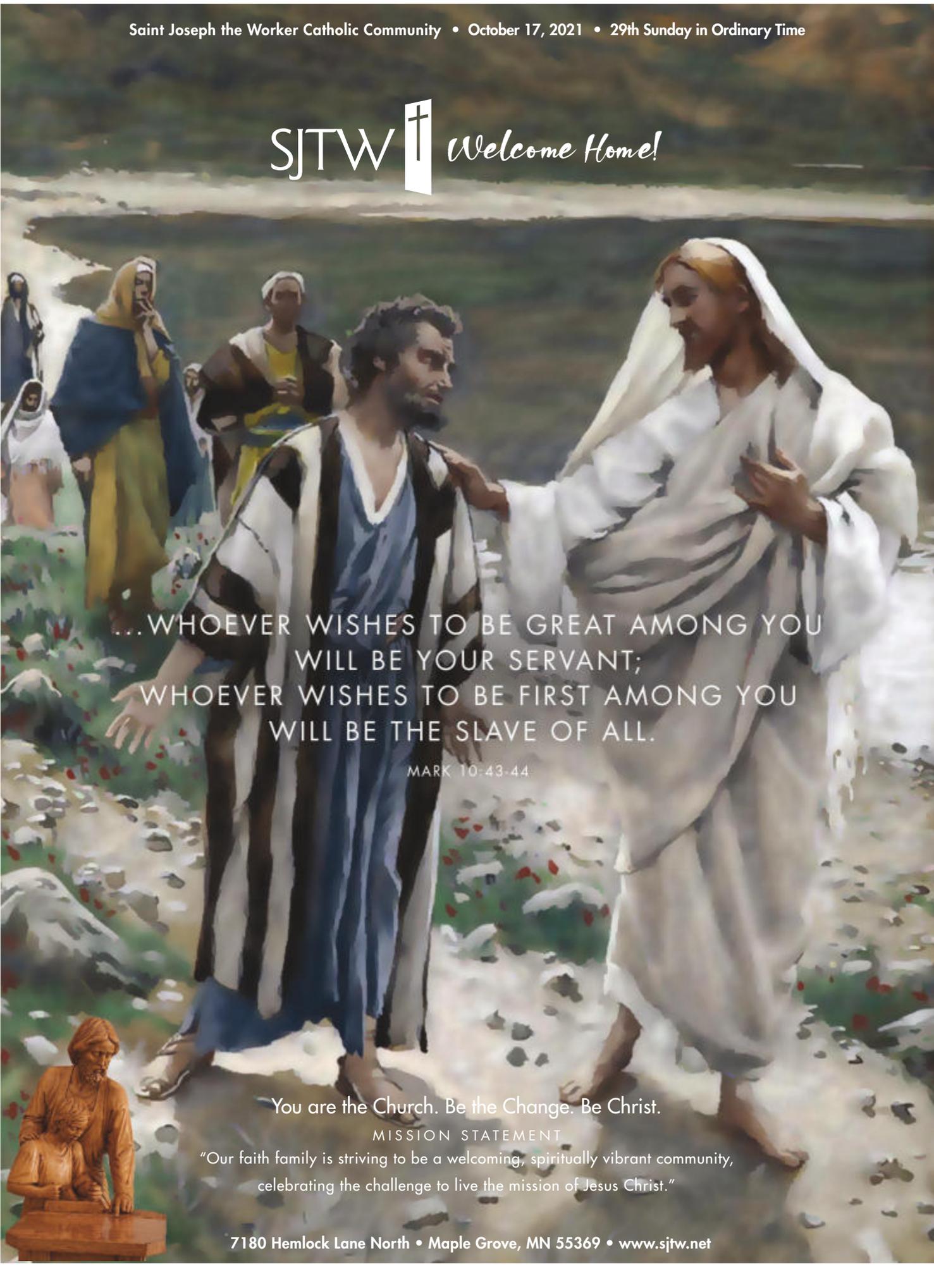


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... WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU
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MARK 10:43-44



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F R . M I K E ' S R E F L E C T I O N



This past weekend I was in Wisconsin for a wedding. I went on line and wrote down directions. The directions never mentioned road construction but since I knew the numbers of the highways I needed there was no problem reaching my destination. On Monday of this past week I was driving behind someone who appeared to be unsure where they were going. What I found humorous is that they had their GPS system because I could see it looking through their back window. When they finally determined where they were going to turn, they ran a red light. No one was hurt. Technology is important because so much of our life is dependent upon technology. But like anything it is only good if you use it. I wonder if we tend to use technology too much so that we forget we can also use other things to achieve the same conclusion. Faith does not tell us what to do but helps us make better decisions based upon our knowledge of Jesus and his words.



