

September 19, 2021 *St. Ronald Church*

25th Sunday In
Ordinary Time



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

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



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. ©LPi

Religious Formation News

Kimberly Jacob:

Parish Catechetical Leader & Youth Minister

Religious Formation:

Classes for 1st-6th grade start this Tuesday, September 21st at 4:30pm. Weather permitting, we will meet under the canopy as we did last year. In addition, on the first night I will go over the rules, pass out some important papers, then release the students to their respective classes. We will be recognizing our catechetical team today Sunday, September 19th at the 11:00 Mass. A big thank you to our dedicated catechist, aides, and hall monitors; the program would not be a success without them! Also, a big thank you to the members of the Men's Club that helped and our wonderful youth that helped as well. Middle school formation starts on Friday, October 8th at 7:00pm in the hall. A friendly reminder that the Friday sessions are for students only - please bring your Bibles.

NCYC:

Wow, another successful fundraiser for our National Catholic Youth Conference; the pancake breakfast brought in roughly \$900.00. Between the two fundraisers we raised \$2,000, a huge thank you to all who contributed to the cause! The community of St. Ronald never disappoints in their generosity.

Confirmation:

Confirmation retreat is on Saturday, October 16th at Fr. Solanus Casey Center.

High School Ministry:

We will meet this week, Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm.

September:

19th – Catechetical Sunday
21st – First night of Religious Formation
22nd – high school meeting
28th – religious formation

October:

5th – religious formation
6th – high school meeting
8th – middle school formation 7:00-9:00pm

Quote of the Week: "Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness." St. John Chrysotom

If you should have comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail kjacob.stronald@gmail.com or call 792-1276, ext. 226.

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

Attention

All Weekend & Weekday Sacristans

Please note that when Altar Servers are not present at Mass, the Sacristan must also take on the responsibilities of the Servers.

If you are a Sacristan and have questions regarding this, please contact Mike St. Onge at 586-914-0190.

If you are a parishioner who may be interested in learning more about the role of a Sacristan at Mass, please call Mike.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come. The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume. ©LPi



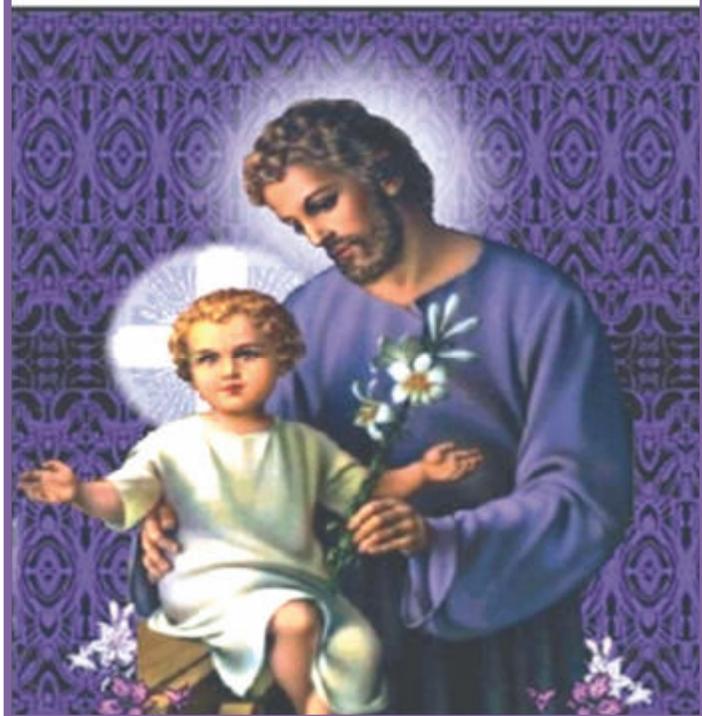
The Youth assisted at the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser last weekend.

Bible Study Coming Soon at St. Ronald Parish



*Watch the
bulletin for
more
details.*

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph



Calling All Anniversary Couples



*The Altar Sodality of St. Ronald Parish
would like to recognized those couples
celebrating special (5, 10, ...50, 55, etc)
anniversaries in 2021.*

*An annual reception is usually held in February
each year around Valentine's Day. However, due to
Covid, we have postponed this celebration until fall
when it may be safer time for all of us to gather.*

*We are potentially looking at the weekend of
Sweetest Day in October 2021.*

*Please fill out the form below and deposit in the
offertory basket or drop off at the office.*

*You will be contacted at a later date as
arrangements are made for the reception.
Family members are welcome to attend.*



Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Anniversary Date and #: _____

People attending reception: _____

We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Ronald Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group is coming back together
after a long break due to Covid.
We resumed our gatherings last
Wednesday, September 15th.



