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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Masses:

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's, Tully

Sunday Masses:

8 a.m. St. Leo's, Tully
9 a.m. St. Joseph's, LaFayette
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Pompey
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's, Otisco

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Are You First?

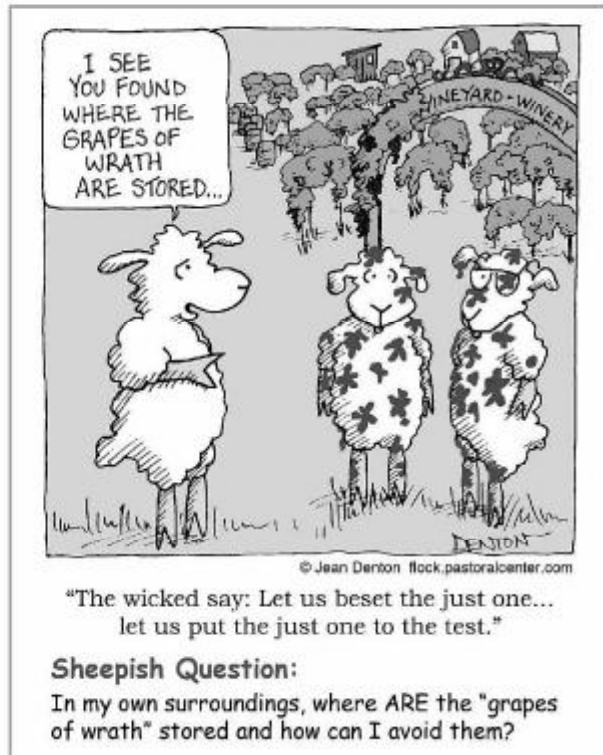
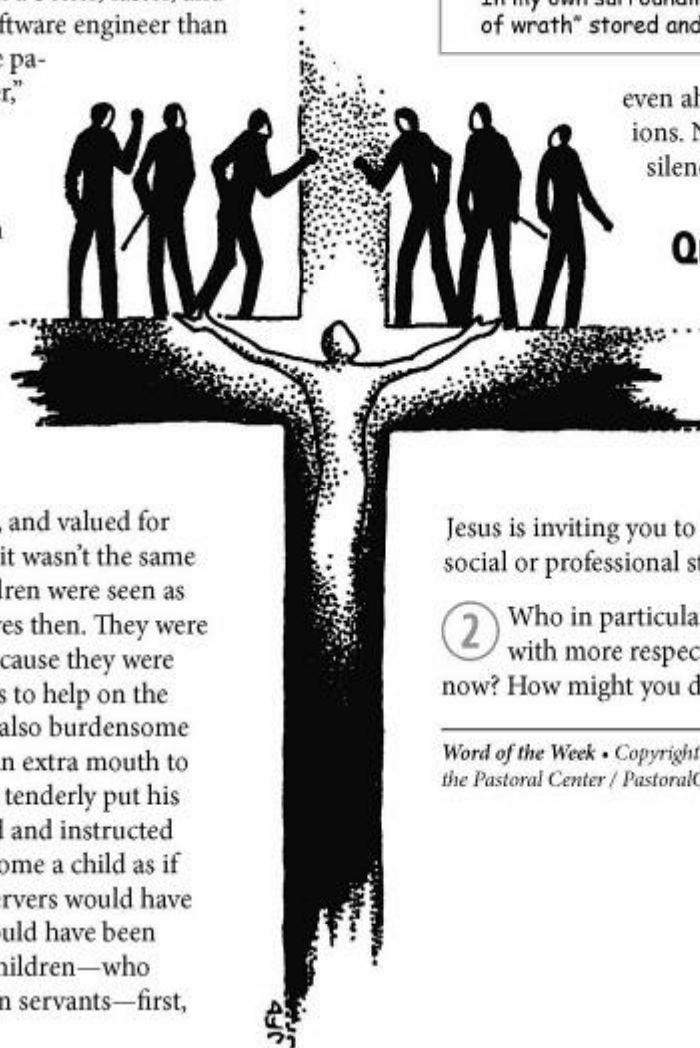
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 - The wicked speak
- ▶ James 3:16-4:3 - True wisdom and worldly desires
- ▶ Mark 9:30-37 - Who is the greatest?

