

# 25th Sunday Ordinary Time Sept 20, 2020



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## Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

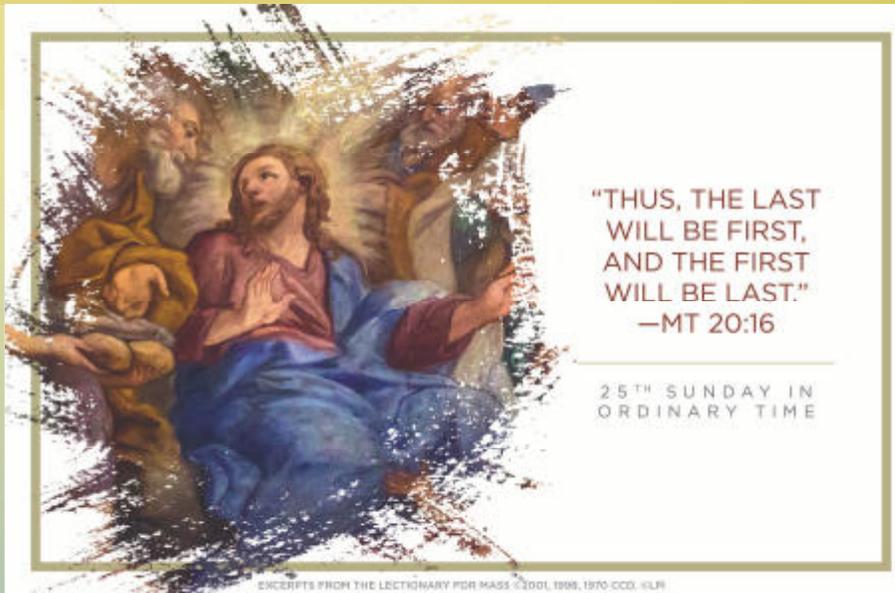
## Sacrament of Reconciliation

It is an obligation of the Catholic to receive confession at least once per year during Lent and Easter season.

**Please call the Parish Office to schedule your confession with Father Letona.**

## Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Have been temporarily suspended, for now is currently being reserved for ONLY when in grave of death. Thank you for understanding.



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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God offers a full days wage even to laborers whose work in His vineyard is very brief (C.f. Matthew 20:1-16).

Our Blessed Lord often challenges us to see things not from an earthly perspective but from a heavenly one. The word "perspective" come from two Latin words "per" meaning "through," and "specere" meaning "to look." They join to form "perspicere" which means "to look through." The very word "perspective" is an invitation to "look through" a situation, not at it, to gain a proper perspective.

The Lord tells us in the Gospel that "the last will first and the first will be last." From the merely human perspective, this makes no sense, it seems illogical, it may even seem unjust. The owner of the vineyard in the Gospel parable hires workers throughout the day, some early in the morning others towards the end. He agrees with each worker to give the daily wage, which in this case is a Roman "denarius," a coin which equaled a days wage for manual labor.

At evening, he called forth those whom he hired near the end of the day to pay them. They were paid a denarius. Those who had been hired early in the morning thought they would receive more. They too were given a denarius. Those workers thought the owner was being unjust to them.

"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the

same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?'"

Some point out the perceived "injustice" the landowner has committed: offering the full/ same wage to those who worked only an hour while others toiled in the blazing heat all day. What they ( and, often, we) consider injustice is actually incredible generosity on the part of the landowner. Should we be annoyed if a sinner has a conversion a short time before their death and gets to enjoy heaven the same as someone who has followed God their entire life? Do we desire salvation, or only our reward?

Isaiah, in the First Reading, writes "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." It is never too late, it may be even the "eleventh hour" when we finally come to repentance and embrace the gift of God.

Saint Andrew Wouters for instance was lousy terrible priest! (You heard that right). His scandalous life as a diocesan priest was a public failure on the grounds of his womanizing and fathering several children. He was easy to dismiss and ridicule.

