



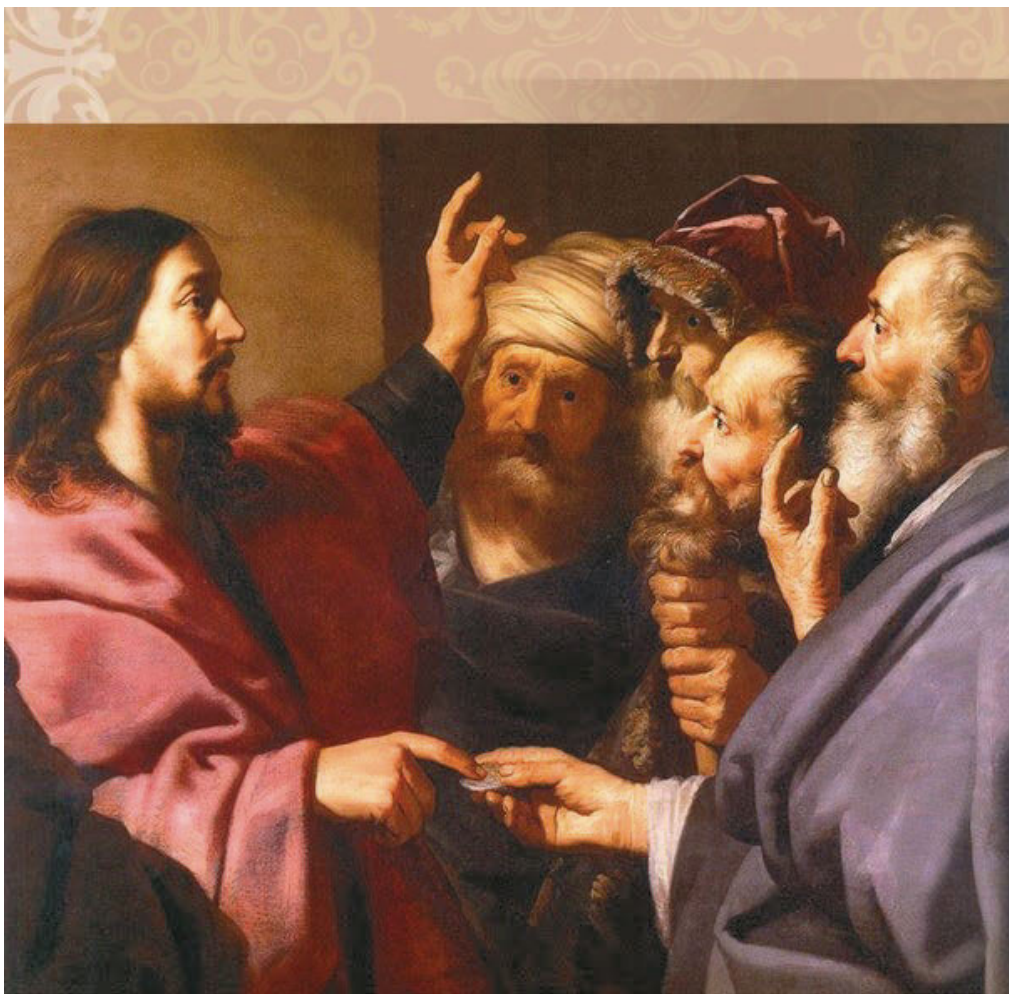
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September 18th, 2022
Twenty-Five Sunday in Ordinary Time



25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Tuesday 12:00 PM

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Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM
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Benediction 12:30 PM

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Dear Friends - I believe that Fr. Rolheiser's thoughts below from 2010 still ring true today— Fr. Dave

An Open Letter to Those Who Don't Go to Church

Dear Fellow Pilgrim:

I greet you as someone who is looking for meaning and happiness, as we all are. I know you're sincere or you wouldn't be reading this letter. Know this first of all: We miss you at church. There's not a Sunday goes by when your absence isn't felt. You're missed. Join us.

