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*Sunday, September 19, 2021
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.*

— James 3:18



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSION

FRIDAY: 11:15AM-11:45AM

SATURDAY: 3:15 PM. - 3:45PM

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †John Power, Sr. - Gloria Power

†Judy Hansen - Ken & Colleen Kolar

†Clarita Ambo - Nilda and Bessie

Intention of Zha-Zha O. de la Paz - Remedios Jara

Monday, September 20, 2021

12:00 PM †Mary Ann Milano - Bustamante Family

†Jose Borrás - Ellen Hopper

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

12:00 PM †Marge Prado - Mary Decker

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

12:00 PM †Enrichetta Christofano - Dr. Barbara Santucci

Thursday, September 23, 2021

12:00 PM †James Malone - Paul & Jan Haley

Friday, September 24, 2021

12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00PM †Raymond Majewski - Loving Wife

†Tony Mueller - Mary J.

†Michael Patrick Nigre - Pat & Louise Monaco

†Theresa Formato - Husband

Intention of Anna Marie McMeekin - Mary J.

Living and Deceased Members of the Pellegrini & Bustamante Families - Family

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Raymond Majewski - Loving Wife

†Judy Hansen - Ken & Colleen Kolar

†Julio C. Ignacio - Lito and Zeny Dungca

†Dr. Dionisio Marucut - Lito and Zeny Dungca

Intention of Zha-Zha O. de la Paz - Remedios Jara

†Denotes Deceased





Bishop Hicks' Column



September 2021: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!"

What is your favorite season? Even though I am a big fan of warm weather, my favorite season is the fall. I love the brilliant colors as the leaves change and the breezes at night become cooler. During my five years of living in El Salvador, I missed having four seasons. That country has just two seasons. Residents used to joke and say, "We have two seasons in El Salvador, 'hot' and 'hotter.'" Actually, their two seasons are the dry and rainy seasons, and yet they are still both very "hot."

In the Midwest, we are blessed with the four seasons. They provide us not only with changes in the weather and temperature, but they also serve as a reminder that as time moves forward, everything in life changes. The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die."

As Catholics, we believe with all the changes in our lives, God is constant. His love is unchanging and unwavering. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews proclaims boldly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." And therefore, he exhorts us, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Many of you are familiar with the play and movie, "A Man for All Seasons." Based on the life of St. Thomas More, it highlights someone who heroically remains true to God and to himself in the midst of a changing world. He demonstrates the ability to adapt to all circumstances and times around him, while never surrendering to the external pressures to reject or bend his principles and values.

Like St. Thomas More, we are called to be men and women of all seasons. The world around us not only seems to be changing at a rapid pace, but

also at times it seems that our society and culture are going crazy as they shift their values and principles. Throughout this rollercoaster ride of changes, we are invited to keep our eyes focused on Christ. He is our Lord, Redeemer and Savior. His love, mercy and compassion never change. In other words, he is our rock, our solace in the storm of incertitude.

Every morning I begin my day with a Holy Hour. As I pray, I sometimes glance outside the window in my chapel that overlooks a grouping of trees, and I am reminded of the changing seasons. Currently, the trees are full of bright green leaves. Yet, I know they will not remain that way. Soon they will change colors, then die, fall to the ground and eventually bud back to new life. As I reflect on the changing seasons, sometimes I catch myself saying, "I cannot believe how quickly time is passing."

At the end of this month, I will celebrate the completion of my first year as the bishop of Joliet. During this time, the seasons have changed, and I too, with the grace of God, have tried to navigate these changing times and issues. Like everyone in the world, my first year has been filled with ups and downs, triumphs and challenges, joys and sorrows. Again, it has gone by like a "blink of the eye." Yet, throughout all the moments of rain and sun, I try to keep my gaze steady on Jesus. He helps me to carry the cross in my times of trial and rejoices with me in the times of joy. Therefore, when people ask me, "How do you feel about being the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet?" I consistently and wholeheartedly respond, "I feel both happy and blessed!"

As I approach my second year here in the Diocese of Joliet, I know that things will continue to change and the craziness in our world will take on different shapes and forms. However, as I take these next steps, I do so with faith, hope and trust in God and with great gratitude for all of you. We are in this changing world together, and truly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." †

Parish News

*We wish to offer our
sympathy and a promise of our
prayers to family
and friends on the
recent death of*



Mary E. Walsh



C.C.W. COFFEE Sunday, October 3RD

All are invited to stop
after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
and 10:00 a.m. Mass for
refreshments and
fellowship in Corpus Christi Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25- 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose assisted by Deacon Peter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Bob

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - 10:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose assisted by Deacon Peter

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - \$6,187

Haiti Emergency Relief - \$1,392

August WeShare-\$3,270

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUP-
PORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.**



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 26

In thanksgiving, please
consider giving a personal
Spiritual Bouquet of Prayers to our Ascension of
Our Lord Priests, Father Jose and Father Bob or
any priest you know.

Your personal bouquet can include prayers of:

Holy Mass

Rosary

Hour of Adoration

Visit to Blessed Sacrament

Novena

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be to the Father

Our Priests Need Prayers!

Pray for Priests & Vocations!



Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

If you or a family member are ill and
would like to be placed on the Ascension
of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office.
The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy
issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a
family member. Name will remain on list for one
month.

