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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **September 19, 2021**

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Daily Mass: 8:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

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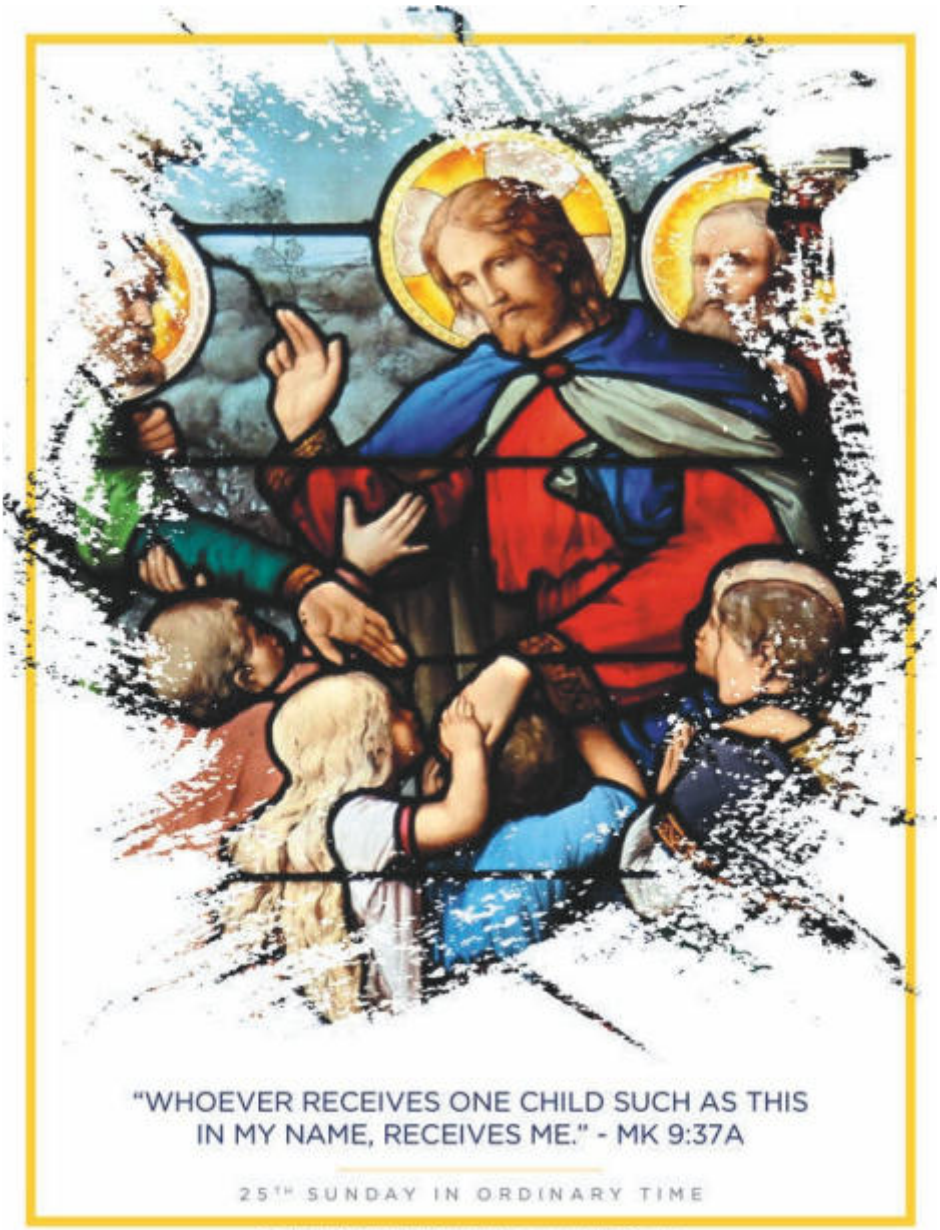

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September 20 - September 26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	First Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions, Martyrs	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 11:30 Conf SC Noon Mass SC	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM	BVM 3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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. ©LPi

Mass Intentions September 20 –26

Mon Private Mass	John Cosgrove †	
Tues. 8:30	Scottie Brisson †	SM
Wed. 8:30	George Berbee	SM
Thur. 8:30	Lisa Evans	SM
Fri. 8:30	Vince & Virginia Foggia †	SM
Sat. 4:00	For the people of our cluster parishes	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Tim Dewitt †	SM
Sun. 11:00	Deceased of the Bisson and LaDuke Families †	SC

St. Mary's Fall Church Cleaning

Fall church cleaning at St. Mary's is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21st at 9:00a.m. All willing and able to help are welcome. Many hands make light work.

CCW Pasty Sale

The annual St. Mary's Pasty Sale will be the weekend of Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd. Sign up sheets for donations and working are in the entryway of the church. Please take time to see where you can possibly donate of your time or items. Thank you for your generosity!

Hibbing Deanery Fall Convention

The Fall Convention for the Hibbing Deanery is Saturday, October 9th at St. Joseph's church in Grand Rapids. The day will start with Mass at 9:00am. Guest speaker, Lisa Knapp, will be sharing her faith journey at 11:00am. Lunch will be served at noon, and the day will close with the rosary at 1:00pm. Cost is $15.00. All women of our parishes are welcome to attend this uplifting event. Please let Renee Nelson know if you would like to attend. 218-566-2374

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.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

7TH Annual Anniversary Mass and Dinner

Diocese of Duluth Office of
Marriage and Family Life

Couples celebrating a marriage year milestone of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or more are invited to our 7th Annual Anniversary Mass & Dinner on September 25 with Bishop Felton. 5:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady with dinner outside in a tent at Stella Maris, Holy Rosary Campus parking lot.

All are welcome to Mass; space for dinner is limited to 90 registered guests. There is no charge for this event. For more information, you can register at https://www.diocesedluth.org/marriage-and-family-life or call Betsy Kneepkens 218-724-9111. Registration closes on September 21st at noon. This event is supported partially by your UCA (United Catholic Appeal) contributions.

Remain in My Love: Second Annual Marriage Retreat for the Diocese of Duluth

Our second annual marriage retreat will be held at St John's Church. Join us on October 9th from 9-4pm as we discuss the family as a "domestic church" and how our homes ought to be furnaces of God's love. Payment may be submitted to St Benedict Church address:

1419 St Benedict St Duluth, MN 55811

Checks should be made out to St Benedict Church with "marriage retreat" in the memo.

Childcare is available on site, but space is limited. Please contact Elisabeth Cyr at elisabeth.cyr@duluthcatholic.org to reserve a spot for your child/ren. Potty trained children only, $5 fee per kid. Nursing babies are welcome.

Here is the link to register:
https://forms.gle/oEFuY9zFfDgwurMz7

Jesus directed us all to "go and tell the Good News to everyone".

Sharing our faith with children is an excellent way to pass on the Good News.

Religious Education classes for K-12 begin Oct 6 at St Mary's. Teachers are needed to pass on the faith.

Grades K-5 will be on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm - 3:45pm.

Grades 6-12 will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Is Jesus calling you?

Please talk with Gwenn or Father KK.
May God continue to bless you!

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