

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you collect 100 black ants and 100 fire ants and put them in a jar, nothing will happen. But, if you take the jar and shake it violently and leave it on a table the ants will start killing each other. Red believes the black is the enemy, while black believes the red is the enemy. When the real enemy is the person who shook the jar.

The same is true in society. Men Versus women, black versus white, faith versus science, young versus old, etc. Before we fight each other, we must ask ourselves "who shook the jar?"

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A very special Friend and Family in loving memory of Tommy McGuire on the 33rd Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of Mary Burke in loving memory of her on the 2nd Anniversary of her death;
3. the Family of Angie in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
4. the Family of Ned Blaster in loving memory of him on his Birthday;
5. Barney Tuner, Cassie, and Family in loving memory of Matt Martin;
6. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$4,382.00	\$2,458.00
Number of Families contributing	98	72
Total Pledge for 2022	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (33 Weeks)	\$107,735.00	\$109,665.00
Received to Date	\$98,102.00	\$76,653.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$9,633.00	\$33,012.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$475.00	\$6,970.00

Thirty-four ladies contributed last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2022
\$110.00	\$91,828.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

POOR BOX totaled \$226.00

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$104.00.

BAA totaled \$30.00.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE COLLECTION totaled \$184.70.

SPECIAL THANKS Eddie Paul and Maria want to thank all of Matt Martin's friend for donating the \$1,700 to purchase the marker for his grave.

LIFE

***Life is nothing when we get everything.
But life is everything when we miss something.
Value of people is realized in their absence only.***

THANK YOU to a member for a \$100 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and a member for their donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Patrick Edward Riley and Mason Sherlock.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will begin this Monday, September 12th. Classes will be held from 4:00 P.M.— 5:00 P.M in the New Hall on Mondays and Thursdays only. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child/children attend Religious Education classes. Teachers and Teacher Aides are obligated to be at Religious Education for the day you volunteered for.

Religious Education Classes are as follows:

*Monday — 5th thru 8th Grades
Thursday — 1st thru 4th Grades*

THE BIBLE

- *A Bible in the hand is worth two in the bookcase.*
- *The bible contains the vitamins for a healthy soul.*

- *Bible verses will save you from spiritual reverses.*
- *Read your Bible. A chapter a day keeps Satan away.*

WORDS & ACTIONS

**Sweet words are not always true,
True words are not always sweet.
But no matter what words can say,
Actions will always tell the truth.**

GOD'S LOVE

One day a man asked God what is the difference between your love and our love...God smiled and said a bird in the sky is My Love and a bird in a cage is your love.

GRACE, MERCY & BLESSINGS

Grace is when God gives us good things we don't deserve.

Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve.

Blessings are when He is generous with both.

Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A salesclerk went to the manager with a problem. "How," he asked, "can I stop women customers from complaining about our prices and talking about the low prices in the good old days?"

"Very easily," replied the manager. "Act surprised and tell them you didn't think they were old enough to remember them."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine;
St. Hildegard of Bingen; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For Mega Sherlock on her 10th Birthday and for Ansley Sherlock on her Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Brian Benedict Carroll on the 33rd Anniversary of his death and for Bryan Jude Carroll.
- Wednesday:** For the repose of the soul of Mary Burke on the 2nd Anniversary of her death.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Curley Riley on his Birthday.
- Friday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

CHRISTIAN BY EXAMPLE

***How can I expect others
To live their lives righteously
While I am so shortsighted,
That I really fail to see
My own daily behavior
Quite often does not reflect
The teaching of my Savior,
Or the beliefs I profess?
So, this is my sincere prayer:
Lord, Jesus, please help me be***

***A Christian by example,
And thus lead others to Thee.***

READERS

- Sat. Sept. 10th, 4:00 P.M.**
Julie Ann & Macy
- Sun. Sept. 11th, 10:00 AM.**
Taniel & Lauren Ashley
- Sat. Sept. 17th, 4:00 P.M.**
- Sun. Sept. 18th, 10:00 AM.**
Taniel & Lauren Ashley

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Theresa Hun
- Tuesday** - Ritz
- Wednesday** - Gwen
- Thursday** - Graclynn
- Friday** - Ashley Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

- Monday** - Mary Cat
- Tuesday** - Nora
- Wednesday** - Catherine Ann
- Thursday** - Winnie Ann
- Friday** - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** September 3rd
- Right** Winnie Ann
- Left** Bridget Rita

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- September 11th** Nora
- September 18th** Nora

MONEY & FRIEND

- I had my money and my friend.
- I gave my money to my friend.
- I asked my friend for my money.
- I lost my money and my friend.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. Why is a church like a convention?**
A. *Because families send just one delegate.*
- Q. What's the difference between a church and a movie theatre?**
A. **In church they "Pray in the name of Jesus." In a movie theatre they say, "Shut up for Jesus' sake."*
- Q. Why was Adam a famous runner?**
A. *Because in the human race he was the first.*
- Q. Why didn't they play cards on Noah's ark?**
A. *Because Noah sat on the deck.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR AWARENESS

Dear Jesus, I get so caught up in my doings that I am scarcely aware of Your presence. Yet when things go wrong or when I just seem to be on a personal treadmill, I finally seek You out. You are patient, gentle and kind. You let me know that You are with me. In turn, You invite

me to get out of myself and to broaden my awareness of other's needs. Help me to show real care. Amen.