



September 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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**Holy Mass** Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;  
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN  
STANDARD DEADLINE:  
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,

In our Gospel Jesus asks his disciples and us, "Who do you say that I am?" Our answer to that question changes everything for us. If we say that this man, Jesus, is just a historical figure from the past or just a wise teacher we can ignore him if we choose. However, if we say that this man is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, as Saint Peter confesses today, that has got to change everything about the way we live our lives. When we say that, Jesus is God we have to totally, completely and utterly configure our lives to him. Once we know by faith that Jesus is God we have to live our lives in accordance with his teachings! To do this we have to open the door of our hearts to him to invite him to work in our lives. I heard it put this way before. "Jesus doesn't need much, but He does require our permission. When we consent and give our little yes, it's like laying little train tracks. They may be poorly made, crooked and rickety, but God is like a bullet-train. He just needs the tracks, any tracks at all, and He comes bursting right in and changes everything." It is up to us to invite him into our lives like laying train tracks to our hearts. Our motivation to consent to say yes to Jesus is that he is God. And, we are his sons and daughters created by him out of love. And Our Lord who is God continues to love us throughout our lives. It is comforting to know that we don't have to do it all by ourselves, but to simply allow God to bless us and work through us to accomplish all that he has entrusted to us. Once we know that Jesus is Lord, we need to allow him to be Lord over all the parts of our lives. We can no longer allow ourselves to be indifferent or lukewarm but allow the fire of Christ's love burn with in us. When we do this that moves us to action to live our Catholic faith with fervor. That also moves us to never miss Mass and to greater participation in all the events of our parish.

God Bless,  
Fr. Butler

## RCIA OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22, 7:15 PM Parish Center

Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church? Were you raised in a Protestant tradition but now feel drawn toward Catholicism? Is your spouse/fiancé Catholic and perhaps you would like to share in his or her faith? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated 1st Communion or Confirmation? Are you unbaptized but feel a call from God to draw closer to him and the Church? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then RCIA may be right for you. If you have questions about RCIA or to sign up for the class please contact the parish office at 815 498-2010.

**First class is  
Wednesday, September 29th, 6pm.**



### WOMENS SOCIETY WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Hats, gloves, mittens, coats, sweat-shirts, blankets, flannel shirts, sweatpants, boots and heavy socks are needed in both adult and kid sizes. Drop off will be before and after every weekend Mass between September 25 and October 3, in the Parish Center. Call Mary Stout at 815 498-3227 if you have any questions.

## Fall and Christmas



### Garage Sale Dropoff Days

October 20-21 8am-5pm  
(Fall and Christmas items only)

### Garage Sale

Friday, October 22 8am-5pm  
Saturday, October 23 8am-1pm

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION



Tuesday, October 5  
9am-2:30pm

Fr. Steve Sabo-Speaker  
\$10 per person includes Lunch  
All Parishioners Are Invited

September 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel Meditation

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week are  
in memory of:

**Helen Werner**

*Req by Pat Werner*



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**UNDER MARY'S MANTLE**

This is St. Mary's-Plano grief support group. We will walk you on your journey from grief to healing for those who are coping with the loss of a loved one to death. Sessions are from 7-8pm on Sept 30, Oct 7,14,21,28. Each session will lead into the next session so you are encouraged to attend all five sessions. There is no registration fee. You do not have to be Catholic to attend. Please contact Kathy Robbins at 815 970-4109 or Marianne Gustafson at 630-888-9611.

**STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

This week, we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. Soon you will receive a package of beautiful materials in the mail. Please prayerfully review these materials and discern where God is calling you in the coming year. On Commitment Sunday, September 25-26, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card.

## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

### **September 13-19, 2021**

Monday 8:00 am Joseph Pfeifer  
Req by Dolores Pfeifer

Tuesday 8:00 am Fran & Sis Dewey  
Req by Westbrook Family

Wednesday 8:00 am Mr & Mrs William Holohan  
Req by Roger & Jane Schubbe

Thursday 8:00 am Helen Werner  
Req by Pat Werner

Friday 8:00 am Dennis Stoia  
Req by Janet Kessler

Saturday 5:00 pm Darl Scholl  
Req by Scholl Family

Sunday 8:00am Stella Wautier  
Req by Chuck & Sandy  
Durancik

11:00am Pro Populo  
People of the Parish

## ***LITURGICAL ROLES***

### **September 18-19, 2021**

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A  
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A  
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A  
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

## ***ALTAR SERVERS***

### **September 18-19, 2021**

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

## ***SEPTEMBER USHERS***

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, September 11-12**  
*Stewardship Announcement Weekend at All Masses*

**TUESDAY, September 14, 2021**

*Knights of Columbus* 7:15 pm

**WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021**

*Parent-Student Confirmation*

*Meeting* 7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, September 10, 2021**

*Pray Rosary at the Grotto* 8:30 am

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY, September 18-19**

*Stewardship Witness Weekend at All Masses*

**SUNDAY, September 19, 2021**

*First Day of Religious Ed and Parent*

*Meeting* 9:15am



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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