Ladies Auxiliary Craft Sale November 6-7

SEEKING DONATIONS

The St. Joe's Ladies of the Knights of Columbus is looking for donations of crafted items for our annual sale. If you would like to share the bounty of your creations, we will be very happy to accept them. Donated items from the parish help to increase the profits of the sale and also the variety of quality crafted items. Please note that any unsold items would need to be picked up after the sale. All proceeds go to our Ladies of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary which contributes to many charities in the parish and the community. If you have questions, please contact Carol Schuetz at carolschuetz@comcast.net for more information.

Weekday Mass

Monday – Thursday at 11:00 am – In person.

Friday Morning at 6:30 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Evenings at 5:00 pm (In person, parking lot and live-streamed)

Recorded Mass will be available following Live Stream.

Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Hospitality following Mass begins September 19. Online at www.sjtw.net

Masks are not longer required. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are at-risk or feel uncomfortable.

We will broadcast weekend Masses via FM transmitter for those that don't feel comfortable coming indoors but would like to participate from the parking lot and receive Holy Communion.

Communion ministers will be located outside Door 2 (faith Formation doors).

Tune in your FM radio to 106.7. A worship aid can be downloaded at <https://www.sjtw.net/mass-schedule>

COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE



FR. MIKE

Years ago I remember reading that a mother teaches her children how to. A father teaches them it is important by doing that. So mom may tell the child to eat their vegetables but if dad does not eat them, then the child will not either. So too in faith. Unless a child sees the dad praying or going to church, it is not important. When we began Commitment to Parish Live 10 years ago we did so with the knowledge that both parents needed to be involved so that our children could see the value of belonging to a faith community. There are lots of young couples with children in the parish. It is a delight to see so many at church. It is also encouraging to see so many dads taking responsibility to be directly involved in worship, care and teaching of their children. Your children will be stronger because of your commitment to the parish. You are teaching that a commitment to a parish is greatly rewarding.



COMMITMENT TO PARISH LIFE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

		# of Donors
Sunday CPL	\$10,217.00	106
Electronic	\$15,345.94	187
Child Envelopes	\$2.00	1
Plate	\$630.25	
Total	\$26,195.19	294

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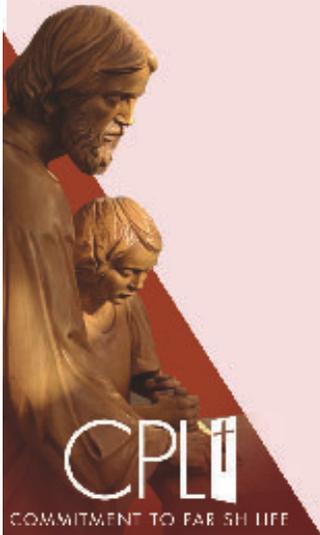


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Congratulations SJTW DVAA ministry!

Congratulations to SJTW's Domestic Violence Awareness and Action (DVAA) ministry for being "officially recognized" at the October 4 Maple Grove City Council meeting for their work in the community to raise awareness about domestic abuse, and especially for beginning the the Purple Lights Initiative (PLI) in 2017. With the PLI, cities shine purple lights during the month of October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and have publicity/press releases/social media information about domestic abuse throughout the month. Maple Grove was the first city to sign onto the PLI, and currently DVAA members have convinced ten northwest cities (and four churches) to "light up purple" in October. SJTW parishioners Jane Warren and Susan Rivard, representing the DVAA ministry, attended the city council meeting October 4.



Maria's Voice Vigil

Maria's Voice, a Maple Grove-based non-profit to honor those individuals lost to domestic violence and to show support for the victims and survivors of abuse organized, held a vigil on October 7 at the Maple Grove arboretum by the Angel of Hope statue. Speakers included the mayor, chief of police, an officer from the domestic violence unit, an advocate from a local shelter, a family who lost a loved one to abuse, and Jane Warren and Susan Rivard, SJTW parishioners, representing the faith community. It was a moving, poignant and inspirational evening.



Pandemic and how it has affected Domestic Violence

It is definitely no secret that the pandemic has been very hard on everyone. The added stress of working from home (or not having a job) trying to home school children, staying away from loved ones and not having a social life

is not how humans like to live. We are a social group and like to come and go as desired.