Reformation and Counter-Reformation conflicts were ripe during the summer of 1572 in Andrews' home territory of Gorkum, Holland. June 26th, a band of Calvinist 'pirates' arrived by sea to cleanse the area of papist, rounding up many priest and brothers. Many were tortured and asked to renounce the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Rising to some call deep in his soul, Fr. Andrew volunteered to support his brothers in their captivity and joined them. All were taken by boat to Briel, mocked and asked to choose freedom by denying the pope as Christ's representative head of the Church.

19 Martyrs of Gorkum placed their faith in their God and were hanged from the roof beams in the shed of a former monastery, the bodies unceremoniously dumped in a group grave. Everyone, the prisoners and the captors, thought the disgraced Father Wouters would give in and renounce the Faith. Wouters' last words were, "Fornicator I always was; heretic I never was." He died martyr for Christ and His Holy Church. God offers a full days wage even to laborers whose work in his field is very brief.

We all benefit from the mercy of God. We all enjoy the promise of salvation, provided that we heed the call when it comes to us and cooperate with God's grace. Heaven's perspective must shape our perspective. Not the other way around. For "The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works." (Responsorial Psalm)

God bless you all,  
Father Letona

## Character Builds Families

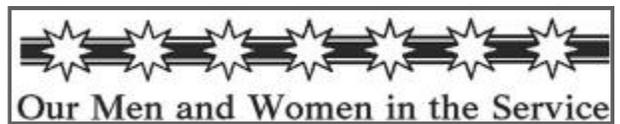
Let us send prayers to those who have received two of the Sacraments from St Paul's Church this past week.

Penance and First Holy Communion @ St Paul's Church

**Charlie Oleson**  
**Ethan Kallies**  
**Even Pfaff**

As you continue your education in the Faith let us remember to **keep on receiving communion as often as possible, if we have that good habit of prayer and confessing grave sin.**

**Congratulations!**



### **Please remember our Military and their Families**

Capt. Benjamin Murphy USAF	Maj. Jeannette Jasinski USAF
Capt. Jarrad Glasenapp Army	Capt. Jill Glasenapp Army
Sgt Ethan McKay	Maj. Barbara Schulz
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Luca Stromberg-Windau	A1C Ethan Jasinski USAF
MSgt Douglas Cody	

### **OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS NEED OUR PRAYERS.....**

Karen Caple	Laura Wagner	Marty Gillan
Sam Pesta	Marcella Hirt	Christi Lewis
Dave Pearson	Harry Guzak	Mary Barnharst
Dorothy Zilinski	Fr. John Corapi	Ron Schaub
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Joanne Guess	Parvlch Family	Michael LaHaye
Bob Herriot	Mick Ollendick	Arlene Lindstrom
Sandy Dvorak	Therese Wuzak	Mary Ann Dunn
Michael Kuzdas	Pat McCullough	Steven Blaskey
Wilda Paulson	Bill Guess	Marleen Quist
Gayle Mecikalski	Terry Benson	John Conrardy
Dave Lewis		

**Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.**



### **Secretary's Corner**

I am working on updating the register of the parish for St Paul... If you **MOVED, CHANGED PARISHES**, or just plain need to verify that I have the right address, email, phone number and proper spelling of name!! **PLEASE** call, visit or email me with the information! Thank you for all your help in this matter  
Office hrs Sept 13 19 Tue. 9-12.30pm, Wed 9-12.30pm Thurs 9-12 pm Please note I will be out of the office on the 18th.

## Worried about the future? Find peace in this short prayer

St. Josemaria Escriva wrote this prayer in response to someone who shared they were having "a very rough time."

It's relatively easy to be worried about the future. We simply don't know what is going to happen today, tomorrow, or next year. This state of uncertainty can cripple us at times, keeping us from doing anything out of fear of the unknown.

St. Josemaria Escriva consoled someone in a similar frame of mind, who said to him (as quoted in *The Way of the Cross*), "Father, I am having a very rough time."

In response, the saint composed a short but peaceful prayer of abandonment, entrusting to God everything past, present and future.

My Lord and my God: into your hands I abandon the past and the present and the future, what is small and what is great, what amounts to a little and what amounts to a lot, things temporal and things eternal.