Yes, I know this isn't a simple thing. The heart has its reasons, Pascal said. Well the church too has its complexities. Perhaps it is precisely one of these complexities that make it difficult for you to walk regularly through a church door. So I won't try to sugarcoat the church. It is a far-from-perfect expression of God's love and mercy and it is a far-from-perfect expression of God's universal salvific will for everyone. Sometimes the church blocks God's love as much as it reveals it. It has been, and remains, a vehicle both of grace and sin. How do we get past its dark side?

Carlo Carretto, the renowned Italian spiritual writer, in his old age, wrote this Ode to the church:

How much I must criticize you, my church, and yet how much I love you!

You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than to anyone.

I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.

You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.

Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, and yet I have never touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.

Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face-and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!

No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you.

Then too-where would I go?

To build another church?

But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church.

No, I am old enough. I know better!

That's a mature description of the church, expressing both love and realism. It's an honest description too. The church has a long history, both of grace and of sin and we who make up the church on earth don't do God very well. Nobody does. We need to admit that.

you in some way. Or perhaps you are intellectually disenchanted with the church, unable to square its claims with your own sane grip on life and its The . I can only guess at your reasons for not coming to church regularly or for not coming to church at all: Perhaps you have been hurt by the church, by the institution itself or by one of its priests or ministers. Perhaps you have been one of those who have experienced it as callous, as insensitive, as denigrating

mysteries. Or perhaps you have found what you are looking for elsewhere, outside the doors of the church you attended when you were little. Or perhaps you have just drifted away and don't think about church very much at all. Perhaps you don't feel a need for church in your life. Or, perhaps you are convinced that Jesus and his teachings are in fact tainted by the church, that Jesus never wanted to found a church, but wanted only that people take his teachings to heart and live in love and graciousness. There are many reasons why people don't go to church. I can only guess at yours.

But your reason for not going is not important for this letter. I don't want to defend the church here, make some kind of apologetics for it, or argue against any of the reasons that people give for not coming to church.

And I don't want to try to show you reasons why, I think, it is important to go to church. This I not an apologetics, but a plea, an invitation:

Come back! Try us again! Or, if you have never belonged to the church, try us!

Maybe this time you will find life in the church and be able to drink in some of its graces. Maybe this time you will find it in you to forgive the church for its faults, see those faults are your own faults, and see why Jesus picked such an imperfect vehicle to carry on his presence. Maybe this time you will be able to see in the church what Jesus saw in it - an imperfect body made up of men and women like you and me, full of sin, full of ourselves, petty, small-hearted, less-than-sincere, miserly, and tainted, but also full of grace, full of Christ, big-hearted, sincere, generous, and pure, a group of men and women worth dying for - and belonging to. Come be with us!

A fellow pilgrim and a flawed church member.

Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI www.ronrohlheiser.com

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from
Theresa Zlotkowski
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A message from
Joe Kuschel
Youth Minister
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“The infinite tenderness of God..” (Pope Francis)

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It happens between 3PM and 4PM You can do it as many or as few times as you would like? We take parents, grandmas, grandpas and anyone who loves kids and wants to get them here safely on the bus! Aubrey Gieske will fill you in on all the details and take your name. Please call her at 651-257-2474



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Programs! Check out the Website under Formation.**

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Let Us Pray For Our Children!

**Let us pray for our children who wonder and
question!
Let us pray for our children who create and
beautify with words and colors!
Let us pray for our children who are strong-
willed!
Let us pray for our children who are quiet and
shy and are searching to have a voice!
Let us pray for our children who write poetry
and love to dance to music!
Let us pray for our children who can't wait to
play sports and be a team player!
Let us pray for our children who are lonely and
afraid!
Let us pray for our children
who are sad and depressed!
Let us pray for our children
who seek for God!**



