

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

OPENING HYMN: 1) All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, Come we before Him, and rejoice. 2) Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He does us feed, And for His sheep He does us take. 3) O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly to do so.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Remember your mercies, O Lord. Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

SECOND READING: *Philippians 2:1-11*

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:28-32*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS HYMN: 1) O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. 2) Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure. 3) Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same. 4) A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Refrain ~ One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessings which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.* 1) Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. 2) Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. 3) Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

CONCLUDING HYMN: 1) The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the word; From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. 2) Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!" One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses With every grace endued. 3) 'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore, Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

YOU'RE INVITED TO LEARN A "LATTE" ABOUT GIBAULT: Stop by for a cup of coffee and meet Gibault Catholic High School Principal, Steve Kidd, and Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day. You have questions; they have answers! October 1, 9am – 11 am at Café on the Abbey. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/GCHSCoffee>.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God doesn't seek out the perfect, but looks for those who are willing, who are humble, who will try, and – when and if they fail – will try again to do God's will.

MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4:

Monday, September 28	PRIVATE MASS – For the People St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
Tuesday, September 29	PRIVATE MASS – For the People Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Wednesday, September 30

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

9AM MASS (Grades K-4) – Special Intentions

St. Jerome

NO MASS – Fr. Gene's Day Off

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

PRIVATE MASS – For the People

The Holy Guardian Angels

5PM MASS – Steve Kickham by Kathy

9AM MASS – For the People

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2020:

Fiscal Week: 12

Mary Help of Christians: \$4641.00; Ret Diocesan Priests \$440.00; Cemetery \$180.00; Donation \$100.00

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7000.00

YTD Budget Need: \$84,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6186.68

YTD Budget Difference: (\$9759.80)

YTD Actual Giving: \$74,240.20

YTD Weekly: (\$813.32)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The reading from Ezekiel emphasizes that the divine will is for the wicked to turn from sin and toward God. What God sees is the direction in which one is currently headed, rather than where one has been. This sounds good when we have turned from evil to good, but the principal is less congenial when we have turned from good to evil. In response to the accusation of unfairness, God notes that what is in fact "unfair" is the human desire to have God always forget past sin but never forget past virtue. God's "fairness" consists in holding us responsible for the life we have chosen rather than the one we have forsaken.

THANK YOU for the continued support of our parish. With COVID-19 still controlling the number of parishioners we are allowed to have attending masses, we are deeply grateful to those who continue to give their weekly contributions whether it be in collections, submitted through the mail, dropped off in the rectory mailbox or at the rectory personally, or conveniently by using on-line giving. We have all been affected by this pandemic and pray for God's blessing to bring it to an end soon.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CASH RAFFLE WINNERS: 1)Emily Lyons \$5000 2)Carolyn Asher \$3000 3)Brian Fricke \$1000 4)Derek Niermann \$750 5)Denny Carr \$500 6)James Surman \$500 7)Doug McDonald \$500 8)James Surman \$500 9)Jan Smith \$500 10)Nick Duke \$500 11)Matt Colvis \$250 12)Dean Rucker \$250 13)Brian Uhrhan \$250 14)Ann Petrowske \$250 15)Kristy Fleming \$250 16)Adam Uhrhan \$250 17)Janelle Robinson \$250 18)Joe & Shirley Straight \$250 19)Randy Rodewald \$250. Congratulations to the winners! Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased tickets for this great cause! And...MANY THANKS to the Friends of St. Mary's for hosting this raffle to assist our school families with tuition costs. God Bless!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Will be back open 5 days a week beginning Thursday, September 24 @ 3:00 pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Serving food on Friday nights from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." Jesus uses a parable of the two sons who are asked to work in the vineyard. The first son flatly says he will not go, but later changes his mind and works. The second son tells his father he will go, but never does. This Gospel challenges us to look at our relationship with God and the integrity of our words and actions in our "vineyard." We are called to love & care for those in our midst, as each one of us is made in the image of God and require care & nurturing. We are to embrace a call for solidarity as we are all one human family in God's kingdom.