**Please call the Parish Office to add a name to the
“Pray for the Sick” list.**



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: 12:00NOON MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: 12NOON MASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: 12NOON MASS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY -
CORPUS CHRISTI, 12NOON - MASS,**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: 11:30AM CONFESSION, 12NOON
MASS,**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: 9:00AM FUNERAL MASS, 3:15 -
CONFESSION, 4:00PM MASS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: MASS 8AM AND 10AM MASS,



During the time of Jesus – and this still happens until today in many parts of the world – children were considered as nobody. They have no rights, no power, no voice, and no value in society. But that was not how Jesus looked at them. For Jesus, children are not only great blessings but are of supreme importance in the kingdom of God.

Why did Jesus place a child in their midst? It should be noted that before this, Jesus was teaching his disciples about the necessity of undergoing his sufferings and death on the cross. And the Gospel said: “But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him” (Mk 9:32). Most likely, they heard him very clearly, but they chose to close their minds and hearts to the Lord’s teaching because they were obsessed with something else: they were discussing and arguing about who was the greatest among them. While Jesus was talking about his own struggle to become nothing through his self-offering on the cross, his followers were working out their selfish ambitions for power and shamelessly jostling for position. They were in the midst of a fierce competition, instead of unity and cooperation.

“Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Mark 9:36-37

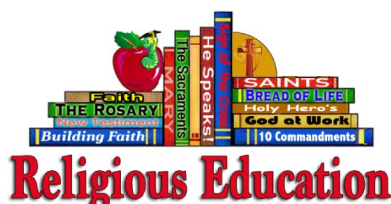
So Jesus placed in front of his disciples a small child – somebody who is nobody in society – in order to bring home the point that greatness is not in being first, not in having more, and not in being important. In the example of a child, greatness is in humility, simplicity and total dependence on God. In other words, the child is the clear reflection of Jesus. He is like the little child in relation to his heavenly Father. That is why he said: “Whoever receives one such child as this in my name, receives me.”

In each one of us, there is the adult and the child part. The adult in us is more calculating and security-conscious, goal-oriented and success-driven, ambitious and proud. But the child in us is carefree and daring, more concerned about celebration and cooperation, has less interest on ambition, power and success, and does not think of failure and death. Receiving a child as Jesus teaches simply means to accept the child part of our personality. We do not discard the adult part, but we give chance to the child part to emerge, so that we will be less afraid, less ambitious, but more authentic in our feelings and expressions, and more willing to take the leap of faith to follow Jesus. In this kind of disposition, we learn to let go, and let God!

This is precisely what the Lord is teaching us when he said: “Anyone wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all” (Mk 9:35). We should not be afraid to be last, for we will be the first. We should not be afraid to be the least and the servant of all, for that is the key to true greatness. And let us not be afraid to be like little children, for that is the way to inherit the kingdom of God.

A quotation aptly puts it: “It takes a lot of littleness in order to be great.” Are we looking for happiness and peace? Try what R.H. Benson realized: “To feel extraordinarily small and unimportant is always a wholesome feeling.”

(excerpt from homily of Fr. Mike Lagrimas)



There is still time to enroll your children for the 2021-2022 faith formation journey!

Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 28th at 6pm. Enrolled families can expect to gather together in the Corpus Christi room for a brief welcome and then the children will go to their classrooms while the parents continue meeting for the first night!

***** CATECHISTS/CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED! *****

What is God’s plan for you? Are you being called to share your faith and gifts? Is God asking you to have a positive, faith-filled impact on children? Are you desiring to make new friendships and help build up our parish community? If you answered YES! To any of those questions, please consider volunteering as a catechist or an assistant! Please contact Deacon Mick (contact info at the top of the page).

Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SERVING OTHERS & OURSELVES

We easily can serve ourselves to a vacation, a great meal, a new piece of furniture, another slice of your favorite dessert. But as we regularly take care of ourselves we can and should be aware of others who may need our help as well and maybe even more than we ourselves often “reward” our own wants and pleasures. In last Sunday’s Gospel the Evangelist Mark tells us how our faith goes as far as our good works for others. For without good works our faith is incomplete. At the same time, we may believe we are doing much for others and share what we have with many but do not trust that it is Christ and His work in us that is really at play. Faith without good works and good works without faith are incomplete.

Every day we have opportunities to care for ourselves. But at the same time do we make the effort to help others in their needs and wants? In our work in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our parish Conference, you, too, can serve others and at the same time satisfy the need to offer your and “feel good” about your efforts on behalf of the poor and needy of your community. There are many people suffering in today’s world that need your help and prayers. You can be an instrument or source of help while being satisfied that you have served yourself. Consider both helping meet the needs of the disadvantaged, the sick, the refugee, the homeless while also giving yourself the satisfaction that your good deeds and work are likewise satisfying your own inner faith.

Consider joining us to help others help themselves and in turn teach us the true meaning of our FAITH. If you are thinking of joining our service community, please call the parish office or our SVDP phone at 630-953-4419 to offer your service and good deeds. At all times your best help is praying for the good of others while fulfilling your faith in Christ.

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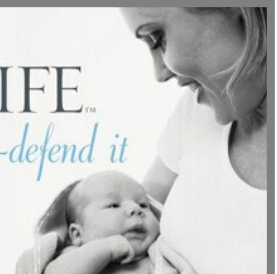
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September 22 - October 31



Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Fall 2021 *40 Days for Life* campaign to end abortion at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove, across the nation and around the world.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Downers Grove abortion clinic, Access Health Center, during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from September 22 to October 31, and bring a friend.

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PRAY TO END ABORTION



St. Matthew
Apostle and Evangelist

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 21: Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.

Saint Matthew is the Patron Saint of:

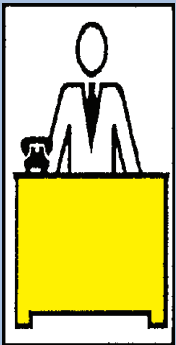
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