Every time we go to the store, and it really doesn't matter what kind of store, grocery, hardware, department store, the prices continue to rise, that is, if they even have it in stock. It's beginning to get annoying, to say the least. Now what I have to offer may not be much in the pig picture, perhaps even just symbolic, but we have to start somewhere. **Metro Dining Club** cards should again be available at the end of September. You know, those wonderful little credit card type things that allow you to save money once a month at your favorite restaurants. I was just informed that our cost will be increased, although, compared to most other things we purchase, somewhat more moderately. Now, I know many of the people personally that buy the Metro Diner's Club cards in order to enjoy a night out once in a while, and far be it from me, and St. Bridget's (at least this year), to increase the cost of this simple pleasure. So, when the Metro Diner's Club cards appear, and I will let you know, they will still sell for that same low price that you have come to know and love, just 25 bucks.

Anyone that has talked with me, or reads my column religiously, see what I did there, knows my thoughts on how we approach the teaching of our youth, and all of our kids, for that matter. I spent 12 years in a Catholic grade school and high school, and a little time at St. Thomas College (which it was then). I learned a lot from the School Sisters of Notre Dame at good old Corpus Christi in Roseville. But there was one thing that I did not learn, and that is how to have a life-lasting personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I was in my 40's before the light went on, that big Christ light, that aha moment when I knew there was more purpose to my life than what I was living.

Most of the kids that I went to grade school and high school with have fallen away, slipped off that narrow path. I am certainly not bragging. Like many of us, I have family members whose eternal Salvation I fear for. I'm not sure how to stop the trend, but as a parish, we're working every angle, such as our adult Synod survey, to slow the exodus after Confirmation.

Will we teach the Catholic faith this year? Yes.

Will we help kids to learn to read the Bible? Yes.

Will we have lesson plans, activities, quizzes, tests, and lectures? Yes.

All of these things are very important to the overall picture in the Catholic education of our youth. However, as religious educators, we need to teach in order to lead our students into an encounter with Jesus Christ, and we need to make disciples instead of theologians. In order to accomplish this, our top priority isn't to teach the teachings, our top priority will be to lead our kids into a personal relationship with Christ.

PARISH CALENDARS

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday September 24th 5:00 PM Lector: Cathy Korby Sacristans: Joe/Jill Kuschel	Sunday September 25th 8:00 AM Lector: Carmelita Nelson Sacristan: Chuck Fitzer	Sunday September 25th 10:00 AM Lector: Stacy Ernest/Wanda Osland Sacristan: Ed Laplante
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 18th, 2022

8:00 AM Mass	CH
9:00 AM Faith Formation Recruitment	NX
10:00 AM Mass	CH
6:00 PM AA Meeting	EW

READINGS

Scripture Readings For the Week of September 18, 2022

Sunday	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13
Monday	Memorial of Saint Januarius Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Matthew Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b & 2abc, 3-4; Mk 10:45; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Tm 1:10; Lk 9:43B-45
Sunday	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Tuesday September 20th, 2022

9:00 AM—9:00 PM Adoration	CH
12:00 PM Daily Mass/Benediction	CH
2:00 PM Mission Rosery Making	N1
5:00—6:00 PM Confessions	CP
6:30 PM Baby Blanket Committee Meeting	CR
7:00 PM AA Meeting	LSH

Wednesday September 21st, 2022

8:30 AM Rosary	
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
9:45 AM Women's Bible Study	CR
6:00 PM Confirmation Year 1 Orientation	EW
7:30 PM Confirmation Year 2 Orientation	EW
3:00 PM—6:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market	PL

Thursday September 22nd, 2022

8:30 AM Rosary	CH
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
10:00 AM Parvly Communion	OS
2:00 PM Mission Rosery Making	N1
5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal	CH
7:00 PM Music and Comedy Concert	CH

Friday September 23rd, 2022

8:30 AM Rosary	CH
9:00 AM Daily Mass	CH
2:30 PM Wedding for Holtan/Gagnon	CH

Saturday September 24th, 2022

9:00 AM—12:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market	PL
9:00 AM New Pathways Training	OS
9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN	BB
4:00—4:40 PM Confessions	CP
4:30 PM New Pathways Volunteer Sign Up	NX
5:00 PM Weekend Mass	CH
6:00 PM Faith Formation Recruitment After Mass	NX