At times, the twelve apostles displayed great faith; some left their jobs immediately to follow Jesus, and at other times they healed the sick, cast out demons, and preached with the same power as Jesus. However, in Mark's Gospel today, Jesus catches them arguing about who was the greatest.

We may think we are above that kind of squabbling, but how often do we make comparisons to others in our own lives? It may take the form of thinking to ourselves "I'm a better, faster, and more productive software engineer than him" or "I'm a more patient parent than her," or even "My child is smarter, kinder, or more talented than hers." It is then that we need to remember Jesus' counter-cultural lesson to the disciples.

In our society, children are honored, cherished, and valued for their own sake, but it wasn't the same in Jesus' time. Children were seen as little more than slaves then. They were primarily valued because they were another set of hands to help on the farm but they were also burdensome because they were an extra mouth to feed. So when Jesus tenderly put his arms around a child and instructed the apostles to welcome a child as if it was him, the observers would have been shocked. It would have been unheard of to put children—who were little more than servants—first,



even ahead of Jesus' closest companions. No wonder the apostles were silenced.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What form does social comparison take in your personal and professional circles? Are there particular ways Jesus is inviting you to let go of concerns about your social or professional standing? How so?
- 2 Who in particular is Jesus asking you to receive with more respect and openness in your life now? How might you do that?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18th—Weekday

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Sunday, September 19th—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Joan Hatch/Jan and Marv Murray

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Adeline Fagan/Fagan Family

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Kathleen Dwyer/Ann Derr; Theodore Basile/Jim & Linda Green

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Benjamin Wordell/Tim & Patty Downes

Monday, September 20th—Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Marcia & James F. Swan/Swan Family

Tuesday, September 21st—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Wednesday, September 22nd—Weekday

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Thursday, September 23rd—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

NO MASS

Friday, September 24th—Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, September 25th—Weekday

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Michael Auer/Jeanie Crouse

Sunday, September 26th—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Zachary Swan/Cheryl Karpinski

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—George Dobrovec/Dolores Dobrovec; Helen McDermott/Anthony & Mary Helen Palladino

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Zachary Swan/Parish Family

At Immaculate Conception

Dresses & shorts for Haiti: Reminder that we will be collecting them by Sunday 10/3 & 10/10 Any questions: please call Jane: 315 481 0146

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR IS BACK!!!! November 20, 2021 from 9am-2pm We will have our Bake sale, White Elephant, Book Sale, Vendors, Chinese Auction, Food, Raffles and Fun! You can help make this year's bazaar a success by donating good used items (just no clothes or shoes please), Baked goods, and books for the book sale. You can drop the white elephant items off in the church basement. We also have a few tables available for vendors if you or someone you know would like to participate, just \$25 a table. We will also be accepting items for the Chinese Auction. If you are interested in helping out the week before or the day of, we could always use the help. For more information or if you need a pick up of items to be donated, call Laini (315)-396-3215

Immaculate Conception Faith Formation: Tired of Bad news and Confusion. It seems we are overrun with it in this present age, yet there is good news. All families are welcome to join "A Family of Faith" beginning Oct. 3. The goals of this program are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. This program calls for two meetings per month. One adult at the start of the month and a Family meeting at the end of the month. The program will give you all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the faith. For more information contact Bob Gallerani email RGallerani@syrдио.org or cell 609-915-2890

At St. Leo's

Mass & Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, October 2nd at 12 Noon at St. Leo's. All are welcome.

An abundant thanks to the many who made our 2021 St. Leo's Tully Community Picnic such a great success. An enjoyable time was had by all and we are most grateful. Thank you Fr. Carey for your kindness and generosity!

Miscellaneous Announcements

The Diocese has asked at we all wear masks while attending Mass.

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Gospel Meditation

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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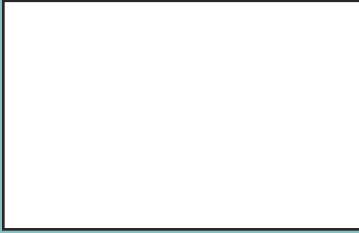
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