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**September 8, 2019**  
**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Chris-

tians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

## Journey of Faith

Dear Fellow Parishioners.....

Well I hope everyone had a great first week back to school, I know for some it might be 2 weeks. Soon we will settle into our new routines and schedules and I just wanted to remind you that the Religious Education Registration deadline is fast approaching so if you haven't registered your child yet please do. We need a count so we can get the materials ordered. We will not be able to accommodate any student the first night if they are not registered. For those that are planners and have a child in Confirmation this year, we have a date already. Confirmation will take place right here in Rice on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. This is earlier than usual so we will be adjusting the schedule for classes as needed. This also means that the students will need to get their requirements completed early. We are excited to host the Confirmation Mass here in Rice. Last week we added a prayer for the students returning to school and this week I wanted to include one for the teachers.

*Lord God,  
your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us  
your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive  
to share their knowledge with gentle patience and  
endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.  
Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ,  
the way, the truth, and the life,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

Many Blessings to you! Jean

## Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday .....	\$3,846.00
Visitors .....	\$143.00
Other Income .....	\$8.00
Building Improvement/Maintenance .....	\$20.00
Funeral Fund .....	\$75.00
Religious Education .....	\$45.00
Capital Credits Refund-Benton Coop.....	\$465.78
Total Income Last week .....	\$4,602.78
Year to Date Income .....	\$66,651.57
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$55,442.58

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his  
possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33*

*When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand of us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? What we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. All belongs to God & our resources are entrusted to us not only for our use, but also to help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us.  
Then we truly are His Disciples.*

## Weekly Events

Mon Religious Education Registration Deadline  
Wed Religious Education Teachers Meeting  
Thur 7:00pm Knight of Columbus Meeting

## Future Events

September 16 Jubilation Choir Rehearsal  
September 25 First Religious Education Class



Our parish extends our deepest sympathy to the family of *Rita Jedlicki*, whose funeral was . May his September 3 may her soul rest in peace. Please remember Rita and her family in your prayers.

## Parish Council

The Parish Council is seeking nominations for 2 members: 1 female and 1 male. Terms would be 2 years beginning in October. Please contact the office with nominations.



## Fall Rummage Sale

Our October Rummage Sale will take place on October 11, 12, & 13. Now is the time to set aside household items, clothing and any miscellaneous articles for the sale.

## Calling All Moms!

- ◆ Being called to be a mom is a beautiful vocation. Are you looking for a community of women that can help support you and your mission of being a mom? If so, join us as we embark on the adventure of learning about "Momnipotent." This program validates the dignity and importance of motherhood. It will help you recognize your uniquely feminine strengths and see how you can use those strengths to find peace, balance, and joy in being the woman God created & called you to be.
- ◆ We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting in October. We will meet from 7-8:30pm and childcare will be provided. Please consider joining us as we support and encourage one another in motherhood.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to take care of the children during the meeting. This would be from 7-8:30pm one Tuesday evening a month from Oct.- May. Contact Ann Marschel at 320-290-6311 with any questions.

## Fall Bible Studies

Our fall Bible Studies will begin Monday, October 7th. The first meets at 1pm & focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. It shows how Jesus as the awaited Messiah, who fulfills the promises of the Old Testament. The evening session is at 6:30pm. This study is a Biblical walk through the Mass. You will come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meanings behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. For more information & register call the office at 393-2725.

# Annunciation News

**Donut Sunday** Looking for someone to do rolls after Mass on **Sunday Nov. 10th** and **Dec. 8th**. Please call Parish office if you are interested in helping out with one of these dates. Thank you.

## First Graders/New Students

Anyone with First Graders or new students to our Religious Education program please call Shirley as soon as possible to get registered in this years Religious Ed program. Call Shirley at 320-259-4941. Thank you.

\*First night of Religious Education Classes with all students and parents will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm.

**Catholic Charities Food Shelf** is looking for volunteers to help work at the Food Shelf during the month of October. Shifts range from 3-4 hours, Monday, Wednesday or Friday. It is not difficult work but provides a real, necessary and meaningful service to others. If you are interested or have questions please call Peggy Weber from Sacred Heart. She will be signing up volunteers starting in September. Her number is: 320-259-7841. Thank you.

**ACT-OBERFEST!** Join us on Sun., Sept 22nd, at the Sauk Centre High School Auditorium for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ron Dockendorf, the "Our Fathers", youth groups and community members will perform musical and comedy acts in a variety show from 2-4:30. Admission is free. There will also be a 50-50 raffle, live auction, food and beverages available for purchase. **All proceeds benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs.** Brought to you by The Catholic Foundation and the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women. For more info., call The Catholic Foundation (320) 258-7656.

**35th Annual Craft Sale** St. John's Parish Swanville. Sat. Oct. 5th from 9-3 at the Swanville High School Gym. Crafters, Raffle, Cake walk, Lunch all day. Everyone Welcome.