Asking his friend to pray this prayer, St. Josemaria wrote, "Then, don't worry any more."

The only way we can move forward in calm is to entrust our "rough times" to God and then let the worry go. He is in control, and will be with us every step of the way. (Aleteia 9-15-20)

### Family Builder Idea:

Pray the Novena of the Infant of Prague as it begins again this month from Sept 16—24th

This past Monday we celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when you bring your children to church this Sunday take a few minutes to recite with your children the following prayer;

'You did not abandon me when I strayed away from you; abandon me not, I ask you, now that I would seek you.'

Or

'Lord Jesus Christ, by your sufferings when your pure and innocent soul left your most holy body, have pity on my poor soul when it shall leave my body. Amen.'

**The crucifix is there to remind us of the love God has for us and to elicit a response of love in return. (Aleteia)**

# MASS SCHEDULE

Attend in person 6pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10am St Paul's New Lisbon

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**Michael Parishes**

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time **Father Letona** 10:00 am

Readings

Is 55:6-9

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

**St. Paul's Church is open for prayer**

**9am-7pm Tue-Sat**

**Weekday Mass schedule @ St. Paul's  
Tuesday—Friday 8:30am**

### On the Web

- **YOUTUBE** Father Letona, Mass live streamed Sunday 10am
- Like our parish page on Facebook **Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes**
- **[www.mjpcatholic.com](http://www.mjpcatholic.com)**
- **In person for private prayer**  
**Sunday after Mass till 7pm**  
**Monday 12pm—7pm**  
**Tuesday – Saturday 9am—7pm**

### St. Michael's Schedule Sept 27th

#### Lector

Wenzel Felber

#### Offertory

Dave & Lisa Powell

#### Ushers

Kevin Kriigel/John Ollendick

#### Money Counters

Marge Shie/Kevin Quist

### St. Paul's Schedule Sept 27th

#### Lector

Mary Schumer

#### Money Counter

Karla Quist/Mary Peterson

#### Ushers

Mike Vinz, Rick Barrett

### St James Schedule Sept 26th

#### Lector

Loretta Connor

**We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135**

### Update to the Mass attendance;

This past week have an increase, thank you for attending Mass. See you this weekend!

## FORMATION IN FAITH:

The Fifth and the Sixth Commandments (Laws or Precepts) of the Church

### 5. To contribute to the support of the Church.

In the contribution to the Church, we thank all of you have helped out during this challenging time... for the Law of the Church when the support comes to the Church it is used to pay the expenses of the Church (keep the lights on) and "what we give to the Church we give to God. It is a sign of our love for Him" (Baltimore Catechism)

Remember God only asks us to give 10% of what He blesses us with in life to the Church. So when you assist at Mass this week think about what God has blessed you with and give to help your Church

### 6. To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

In the explanation of the Baltimore Catechism is says " The ordinary law of the Church to be observed at the wedding of a Catholic is this: A Catholic can be married only in the presences of an authorized priest and two witnesses. A Catholic who marries outside the Church without permission is not really married at all." The purpose of Matrimony is an action of Christ, the Good Shepherd. It is an action by which He unites two of His own, a man and a woman, in marriage so they can bring forth new members for His flock.

Living in faith means living in God and He has blessed us with so much, as we go about our week let us work toward up holding the Laws of the Church by assisting at Mass (in person?) and receiving Holy Communion, jumping in line at the confessional this Saturday evening @ St James 5:30pm or St Pauls' 7:30 am Friday morning.

Helping the Church out in what means we can with 10% contribution from the blessings God has bestowed up us. Say a pray or light a candle for the married couples of our parish and for those who are waiting for the blessing of a spouse that they will up hold the Law of the Church concerning Marriage.

# Announcements for Tri-Parish



## **Censes of the Church Registry**

Help your Church secretaries keep the records!

Fill out and return your updated information so that we can reach out to you if need be... and that we have your information correct in our system. Including Sacramental and address.