During the pandemic more people were at home close together and in SOME cases that was not good. If a person is in an abusive relationship, being confined to your home with your abuser just gives that person more power and time and the victim suffers more.

The number of 911 calls in Maple Grove involving abuse has increased. The number is not always accurate because sometimes the caller hung up before the call was completed. The officers do go out to do well checks and that is not always successful depending on the situation in the home at the time. If the abuser is there the victim is probably not going to speak out. In 2019 there were 409 telephone calls related to abuse. In the year 2020 there were a total of 489 reported calls. As of the end of September with 3 months to go the number is 325.

The last week of September just days before Domestic Violence Awareness Month began there were two homicides in St Paul related to domestic abuse.

The Star Tribune reported on October 2nd that there has been a 40% increase in intimate violence deaths in Minnesota in the year 2020. At least 30 Minnesotans, including 20 women, one man, three children and 6 bystanders or intervenors were killed. The oldest was a 72 year old woman and the youngest was a 20 month old child who died with his mother. So far in 2021 there have been 21 intimate relationship deaths.

This is not contained to MN or Maple Grove it is a global problem. With the restrictions of the pandemic it makes it harder for victims to find safe refuge.

Earlier this year Gov Walz did issue some grant money to support survivors through prevention and services such as housing and health care costs. Still more systemic change is needed including therapeutic services for child witnesses, tenant protection laws and economic empowerment for survivors. The policy Director for Violence Free Minnesota documented more than 700 homicides since 1989. Homicides are awful but there are no numbers for the injuries and permanent scars victims and their families continue to suffer. Even if they survive their life is full of Living Hell This is a Major Health Crisis. Please pray for the victims and get involved.



Thanksgiving Baskets of Love have been a long-time tradition at SJTW. We are once again asking for your generosity to provide food donations for families in need this Thanksgiving. Food collection will begin on October 25th and will end on November 16th. Boxes will be in the Faith Formation gathering space outside St. Joe's Hall for non perishable food donations. Frozen turkey donations can be put in the freezer marked for Thanksgiving Outreach. Checks specified for Thanksgiving Outreach are also much appreciated. Learn more at <https://www.sjtw.net/thanksgiving-baskets-of-love-collection>. Items needed:

Stuffing mix	Canned fruit and vegetables
Cranberries	Pickles
Gravy	Soup
Pasta	Pasta sauce
Peanut butter	Frozen Turkeys

We also need volunteers! If you can help with this project, please contact Theresa in the parish office. 763 425-6505 or theresa@sjtw.net

If you or someone you know needs a meal basket, please call the Thanksgiving Outreach voicemail at 763 425-6505 ext 115. Thank you in advance for your donation to this year's outreach!

Faith Formation Update 2021-22

To inquire about which class times are still available, please contact the Faith Formation department to register for classes.

For our Sunday School program, please contact Jeanne Smith, jeanne@sjtw.net

For our Elementary and Junior High program and the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please contact Monica Liebl, monical@sjtw.net.

For our High School, OneWith program and Confirmation, please contact Brady Tynen, btynen@sjtw.net



2021 SYNOD Gatherings

Save 1 or more of these dates!

Thursday, Oct. 21, 7-9 pm Session 2a

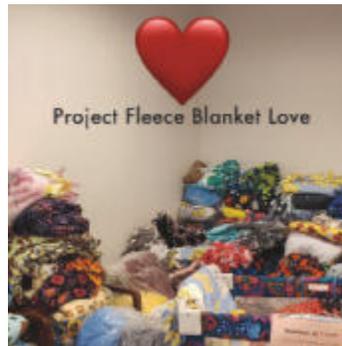
Saturday, Oct. 23, 9-11 am Session 2b

Thursday, Nov. 4, 7-9 pm Session 3a

Thursday, Nov. 11, 7-9 pm Session 3b

Mark your calendar for your parish's Synod small group process happening this fall! See more details at our parish website <https://www.sjtw.net/synod>

Your Voice, Your Input, Your Ideas and Your Prayers are important!



The Need Is NOW!

Project Fleece Blanket Love is back. Each January, the Lady Knights tie fleece blankets for donation. Last year, when we were all staying home looking for something to do together, we had a record-breaking year with over 240 blankets donated to multiple organizations and

homeless shelters. The number of beautiful blanket donations from the parish was amazing. Thank you!

But blankets are needed now—before temperatures plummet! The Lady Knights are starting the blanket campaign this week and running it through the end of January. The biggest need is for twin size blankets (65 x 90 inches). Other sizes: standard kit size (72 x 60 inches) and stroller blankets (30 x 35 inches) are also welcome. Fleece tie blankets are easy to make—no sewing experience required. This would be a great option for Confirmation hours or a family project.

