISH

Reader For Sept 27th: Steve Forhan

Religious Education

We are exploring options for our fall religious education program. A survey will be sent out to all who are interested in our youth program. If you are new to the parish, contact Ida Nemec at ilnemec@frontier.com or call 715-542-3127 or text 715-499-4016.

Lay Leadership: Trustees: Sue Kessro, Nick Chicka. Parish Council: Jim Nellessen (Chair), Ida Nemec (Secretary) Stan Rakowski, Jessica Grafwallner

Finance Council: Ed Johnston

To add a name to the prayer chain call Peggy Taming at 715-542-3799 or Monica Fath at 715-542-2351.

The Following businesses give a percentage of their sales to our church. Camp's receipts: Mark CD3 on them and turn them into the red basket at camp's or drop them in the collection basket. Also save receipts from St. Germain Shell and turn them into the box in the front entrance of church.

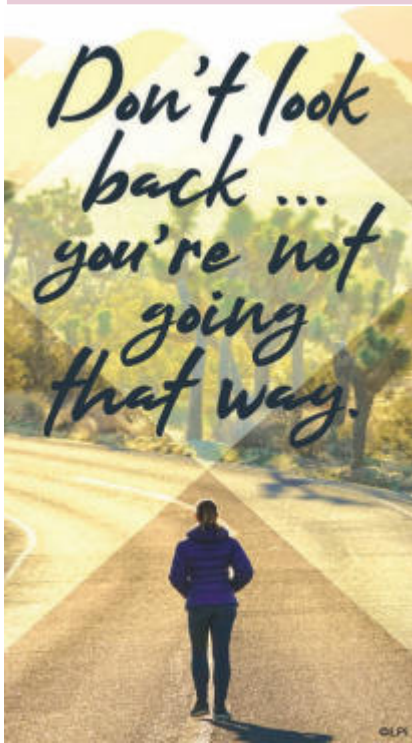
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.



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