



# **G**OSPEL 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.

# 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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# WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE 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.**

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**Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior, hear the prayer of Your people. Be with those who seek your healing hands, be near to those who grieve, be present to those who seek Your mercy. Let Your Love enfold us and strengthen us as we place our faith and trust in You. Amen.**



**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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**D**on't forget the **Pet Blessing** on Sunday, October 3 at 2 p.m. in the Atrium courtyard. I can hardly wait to meet you all! - **Annie & Gracie**

**GRATITUDE** to all who assisted with our 9/11 Remembrance Service. Gratitude to all who helped to prepare for this special event. Gratitude to all who donated for the flags. We are proud to announce that we surpassed our goal—that we doubled our goal: we reached over \$10,000.00 which will be used for the 2 Rapid Deployment Crafts for Hinckley, Brunswick, Royalton, Strongsville and Brunswick Hills. Thank You so very much! This was one show of our appreciation for the Safety Forces—continue the spirit of Gratitude in your own way! (see back of bulletin)









This is the picture I spoke of during the Masses last weekend. As I tolled the bells on 9-11 for the first attack on the towers this reflection was on the flag from the front windows. A Cross and two towers.!



**CELEBRATION** is for 8th graders through high school. We meet every Sunday at 6:30pm. If you haven't joined us yet—consider it—we welcome You as a new Friend in the Lord!

# Land of Happily Ever After!

**COMING SOON!** Sunday, October 3

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**WEDNESDAY** September 22 - Weekday  
11:00 AM Madelin Miller (A)

**FRIDAY** September 24 - Weekday  
11:00 AM Deceased of the Donald Schuerger family(K)

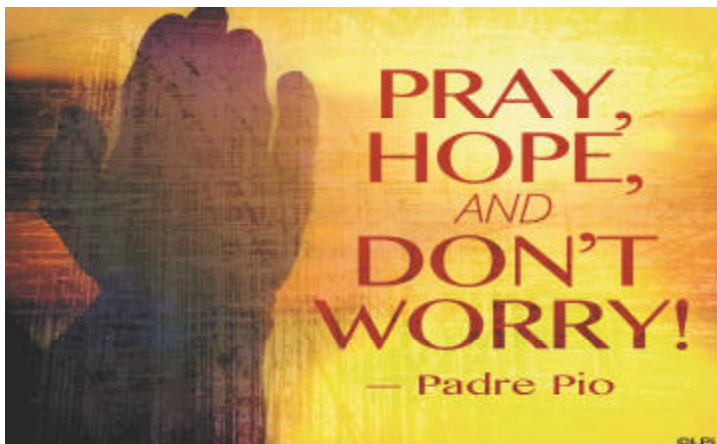
**SATURDAY** September 25 - *BVM*  
1:00 PM Wedding - Fentner & Janowich  
4:00 PM Joseph Banco (H)

**SUNDAY** September 26  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 AM Fr. Ronald Szudarek (K)  
10:00 AM Jerry Cunningham (K)  
11:45 AM Sam Calamia (K)

**Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength. These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer**



Ken B., Carol Biggs, Karen Biggs, Trevor Biggs, Justin Boguki, Carrie Jean Bonacci, Bill Briese & family, Patricia Burfield, Terry Connolly, Elaine Coreno, Rosemary Cross, Barb Deimling, Barb DeVecchio, Chris Dipippa, Robert Dumke, Sr., Mary Dumke, Gene Egnot, Patricia Ferencik, Sharon Fisher, Celia Giganti, James Gresko, Amy, Barb, Marilyn, Sandy Healy, Bill & Tina Healy, Brian & Kim Helle, Rita Jamison, John Kole, Frank Kupetz, Lincoln Lester, Mark Magda, Ron Meister, Siobhen O'Leary-Drlak, Paisley P., Sally Panek, Kasperek Petretti, Tom Petruzzi, Beverly Phillippe, Jesse Prybis, Ron & Pat Prybis, Elaine Rady, Pat Richie, Kathy Rohrer, Tonya Ronako, Angie Schurger, Mary Ann Schveder, Vince Simon, Diane Sobosly, Reynaldo Solis, Carol Spooner, Dolores Stanchina, Bill & Carol Thompson, Tom & Marge Trobl, Ariana Trobl-Solis, Paula Ulas, Elijah Velez & family, Derek Vitas, Mike W., Carol Weiss, Anthony & Matthew Williams, Donna & James Woodyard, Marion Capra-Wesner, Jr., Debbie Woodyard.