If you don't have time to tie a blanket, buy two lengths of fleece or a kit and drop it off when coming to Mass. New, store-bought blankets are also appreciated.

Join us in spreading some love and giving a little warmth to those in need. Think we can get over 300 blankets this year? With your help, absolutely!

HAITI SISTER PARISH



Thank You for your generosity!

There has been amazing support from our parish with hundreds of families contributing.

We have raised over \$70K since the earthquake devastated Bouzy.

We have sent them \$15,000 so far. They used \$10,000 in emergency funds to feed 400 people and gave some money to the teachers to rebuild their lives and help prepare for the school year. Buying sheet metal for home repairs is the latest need. They are working to purchase metal sheets for 350-400 families.

Future Haiti donations will go to sustain our ongoing programs of education, water and pastor support, unless you designate them for earthquake relief or church rebuild. Thanks so much for your consistent support of our Haitian sisters and brothers.



THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our September Children's Sale. Many people donated, sold, volunteered and shopped to make this a success. We are excited to announce that we profited just over \$ 3, 400.00 from our sales! These profits will be used both here at church in the Helping Hands fund, as well as local charities and organizations that will help others "Build Bright Futures." Save the date for our spring sale – May 14-15, 2022.

Jennifer Brandt and Kim Schulte - sale coordinators

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OCTOBER 9-17

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The statistics are shocking. In the United States, a woman is battered every 15 seconds. One out of every three women is hit or sexually abused by her partner sometime in her lifetime. Women are far more at risk of being beaten when they are pregnant. Men are also abused, accounting for 5 – 8% percent of all victims.

Home Free Shelter, Missions Inc Programs is the shelter in our area that serves women and children seeking refuge from domestic violence. As a parish, we can help Home Free continue to provide a safe refuge for vulnerable women and children.

To support Home Free Shelter, Missions Inc Programs (crisis line 763.559.4945), SJTW will be collecting donations for the shelter from October 9 – 17.

Most needed items include: (1) Full-size (not travel size) adult personal care items, including shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, razors and kids' hair oil for ethnic hair. (2) Cell phone chargers (much needed, any kind) for Androids and iPhones. (3) Baby monitors. (4) Pacifiers.

Gift cards (for Target, Wal-Mart, Cub, Super America, Holiday, Office Depot, Sally's Beauty Supply or any drug-store) are also much needed. If you would like to give a gift card, or send a check to Home Free Shelter, Missions Inc Programs, please use the pre-addressed donation envelopes that will be next to the collection bin and mail them directly to Home Free. It is important that gift cards and checks are not left in the collection bin and are instead mailed to Home Free.

Contributions (other than gift cards and checks) can be placed in the collection bin that will be in the Social Hall just off the Gathering Space.

Thank you for your support!

HOLIDAY EVENTS



Come enjoy an afternoon of tea, light lunch and wonderful music. The Cassidy brothers will again help us welcome in the holidays with their beautiful harmony and down to earth style. Join us on Sunday, November 21, at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$16 per person, or \$120 for a table of 8.

Concert only seating at 2:30 is available for \$5.00.

Seating is limited, so order your tickets early! Proceeds of the Tea support the Music Ministry of St. Joe's. Contact Tarri for tickets or for more information at 763-400-7205 or tnelson@sjtw.net.

HOLIDAY TEA HELP NEEDED! We are also looking for help with the Holiday Tea on November 21. Here are some ways you can join the fun while supporting the SJTW Music Ministry:

- * Table servers (listen to the concert and sample the food while serving others). We are looking for both male and female servers, of all ages from teen on up.
 - * Loan place settings for the tables
 - * Help by making desserts
 - * Donate door prizes for the tea, anything goes!
- Sign up sheets are in the St. Cecilia Music Room or call Amy at 612-309-1158 or Rachel at 612-834-3689

Trunk or Treat - Oct 30 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Trunk or Treat for children (ages 12 and under), families and parishioners of SJTW will happen on Saturday, Oct. 30, in our parish parking lot, right after the completion of the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Families...come to Mass with your children in appropriate costume for "trunk or treating." Parishioners, come with your trunks decorated and ready for the little ones.



Sunday Nursery

We have Sunday School also available for children starting at age 3 (advance registration required for Sunday School). We provide childcare at both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. No need to reserve a spot in advance for the Nursery. Our adult and student staff are fully vaccinated.

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Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-5

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