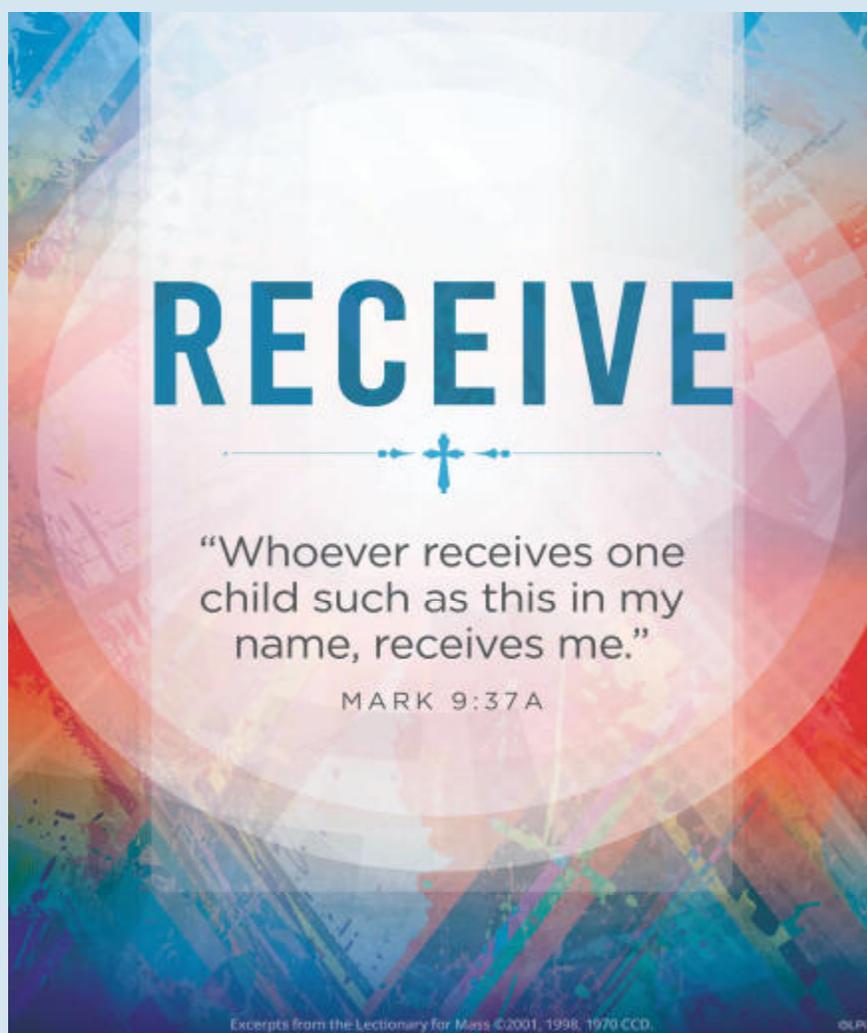


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St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

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St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



September 19, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
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Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
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Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

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Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:

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Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis de Sales
Friday 2 pm
Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9:30 am
St. Joseph - Saturday 3:30 pm
St. Catherine - Sunday 7:30 am

Mass Intentions for the week of September 19, 2021

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS	+ Harold Bartholomew by Lillian Bartholomew
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS	+ Special Intention
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS	+ Marge Willkom
Friday	8:30 am SFdS	+
Saturday	4 pm SJ	+ Jeanne Gulan by Gulan family
	6 pm SFdS	+ Parish Cluster
Sunday	8 am SC	+ Wayne Stevenson by Karen Ek
	10 am SFdS	+ Annette Varien by Don and Kathy Stanislawski

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on
Thursday and Friday from 1 pm until 3pm.

Observances & Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sun: **25st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Catechetical Sunday**
Wis 2:12,17-20 / Ps 54:3-4,5,6-8 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

Mon: **Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, Martyrs**
Ezr 1:1-6 / Ps 126:1b-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6 / Lk 8:16-18

Tue: **St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
Eph 4:1-7,11-13 / Ps 19:2-3,4-5 / Mt 9:9-13

Wed: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2,3-4a,4befghn,7-8 / Lk 9:1-6

Thurs: **St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
Hg 1:1-8 / Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a & 9b / Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Hg 2:1-9 / Ps 43:1,2,3,4 / Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a / Jer 31:10,11-12ab,13 / Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sun: **26nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Nm 11:25-29 / Ps 19:8,10,12-13,14 / Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 19, 2021
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often-vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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Word of Life Series September 19

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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