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September 19-20, 2020 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe."

As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament.

"Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.



Musings From The Pastor.

A story is told about a woman in an airport. She had a “red-eye” flight and it was around midnight. She was tired, but also hungry so she bought a box of cookies. She sat down and opened her hand bag, searching for a book to read. A man sat down next to her and the next thing she knew, he opened the box of cookies and was eating one of them! This upset the woman but she did not want to create a scene. Besides, she thought, “Well, he is only eating one.” But then he took another one. Rather than have a row, the woman simply took one herself. Then he took one and she took another one. This continued until there was only one cookie left. The man picked up the final cookie and said to the woman, “Would you like to split it with me?” She was so furious that she grabbed it out of his hand, took her bag and stormed away. When she got on the plane, she was still fuming. Before she sat down, she reached into her bag to find her book. What she pulled out was the box of cookies which she had bought!

The man she was angry with turned out to be the generous one. We see something like that in this Sunday’s parable. We can get mad at God and think that he is treating us unfairly, especially when we compare ourselves to other people. But all this shows that we have the wrong premise. In relation to God, everything is a gift. It all belongs to him. When we stand before God, we cannot demand any rights. For the workers in today’s Gospel it seemed unfair that the ones who worked only an hour got the same pay as the ones who worked the entire day. But God is not unfair. He is simply generous.

We can learn something from the workers who entered the vineyard late in the day. Day laborers existed not only in the time of Jesus; we have them today. We can learn something by considering their point of view. Several years ago I watched a documentary featuring day laborers in California. During fruit and vegetable harvesting season farmers’ drive around picking guys who need to work in the farm. This documentary gave me a different perspective on today’s Gospel. I saw the guys early in the morning. There was still a good crowd of them, all eager to get hired for ten dollars or less an hour. In order to get picked they had to look strong and alert – and of course have no alcohol on their breath or any evidence of drugs.

Those who did not get picked were quite disappointed. They had to make a choice: Would they continue to wait or seek more pleasant surroundings? The day was getting hot and it would be more comfortable, say, in a library - not to mention a tavern or stretched out on a sofa in front of a TV. The more desperate would stay until around noon.

To me the remarkable thing in today’s Gospel is that some of the day laborers waited until five in the afternoon. (Jerusalem is about the same latitude as San Diego so, even in the summer, 5:00 p.m. is getting close to sunset.) I don’t know about you, but in some ways I would find that wait more

difficult that eleven hours of work.

Often young people will ask me how they can discover their calling in life. They wish that God would slip an envelope under the door: *Joseph, I want you to become a priest or Richard, your vocation is to get married and form a family - Oh, and I have just the right girl for you.* An immediate, clear message would be wonderful, and it does sometimes happen, but usually a young person has to follow the example of the day laborers in today’s Gospel: Patient waiting.

Here are some aspects of patient waiting which apply to young people - and also to the rest of us. Don’t slouch in front of a TV. Prepare yourself so that you can respond when the call comes – get rid of drugs, pornography, excess alcohol or other addictions. Do some solid reading, listen to some worthwhile podcasts, cultivate healthy friendships, and think about what older people (including parents) say to you. Even if you have to wait a little longer than others, you will not lose the full day’s wages.

Have a Blessed week: Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE-9/11/20

Parish ADA Goal	\$28,121.00
-Gifts and Pledges	<u>\$19,460.00</u>
Expected Shortfall (Overage)	\$ 8,661.00

CHRIST OUR LIFE EXPANDS OPTIONS FOR ATTENDING

The Christ Our Life Catholic Conference is offering the opportunity for people to attend in person or by livestream. All attendees, volunteers and vendors will be required to wear masks in common areas such as when entering or exiting Wells Fargo Arena, while in adoration or confession and anywhere on the concourse such as visiting exhibitors, restrooms, concession stands, etc. For more information on in-person or livestream tickets, safety precautions and the lineup of speakers, go to christourlifeiowa.com. The date is September 26, 2020.

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN

KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio is holding their Care-A-Thon September 22nd from 12-1 p.m. The Des Moines DCCW and the Nebraska DCCW’s are manning the phones and giving information about our organization. Please tune in and help support the ladies. The phone number is: 1-855-571-1027. Please mention the Des Moines DCCW.

FLOCKNOTE

Please remember to sign up for flocknote so that you may stay informed of all the changes in our masses, our meetings, and any pertinent information we need to pass along at this time. With school starting, so do our Faith Formation and projects. We pray all of you and your families stay safe. If you need any help please call the office.

FACEBOOK

Please remember to “LIKE” the St. Mary’s Church Facebook page. If you have anything for Facebook please give us a call! Thank you for sharing!! Our page is: St. Mary’s Catholic Church-Red Oak. We are unable to stream mass until we have updated our equipment and will let you know as soon as we can. You can watch Imogene Mass on Facebook if you wish until we can get up and going. Thank you.



**FAITH FORMATION
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
Blessings to all!!**

Thanks to all who attended and helped with our Confirmation, YDisciple, and Family Formation meetings!

I realize much is changed but these are real opportunities to improve our programs. Please know that the St. Mary's staff, volunteers, and especially myself will always be there to help!

The September 23rd Faith Formation class will be for parents **and** students. You will be directed to the proper location of where to go when you walk into the church. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing. Thanks so much!!

Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church
Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

September 14, 2020

Feast of the Triumph of the Cross

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you recall, the pandemic brought our observance of the Sacred Triduum to a halt earlier this year. With Good Friday services in our churches not open to the public, there was no opportunity for the traditional Holy Land Collection to be gathered. However, the need for support of Christians in the Holy Land remains great. It is my hope that you will respond to that need as we focus on a collection on September 26-27, 2020. This is the opportunity when we respond to the direction of the Holy Father and reach out to assist our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land.

The Franciscans have been in the Holy Land since 1209, walking in Jesus' footsteps, caring for the poor, educating young people, providing scholarships, protecting the holy shrines, conducting pastoral ministries and keeping Christianity alive. In countless ways, their ministry gives voice to the voiceless.

Through this collection, we are united in a special way to the land that was made sacred by Our Savior's redemptive mission. The flourishing of Franciscan ministries in the Holy Land depends on the support they receive from each of us. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a tenacious community that strives to provide unbroken witness to apostolic faith.

I urge you to be generous in your support of the Holy Land Collection. May God bless you as you respond with generous hearts to this special appeal.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop of Des Moines

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a; St. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13; St. Matthew

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21; St. Lorenzo Ruiz

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6; St. Pios of Pietrelcina

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9; St. John Henry Newman

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22; Sts. Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45; St. Paul VI

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



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BRING YOUR MASK

If you're coming to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 30-Pastoral Council Meeting
Oct. 10-11-Tootsie Roll Drive

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus would like to thank the people who helped us meet our goal with donations to the Seminarians. We were able to raise enough money (with our Council match) to support 5 Seminarians to help them continue their studies.

We will be having our Tootsie Roll Drive October 10-11. Sign up sheets will be coming soon, so please look at your calendars and plan to help us! COVID guidelines will be enforced.

We would also like your input, opinions and thoughts about how to handle the Annual Pork Loin Dinner. With the COVID guidelines we have to figure whether we can even have the dinner, have dine-in, or drive thru, or take out only. Please help and tell us what you would like to see happen. Thank you to everyone for your support in the past, present and future projects.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-September 26-No Mass

Sunday-September 27

Lector: Kevin Britten

Altar Servers: Cate Horn / Jonah Wemhoff

Min. of Communion: Judy Podliska

Homebound: Judy Podliska

Greeter/Usher: Bill Drey / Joan Smith / Richard & Connie Sampers

Musician/Singers: Kimberly Vonnahme / Alan Vonnahme

Sacristan: Richard Sampers

Money Counters: Kevin Britten / Matt Ross

A ceremony honoring the Holy Eucharist is available on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 6, WOW TV, Omaha.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

A **very** HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY to Jerry and Rosalie Hansen, September 19th, 2020. Congratulations on this milestone and have a wonderful Anniversary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning

Josh Watson

Homebound Parishioners

Patricia Menendez

Noe' Sanchez Flores

Len & Fran Ross

Margarita Vasquez

Ken Steffen



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

Attached to the bulletin in the front of the church is information on Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. 1-800-532-1275 There is also information regarding Flood Recovery from Iowa Legal Aid in English and Spanish if someone is needing help.

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday, September 19

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Lois Schmid+

Sunday, September 20

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Roger Kirby+

Monday, September 21-Office Closed

Tuesday, September 22

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene

Wednesday, September 23

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Shawn O'Rourke+
- 7:00 p.m. FF-Parent/Student Meeting-K-6

Thursday, September 24

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

Friday, September 25

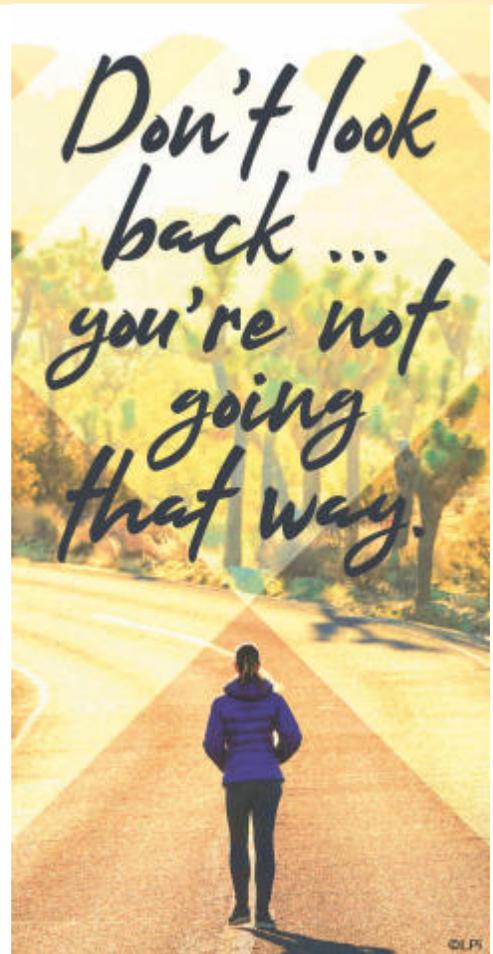
- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish

Saturday, September 26

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Grounds
- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

Sunday, September 27— HOLY LAND COLLECTION

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Bernard Bruning
- 1:00 a.m. Mass in Spanish-Fr. Tom Kunnelt+



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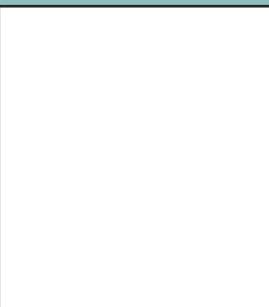
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