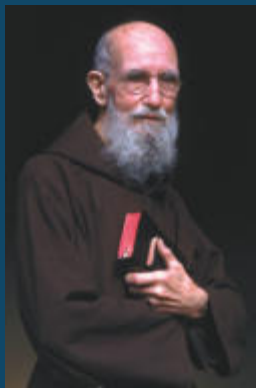




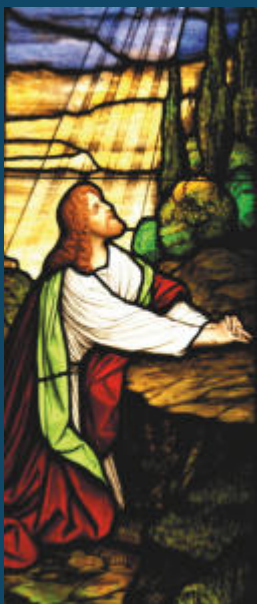
# St. Mary's-Big River Catholic Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30th, 2020

Childhood Parish of Blessed Solanus Casey



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
W10137 570th Ave.  
River Falls, WI 54022



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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 will find it."  
- Mt 16:24b-25

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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend:

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

#### Weekday:

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- Mondays at Noon

- Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

- Wednesdays at Noon

- Thursdays at 7:30 AM

- Friday & Saturday morning

no mass except on

1st Friday/Sat. at 7:30 AM

### Confessions - Use rectory

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- Tuesdays 8 AM to 9 AM

- Wednesdays 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

- Thursdays 8 AM to 9 AM

- Saturdays 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM

- Sundays 8 AM to 9:15 AM

- 1st Friday 8 AM to 9 AM

- 1st Saturday 8 AM to 9 AM

- Any time by appointment

(Additional times during Advent, Lent, Ember Days)

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Columbus chapter at St. Mary's meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the school hall at 6:30 PM.

**"In service to One,  
in service to all."**



## Readings for the week of August 30, 2020 Cycle A

### Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-9/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27

### Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/  
Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk  
4:31-37

### Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/  
Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6,  
27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6-15/Ps 145:17-21/  
Lk 6:1-5

### Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/  
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

In a prayer of lamentation, Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and isolation of answering his prophetic call. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

### Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

### Second Reading:

Paul urges fellow believers in Rome to remain focused on pleasing God. I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

### Gospel:

Peter and Jesus have an intense exchange of words over Jesus' revelation that as the Messiah, he will suffer and die. Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24) ©LPi



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple. ©LPi

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# Mass Intentions

## Monday, August 31

For - Charles Books  
 By Steve & Ashley Books

## Tuesday, September 1

For - † Alice Brandl  
 By Ron O'Gorman

## Wednesday, September 2

For - † Dave Bjork  
 By Pat Bjork

## Thursday, September 3

For - † Dean Reis  
 By Dave & Pam McNamara

## Friday, September 4

For - † John Matzek  
 By John & Becky Huppert

## Saturday, September 5

For - Priests, Seminarians, & Vocations  
 By Ed Siewelo  
 6:00 pm - Living & Deceased Members  
 of Altar & Rosary Society  
 By Altar & Rosary Society

## Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Living & Deceased Members  
 of St. Mary's Big River Parish  
 By Parish

# Liturgical Assistants

## September 5th

### Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass

**Reader:** ..... JoAnne Parks  
**Ushers:** ..... George Matzek  
**Rosary:** ..... Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

## September 6th

### Sunday - 9:30 am Mass

**Reader:** ..... Jason Husby  
**Ushers:** Kristin Johnson, Shawn Dosdall  
**Servers:** Joseph O'Malley, Ben O'Malley,  
 Xavier & Maximus Husby  
**Rosary:** ..... Toby Keller  
**\$ Counters:** ..... Team I



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