Also this is a great time to step up and help at your parish... St James is in need of volunteers a few extra minutes a weekend they are asking for **ushers, lectors, and money counters**. What better time then to help out at your local parish? Make a note on your census toady when you send it back how you would like to help your parish.

## **St. Michael's Parish Announcements!!**

**Thank you for matching funds from the Catholic Financial Life**, through our fundraising efforts they sent us a check for \$500 adding this to our \$1550. Great job! Thanks to all those who donated giving us a total of \$2050.

## **Support St Paul's Church**

**White Elephant Sale & County Store  
Saturday Sept 19th 10am—4pm**

**THIS WEEKEND!!!** Who is up for some fun shopping and helping the St Paul's Church with this great fundraising opportunity??

Items for White Elephant sale can be dropped off in the shed by church (please use the side door). No Electronics or appliances. We are also looking for volunteers to help sort and price. If you are interested please contact

Lori Heindl 608-562-3257, Sue LaBudda 608-728-7267 or Janet Barrett 562-3995.

For those wishing to donate items for the County Store please contact Rose Clark 608-847-4450

As this is replacing our Fall Festival please be generous with your donations, you can place them in the drop box at church. Mark the envelope as 2020 Fall Festival. All money is greatly appreciated and used for remodeling, updates and renovations.

## **Support he Knight of Columbus—Tomah**

**Chicken Q Dinner  
Saturday, Sept 26  
3pm - 6pm**

**The Tomah K Of C is sponsoring a  
Curb side pick up Chicken Q**

@ Knights of Columbus Hall  
202 E Juneau St Tomah  
Meal includes Grilled chicken  
With baked beans, potato, sour cream,  
bun fork, knife and spoon  
\$11 for ½ chicken  
\$8 for ¼ chicken

**Tickets available after Mass or call**

**Gary Dechant 608-427-3624**

**Wenzel Felber 608-372-5606**

## **Help St James**

We are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** who will be willing to contribute a few extra minutes before Mass and after Mass on Saturdays to fill the positions of Money Counters, Ushers and during Mass Lectors.... If this is something you are interested in please call  
Kris Madejczyk @ 608-562-3135



## ST. PAUL

### Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Please when you submit your intention include with a small notation the deceased. Thank you for the help Jean

**Saturday, Sept 19**

**@St James 6 pm**

FOR THE PEOPLE

**Sunday, Sept 20**

+Mary Koca by Bill & Karen Pfaff

**Monday Sept 21**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, Sept 22**

+ Deceased members of the Oscar Hemmingway & Machnick family

**Wednesday, Sept 23**

+Katie Connor by James & Sheila Marx

**Thursday, Sept 24**

Living & Deceased members of Wyss Family by Pat Wyss

**Friday, Sept 25**

+ Phillip Dwyer by Margie Quist

**Saturday, Sept 26**

**@St James 6 pm**

+Joan Baily by Arris Sullivan

**Sunday Sept 27**

+Allen Walter by Blaskey Family

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1125.20	<b>Total \$ 2,050.70</b>
Offertory	\$ 839.00	
Votive	\$ 86.50	

## St. James

**Saturday, Sept 19**

FOR THE PEOPLE

**Saturday, Sept 26**

+Joan Baily by Arris Sullivan

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adult Envelopes	\$ 85.00	Other \$ 0.00
Offertory	\$ 93.00	<b>Total \$ 178.00</b>
Votives	\$ 0.00	

## St. Michael

**Sunday Sept 20**

+Mary Weiss by Wenzel & Jo Ellen Felber

**Sunday Sept 27**

FOR THE PEOPLE

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Adult Envelopes	\$ 410.00	Other \$ 30.00
Offertory	\$ 158.00	<b>Total \$ 628.00</b>
Improvement	\$ 30.00	



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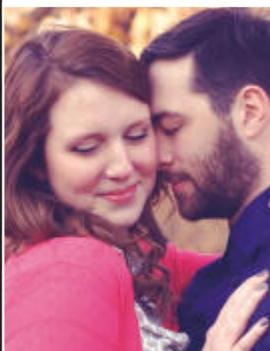
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