## Stewardship Blessings

Adult .....	\$2,455.00
Visitors.....	\$46.50
Youth .....	\$4.15
Votive Candles .....	\$44.50
Fall Festival .....	\$410.00
Mission— Fr. Denny Joseph .....	\$75.00
Building Fund .....	\$34.00
Insurance Check; 2018Hail Damage .....	\$22,269.65
Total Income .....	\$25,338.80

\*Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00\*

## Weekly Events

Wed. Sept. 11th 6:30pm First night of Religious Education Students and Parents to meet in The church proper.

## Future Events

Sun. Sept. 22nd 1:00pm Cancer Benefit for Gus Bemboom at the Sauk Rapids VFW.

**Breakfast** Please join us for breakfast on Sun., Sept. 15, serving from 8am-12pm in the St. Anthony Parish Center, 2410 1<sup>st</sup> St N, St. Cloud. The menu features fresh and smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, fresh fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee, and milk or orange juice. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 years old \$3 and preschool eat for free.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

IS THE HONEYMOON OVER? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN and Sep 14-15, 2019 in Marshall, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496

## Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

All women of the diocese are invited to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Fall Conference which will be held at St. Boniface Parish, 501 Main St., Cold Spring, on **Sat., Sept. 21** starting at 8:30 with reg. and continental breakfast. The theme this year is "Servants of God, Guiding our Youth". Dr. Jeff Kaster from St. John's School of Theology & Seminary and Katrina Phifer from Anna Maria Alliance will be the presenters for the day. Preregistration of \$15 before Sept. 10 or \$20 after should be made out to Cold Spring Deanery CCW & mailed to Marlene Statz, 27586 Co Rd 9, Richmond 56368. For more info or to ride share, call Lora 393-2701.

## Happy Birthday:

Joseph Gibbons, Keith Krueger, Dale Zimmer, Aubrey Novak, Logan Gerads, Benjamin Rothstein, Arnold Popp, Viola Miller.



## Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am (ML) †Leslie Cave—L.C.  
Wed 8:00 am (R) †Vic Weinand-L.T.  
Thur 8:30 am (ML) †Louie Bemboom  
Fri 8:00 am (R) †Steven & Evelyn Krystosek-R.T.  
Sat 5:00 pm (R) †Richard Ratke-K.K.  
Sun 8:00 am (R) †Kevin Maciej-O.M.  
10:00 am (ML) People of the Parishes

## Week of September 8-15

### Rice Ministry Schedule

**Daily Mass Lector:** Lora Knafla

#### Cantor

Sat 5:00 pm Chris Van Heel  
Sun 8:00 am Marc Kelash

#### Lector

Sat 5:00 pm Paul Goebel  
Sun 8:00 am Jim Moeller

#### Servers

Sat 5:00 pm Ellie Scherping, Eli Van Heel  
Sun 8:00 am Kristen & Rebekah Kimman

#### Greeters

Sat 5:00 pm Lucy Hovland  
Sun 8:00 am Tara & Anna Walz

#### Ushers

Sat 5:00 pm Jim Schlangen, Steve Fiedler  
Sun 8:00 am Darlene Hiscock, Tom Skinner,  
Ray Thompson, Rose Deters

#### Body of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Jean Skroch  
Sun 8:00 am Colleen Burton

#### Blood of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Joanne Karls, Paul Goebel,  
Bill & Pat Rauch  
Sun 8:00 am Catherin Held, Roseann Moeller,  
Roxanne Saldana, Diane Wojtanowicz

**Communion at Home:** Mary Lepinski

\*Call Deacon Carl Nord if you want communion at home 223-3724

### Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

#### 10:00 AM MASS

##### Lectors:

Sun. Jenessa Strande & Bonnie Popp

##### Eucharist:

Sun. Amy Krajsa

##### Ushers:

Sun. Tim, Renee, Justin & Trista Thell

##### Servers:

Sun. Anthony Scapanski & Mariah Simmons

##### Greeters:

Sun. Volunteers

## News for Both Parishes

### Baptism Class

The next class for both parishes will be on Wednesday, September 25, 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church. All parents are expected to attend before their baby is baptized if you haven't attended a class here in the past. Call one of the parish offices to register for the class.



Join Bishop Kettler at  
Diocesan Ministry  
Day September 30th  
at St. John's Univer-

sity. The day begins at 8:30am with Mass and includes learning sessions on a wide variety of subjects. For more information and to register, visit [stdio.org](http://stdio.org).

Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the US live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities.



### Daily Scripture Readings for September 8-15

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk14:25-33
Monday:	St. Peter Claver (Memorial) Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	St. John Chrysostom (Memorial) 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

### Inspiration for the Week

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be, and becoming that person."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

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