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8:30am Weekdays ~ St. Rose
7:00pm Wednesdays ~ St. Agnes



25th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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Our Mission:

"Energized by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist,
we the parishioners of St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross and St. Rose,
in joyful unity embrace our baptismal call to worship God,
spread the good news of Jesus Christ,
build up a welcoming community of faith and hope,
and lovingly serve and comfort those in need."

CALENDAR

- SAT 9/18** 1:00pm **SA** Wedding
3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Leo & Irene Maxwell - By Family
- SUN 9/19 Catechetical Sunday**
8:00am **SR** *1st Wedding Anniv.~Andrea & Ben Demers - By David Shaffer
9:45am **SP** Nicholas & Carmella Acquilano - By Family
11:30am **SA** For the People of the Parish Cluster
1:00pm **SR** Blessing of the Graves - St. Rose Cemetery
- MON 9/20** 9:00am **SP** Fr. William (Bill) Trott - By Michael Frey
- TUE 9/21** 8:15am **SA** Esther D'Angelo - By Suzy Beyer
- WED 9/22** 9:00am **SP** Toni Newhoff - By Queen of Peace Prayer Group
4:30-6pm **SR** Adoration & Confession
- THR 9/23** 8:00am **SR** Julius & Maria Mathe - By Margit Mathe
- FRI 9/24** 8:15am **SA** Peter Leone - By Wife
1:00pm **SR** Wedding
- SAT 9/25** 3:00-3:45pm **SA** Confession
4:00pm **SA** Rose Fusco - By Tagliaferri Family
- SUN 9/26** 8:00am **SR** *David Klosterman ~ Birthday - By Parents
9:45am **SP** Marie Moffitt and Mary Arnesen - By Family
11:30am **SA** Carmen Munoz - By Natalie & Debra

*Indicates Mass is for a living person.

Readings

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Observances

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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A WORD FROM FATHER

Not to Be Served, But to Serve

The disciples went silent when Jesus asked them what they had been talking about. They knew that he would disapprove that they were discussing among themselves who was the greatest and they were ashamed. How much better would our speech and behavior be if we knew we had to say or do it in the presence of the Lord? Jesus had already made it clear to his followers that the road to greatness was paved not by power, influence, wealth or prestige, but by lowliness and humility. The key was to be the servant, not the master, of all. The disciples had great difficulty grasping this point. They continued to think of the Messiah as ushering in an earthly kingdom that would deliver them from subservience to the Romans. They couldn't grasp the concept of a realm where "Whatever you do for the least of these my brothers you do for me." (Matthew 25:40) Do we too continue to seek ways that life can be made easier, more advantageous for our own pleasure and comfort? Or do we invest our time more generously in seeking ways that we can be of service to others? President Kennedy famously said at his inauguration, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

In his best efforts to get the disciples to understand, Jesus brought a child into their midst and encouraged them to accept such a one in order to truly accept Christ and the Father. By and large children can't do much for us in fact the opposite is true. They are needy, requiring continual attention and assistance. Our Lord's teaching is that this is precisely how to best spend our time and energy. We are to help those in need, rather than hanging around those who can do favors for us. At a social gathering do we spend time only with the person who is fun to talk to? The person who inquires about our well-being and that of our loved ones, maybe compliments us or sympathetically listens to our problems, even offering suggestions or actual help? We do well to preferentially spend time with the person who would benefit from our attention. In the continual presence of the Lord, let us "cultivate peace" and "not ask wrongly, to spend it on our passions" as St Paul encourages us in today's second reading. Embrace the needy one, child or adult!

Be the Servant of All,

Father Michael Fowler



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



Faith Formation Registration
is now underway!

Registration information and forms can be found on our website:



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GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Which sacraments can only be received once?

- a. Confirmation, Holy Orders and Baptism
- b. Baptism and Matrimony
- c. Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders
- d. Matrimony, Reconciliation and the Eucharist

Answer: a



Prayer Shawls

We have many lovely prayer shawls in a variety of colors available. If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time and could benefit from receiving one, check in the back of church or contact the office.

Baptismal Prayer Shawls

We are in need of white prayer shawls to be given out at the time of baptism.

If you are able to knit or crochet one, please drop it off in the sacristy or the office. *Thank you!*

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

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

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	<u>21/22 Act</u>	<u>21/22 Bud</u>	<u>% Change</u>
St. Agnes	\$32,575	\$36,908	- 12%
St. Paul	\$16,070	\$20,917	- 23%
St. Rose	\$19,258	\$20,600	- 7%

Rochester Catholic Men's Conference St. Joseph -- A Man of God

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 7:30am--12:30pm
Doors open at 7:00am with 8:00am Mass
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8 Winners - \$100 ea.
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20th Week drawing at St. Rose - Brendan Hall
Saturday, March 26, 2022 | 3 pm

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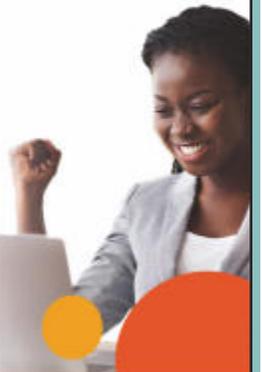
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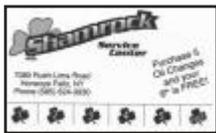
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