

AUGUST 30 - SATURDAY**1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 2:14-30****Vigil Reading: See Sunday****4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Fr. Joe Robinson****5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions****6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy****AUGUST 31 – SUNDAY****Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;****Lk 14:1, 7-14****9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy****11:00 AM – English – Fr. Nicolas – Bob Wuerth****12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Samuel****SEPTEMBER 1 – MONDAY****1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30****SEPTEMBER 2 – TUESDAY****1 Thes :1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37****SEPTEMBER 3 – WEDNESDAY****Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44****SEPTEMBER 4 – THURSDAY****Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11****7:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy****SEPTEMBER 5 - FRIDAY****Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39****9:30 AM – English – Fr. Rudy – Fr. Joe Robinson****SEPTEMBER 6 - SATURDAY****Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5****Vigil Reading: See Sunday****4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Bob Wuerth****5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions****6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy****SEPTEMBER 7 – SUNDAY****Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12, 17; Lk 14:25-33****Sunday Readings:****9:00 AM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy****11:00 AM – English – TBD – Tom Larson****12:30 PM – Spanish – Fr. Samuel****English Mass Ministry Schedule: September 6-7****Lectors: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann****11:00 AM – K. Gillespie****Eucharistic Ministers:****4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/D. Mercer****11:00 AM – R. Kenney/H. Loyd****Servers: 4:00 PM – Z. & M. Nintrup****11:00 AM – M. Sonenschein****Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Fox****11:00 AM: N/A****FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION**

Last Week's Collection: \$7,465

Offerings received to-date: \$60,563

Amount needed to catch up: \$11,437

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. ***Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.*** To take advantage of this convenience, please call

513-541-1563

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 1 winners: Lea Brinker, Linda Scheidler, and Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCoy, Sr. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry; call 513-541-1563, for details.

Happy Birthday!!**CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Toby Loyd (30), Samati Laupola (31), William Dahl (01), Frank Danner (01), Cati Cheshier (01), Bob Boliske (02), Barbara Jones (02), Tom Brunck (02), Mike Wilts (03), Russ Pennekamp (03), Spence Appel (04), Mario Wheelright-Forte (05), Scarlett Hennessy (05).

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION: In this Sunday's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is speaking to people who were obsessed with honor and status. In their culture, and especially at banquets, where you sat reflected your importance. But Jesus turns that logic upside down with a parable: when invited to a banquet, don't grab the place of honor. Choose the lowest seat. Then, the host may come and say, "Friend, move up higher."

Peter Kreeft insightfully comments, "Jesus aims always at the heart, not the hands; the motive, not just the act; the inner reality, not the outer appearance." He is not simply offering etiquette advice. He's exposing our pride: our quiet (or not-so-quiet) desire to be noticed, honored, and rewarded. And he challenges us to a deeper level of humility.

There are different degrees of humility. The lowest is pride disguised as entitlement: "I deserve the best seat." The middle is strategic modesty: "I'll sit low so I can be invited higher." But the highest form is authentic humility: "I want the lowest seat because I want others to have the higher one." That's love that is real, selfless love.

Jesus calls us beyond appearances to genuine generosity. "Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind," he says. Why? Because they can't repay you. That's the point. True humility doesn't calculate what it can gain. It simply gives. As St. Francis prayed, "Grant that I may not so much seek to be loved as to love." And this is where God's economy looks so different from ours. In our world, status and recognition are prized. But in the Kingdom of God, the humble are lifted up. Those who take the last seat, serve quietly, and love without expecting return. These traits are the ones God will honor.

This parable leaves us with questions worth pondering: In my daily life, am I striving to be noticed or to serve? Do I give without expecting return? Am I willing to love, even when it costs me my place, my comfort, or my pride? Jesus invites us to choose the lower seat, not out of self-deprecation, but out of love. For "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." In God's banquet, the last shall be first. And

the lowest place may, in the end, be the place of greatest honor.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Can you help to keep our pantry stocked? In the month of September, our pantry is requesting household cleaners. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Also needed at the food pantry are people dedicated to serving a few hours a week. Even if you can only promise one Saturday a month, it would help us to keep open. Please prayerfully consider this ministry as your way of serving God and others here in our parish.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) GRANTS: The Catholic Social Action office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is proud to announce the **2025-2026 CCHD and CRS local grants.**

CCHD: **Churches Active In Northside (CAIN)**, Cross Over Community Development, El Puente Educational Center, Mission of Mary Cooperative, Oasis House, Robert O'Neal Multicultural Arts Center, and **St. Leo the Great Church.**

CRS: Caring Kitchen, Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, Franciscan Ministries Community Garden, Hope Emergency Program, Mission of Mary Cooperative, Nexus Community Garden and Urban Farm, Rustic Hope, and St. Vincent de Paul Social Services (Dayton).

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CRS website:

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