## WEEKLY READINGS

**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

**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:  
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Friday:  
Saturday: BVM  
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Is the **Rite of Christian** Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for Me? All who are not baptized, baptized into another **Christian** faith denomination or a baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist are invited to take part in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is a friendly and informal journey of welcoming and ministering to those who seek to join our church. Our weekly gatherings are to help you experience the church through an understanding of our teachings and Sacramental life. Anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic or who would simply like more information can call Lisa Radey at the parish office 330.273.5500 or [lradey@stcoletteparish.com](mailto:lradey@stcoletteparish.com)

The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in memory of

**Merv Biggs**





## You are Holy, O Lord, Father of all creation!

September 1, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Collette

The words of St. Paul to the Thessalonians come to mind when I recall my time with you on the weekend of August 21 & 22.

*'We give thanks to God for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing how you were chosen.'* (1 Thes. 1:2-4)

I am most grateful for your beautiful hospitality you offered to me and to the needs of my Franciscan brothers in other lands. You are a very welcoming community with a very joyful and prayerful composure. Because of this you were already open to receive the message of Gospel joy and sharing. On behalf of the many people who will benefit from your great generosity I wish to say thank you. Your financial support will go a long way in helping our seminarians in India, Central America and Zambia. Above all, your prayerful support for our missions is most appreciated.

In particular I want to thank Fr. William Krizner for his invitation to us Franciscans to come and speak to you about the Church's missionary efforts. As well as the parish staff that opened the doors to me and the parishioners who treated me to Saturday evening dinner. And what a gift your guest house is. It is so comfortable.

Most importantly I want to encourage you to continue to be the joyful and spirit filled parish community that you are. Your witness is what is most needed in today's world. I love your singing and your natural meditation prayer garden.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Petersen OFM Conv.

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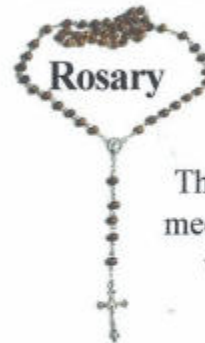
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**\*8th and 9th Grade PSR meets on Sunday, September 26 at 6 pm in the Atrium. Please use the North entrance into the Church. It is followed with Celebration at 7 until 8 pm.**

**Congratulations!** Phillip Titterington Executive Director, Medina County ADAMH Board Has been awarded the Faithful Servant Award. We too recognize his many good works including all that he does for the parish. With great pride we acknowledge your very special ministry. Well deserved!

Daughters of St. Colette

Thursday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 10 am will be our final  
outside Shrine



*"Come as a stranger,  
leave as a friend."*

The Daughters of St. Colette  
meetings October until Spring  
will start at 11 am in the  
Church Hall



**SAVE THE DATE**

Fr. Krizner will be the special guest  
at our Thursday, 11 am  
October 21st meeting.  
Father's topic will be  
Mother Mary.





# A warm Welcome to our Parish!

## Happy to have you with us

## Congratulations on Your Baptism

Matthew Ryan Lucas  
Molly Monica Long  
Hudson Thomas Forthofer  
Zachary Francis Sloat

You are a child of God who loves you so very much!



Banns III Kevin Fentner & Stephanie Janowich

Come pray with *the Brothers in Faith*

Every Saturday morning at 8 am.  
Weather permitting we meet at the

Wayside Shrine, weather not permitting

We meet in the Atrium.

Come pray with us...

Bring a Rosary, bring a friend !!!

“Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.”



### Pre-school PSCF

4 & 5 year old children meets Sundays during 10am mass. Classes start Sunday, September 26. There is no fee. Registration forms are available on-line and in the Parish office.

**CARE Ministry** will meet Monday,

September 27th. We will meet in the atrium at 6:00 pm



Please pray for those serving in the Military



Joseph Adams  
MJR Sylvester Azap  
SrA Aimee R. Budzinski USAF  
GySgt. John Burrell  
E5/2nd Class Jacob Camper USN  
S/A-Dept/State Bradley Carlson  
Foreign Service Officer Cynthia Carlson-Cook  
S/SGT Stephen Coughlan  
SPC Kristen Coughlan  
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Major Rick Hanrahan USAF  
SGT Jeremy Hlavaty  
1LT Zachary Hollister USMC  
M/SGT Melissa Hunt  
CPL Zack Hunter USMC  
AMN 1st Class Joe Isabella  
Capt. Julianne Jamison USAF  
Lt. Kris Klaiber  
SGT Kevin Lessman  
S/SGT Sam Lupica  
Col. Andrew W. Mack  
Lt. Colonel Jeremy Matyas USAF  
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## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
 Sunday: 8:00-10:00- and 11:45  
 Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am  
 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00pm  
 Holy Day: NOON and 7:00pm

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

**Matrimony** -Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

**Reconciliation** - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

### THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, September 5, 2021 .....\$14,053.00  
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$7,985.69  
 Children's ..... \$7.50  
 Project Endeavor..... \$2,573.88

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	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:45 AM
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<b>SERVERS</b>				
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