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Michelle Theis- Susan Palmer-Jim Smothers

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday	9/20	12 PM	† Benjamin Crane
Wednesday	9/21	9 AM	† Peter Mronzski
Thursday	9/22	9 AM	Tom/Maryanne Callhoun
Friday	9/23	9 AM	Brain Thompson
Saturday	9/24	5 PM	† John Sperl Sr.
Sunday	9/25	8 AM	† Skip McCarville
		10 AM	People of the Parish

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you have an event or information to share with the parish community, you may email the announcement to Ischaad@stbridgetofsweden.org. Utilizing the bulletin is a great way to keep our community informed about all that's offered here at St. Bridget's and in the Archdiocese!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

SYNOD SURVEY

This weekend we are launching a parish wide survey for all age 18 and older. Why? During our Archdiocesan Synod experience, St. Bridget of Sweden identified adult and family enrichment as a growth opportunity. The purpose of this survey is to gain your interest only, not commitment to participate. We ask you to access the survey from this QR code using your smart device such as a smartphone or use your computer to enter the website listed. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. We will be offering this survey as a hard copy for those without a smart device or access to the internet, after the weekend masses of Sept. 17/18 and 24/25. We will have volunteers after each mass that can help answer questions those weekends. We plan to close the survey Sunday Oct. 2nd. If you have specific questions, you can contact Allen Gieske at 651-491-8536, Charlie Hampton at 515-203-7464, Eileen Kytonen at 651-353-5851, or Eileen Hoffman at 612-666-4608. God Bless and thank you!

Survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SBCP-SM>



NEW PATHWAYS



New Pathways Volunteer Sign up will be the Week end of September 24-25 at all the Masses. We will need Volunteers for hosting, and driving, food prep and serving, set up and take down, laundry and cleaning.

Please consider how you can help us with our mission of welcoming homeless families to St. Bridget's October 30-November 6th. Bless you for your prayers and your willing hearts.

Training is available for anyone working directly with the families. There are fliers with information available in the narthex.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



The final concert in our Summer Concert Series is a night of music and comedy with 3 of Lakes Area's own on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm. Admission is a free-will offering and light refreshments will be served following the one-hour concert. Come enjoy a fun night of music and comedy with friends and family! Find more information at www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry.

BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross will have their annual Blood Drive here at St. Bridget's on September 29th from 12:30-5:30pm in the Social Hall. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event, please call the parish office. Thank you.

RAFFLE WINNERS



The Block Party Raffle Tickets Winners have been drawn for this weekend! And the lucky winners are:

Robert Jennissen: \$250
Gladys Resler: \$250
Peter Gibson: \$500

Congratulations to this weekend's winners! Stay tuned to hear next weekend's Raffle Ticket Winners!

WEEKLY PARISH DONATIONS

9/5/2022—9/11/2022	Sunday Plate & Envelope Contributions
Weekly Budgeted Collection	\$10,434.44
Actual Weekly Collection	\$9,563.38
Amount Over / (Short)	-\$871.06
Over/(Short) for Year	-\$11,926.24



MY OWN CHURCH

St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church now has a new system, called My Own Church, for updating your family information! With My Own Church, you can: see envelope and online giving history, update family and member information, add photos, and set privacy preferences, access electronic giving statements at year-end or anytime, support the accuracy of your parish records and reduce paper. Go to <https://stpaulminn.parishsoffamilysuite.com/> or our website for more details.

POW / MIA REMEMBRANCE



The third Friday of September each year, a date not associated with any conflict, is set aside to commemorate POW's and MIA's from any past conflicts. It honors those prisoners of war, those missing in action and their families. Many of our service members suffered as prisoners of wars for several decades of various conflicts. While some of them made it home, tens of thousands never did. There are 138,103 POW's and 83,114 still missing in action. Please keep these POW's, MIA's and their families in your prayers and remember....Never Forget!

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