If you're interested in joining us or
want to learn more about the group,
come by any Wednesday at 10am
at the parish.

St. Ronald Parish

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Office Hours
Monday through Thursday - 9:30am - 1:30pm
Friday - 9:30am - 12 noon



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Ronald SVdP is once again walking in this year's Friends of the Poor walk on September 25th at Belle Isle.

If you'd like to walk with Chris and I or if you just want to donate to the cause, it would be much appreciated!

To register to walk or to donate to either Chris or me, please click on this link <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2634>

You will see a new web page and you will see a button to register to walk or on the right side if you scroll down, you will see Chris and I if you want to donate so just click on our name.

All monies collected will go to St Ronald's SVdP to help our neighbors in need.

Thanks so much and God Bless,
Mike and Chris St. Onge

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| Fri. Sept. 17 | Sat. Sept. 18 | Sun. Sept. 19 |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 5:00pm 11:00pm | 2:00pm 11:00pm | 12:00 pm 7:00 pm |

Friday kick off is ROCKSTEADY band, beer tent, food and raffles only!

DJ Jamez, Funhouse Band, Rock Steady Band
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Notre Dame Prep Jazz Band

Free parking - Free admission- Beer Tent -
Family Game Tent - Children's Carnival Rides -
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LITURGICAL ROLES

| September 25 & 26, 2021 | Saturday, 4:00 PM | Sunday, 8:30 AM | Sunday, 11:00 AM |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| Sacristan | Bill Pantalone | Geri Blaszcak | Maggie Brinker |
| Usher | Phillip Vallelunga Max Adani Cindy Neiman | Marc Moma Nancy Zagota Connie Larimer | Frank Brinker Mike Lutz (sub req) Jan Chrzan |
| Lector | Alice Murphy | Wendy Cummins | Angela Lucido |
| Eucharistic Minister | Jerry Matson (P) | Ann Burnett (P) | Mary Lutz (P) |
| Server | Charlie Clark | Mike St. Onge | Sub Requested |

Pray for our Troops

*Keep our troops and their families
in your prayers.*

*Also, remember all those who fought
and lost their lives for our freedom.*



Senior Airman Chayse Anderer

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Sgt. Jacob O'Dowd

George Revenaugh

LCpl Ryan Ritthaler

1T2 Andrew Severini

LCP Joseph M. Zelek

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept 18, 4pm

+Vincent Lumetta requested by Family

Sunday, Sept 19, 8:30am

+Dennis Seefried requested by Linda Seefried and Family

+Eleanor Butler requested by Linda Seefried and Family

Sunday, Sept 19, 11am

+Mary Spear requested by St. Ronald Youth Group

For reparation for abortion requested by Louise Martin

Monday, Sept 20, – No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 21, 9am Mass

+Ohoria and Marco Paolini requested by Maria D'Agostini

+Teri Stieber requested by Chris and Mike St. Onge

For Elaine Walczyk requested by Louise Martin

Wednesday, Sept 22, 9am Mass

+Mary Spear requested by Cindy Nieman

+Teri Stieber requested by Cindy Nieman

For Alice St. Onge requested by Cindy Nieman

For Chris and Ron requested by Cindy Nieman

For Fr. Herman requested by Louise Martin

Thursday, Sept 23, 9am Mass

For Eduardo Perrone requested by Charlene Cook

Friday Sept 24, 9am Mass

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

Saturday, Sept 25, 4pm

+Mary Spear requested by Angelina and Olivia Downey

Sunday, Sept 26, 8:30am

For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

Sunday, Sept 26, 11am

For the Zelenak and Waraksa Families

requested by Carrie and Jim Zelenak

Pray for our Sick

Barrington Boys

Maurice Beauchemin

Brian Billiet

Josephine Blunk

Michael Bolter

Brent Busacca

Brian Campbell

James Cichocki

William Cichocki

Rosemary Crane

Jazelle Culavita

Fran Davis

Sherie DeJonckheere

Anna DeVillano

Piper Grenfell

and Twins

Carol Goyette

Jean Greiner

Chris Kleist

Kelly Kleist

Darlene Kleist

Richard

Kowalewski

Paul Kushner

Anne Lanivich

Connie Larimer

Irene Lorkowski

Carol Matson

Don McGraw

Molly McGraw

Jacob Michael

Tom Mudry

Thomas Rooney

Karen Rothenhauser

Jerry Schmidt

*Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Rosemary 'Teri' Stieber &
Mary Spear
whose Funeral Mass were
celebrated at our parish.*



Masses of the Week

Observances for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday: Mass of the Day

Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday: Mass of the Day

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

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

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