September 22, 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 21 - SATURDAY Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13 Vigil Readings: See Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Fran Klosterman 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

SEPTEMBER 22 – SUNDAY Sunday Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16 – 4:3; Mk 9:30-37 9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – George Ruter, Sr 12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

SEPTEMBER 23 - MONDAY Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

SEPTEMBER 24 - TUESDAY Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21 7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Miguel

SEPTEMBER 25 – WEDNESDAY Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6 9:30 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Angela Bausch

SEPTEMBER 26 - THURSDAY Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9 7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

SEPTEMBER 27 - FRIDAY Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22 9:30 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Susie Phelan

SEPTEMBER 28 - SATURDAY Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45 Vigil Readings: see Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – David Dierker 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

SEPTEMBER 29 – SUNDAY Sunday Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 9:00 AM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel – Fr. Joe Robinson 12:30 PM – Spanish – Fr. Rudy English Mass Ministry Schedule: September 28-29

Lectors: 4:00 PM – C. Roosa 11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/D. Mercer 11:00 AM – S. Orth

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein 11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Fox 11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$8,336 Offerings received to-date: \$76,956 Amount needed to catch up: \$10,707 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.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Kelli Lackman (23), Ernie Freudenberg (24), Wanda Hubbard (24), Jerry Oberjohann (24), Tina Nicolaci (24), Coby Bromen (24), Allison Bollin (25), Ethan Finamore (25), Ken Price (26), Selena Rolfes (27), Nina Edwards (27), Sarah Walsh (27).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 4 winners: Chris Jaeger, Allison Klocke, and Steve & Kate Anello. They each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at <u>513-541-1563, ext. 151.</u> **FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:** In the ninth chapter of Mark, we reflect upon today, Jesus offers



a profound teaching on humility and service that challenges our human proclivity for power and greatness. As he and his disciples journey through Galilee, he once again reveals to them his destiny: the suffering, death, and resurrection that awaits him. Despite having walked closely with him and hearing his teachings, the disciples still grapple with

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understanding and embracing his words. Their minds are clouded by their own ambitions, and they remain silent, too afraid to ask for clarity.

After this foretelling of his Passion, an episode unfolds that truly defines our own human imperfections. When they arrive in Capernaum, Jesus asks them what they were discussing on the way. They are silent, embarrassed to admit that they were arguing about who among them was the greatest. Their silence is telling, as it reveals the gap between Jesus' teachings and their understanding of true discipleship. In response, Jesus calls the twelve to gather around him. What he says next turns the conventional ideas of greatness upside down: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." These words are as radical today as they were then. Jesus redefines greatness not as the exercise of power over others, but as the willingness to humble oneself, to serve others selflessly, and to take the lowest place.

Then, Jesus embraces a little child and tells them that whoever receives one such child in his name, receives him, and ultimately, the One who sent him. By using the child as an example, Jesus illustrates the kind of humility and openness required of His followers. To welcome the insignificant, to serve the powerless, is to welcome and serve Christ himself.

This teaching is a call for us to examine our own lives and ambitions. How often do we, like the disciples, find ourselves caught in the pursuit of recognition, status, or power? Jesus invites us to take a different path, one where true greatness is found not in being served, but in serving others. This path requires a profound inner transformation, a willingness to embrace humility and to see the face of Christ in those who are marginalized, forgotten, or overlooked. Let us pray for the grace to follow this example in our lives and embody the love of Christ in all our undertakings.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We received many cards from our school for the supplies many of us sent over. Here is a sample of some of the notes from the children:

Dear Donors, I would like to thank you for your generosity and common courtesy. We appreciate you! – Danana

Thank you so much St. Boniface Parish!! I would like to say thank you for the school supplies, and I will say a prayer for you for helping kids that needed supplies. Makala

Thank you so much for the school supplies. We really are thankful. May God bless you all. Thank you for being so generous. Dieu F

And from the sixth-grade class: Thank you so much for the back-to-school supplies. That was (a) very generous thing for you to do. You didn't need to give us supplies, but you gave it to us anyway. May God bless you. Sincerely, the sixth grade.

HELP REFUGEE FAMILIES BE GOOD TENANTS AND NEIGHBORS BY PROVIDING LAWNCARE SERVICES: As the leading Refugee Resettlement provider in this area, Catholic Charities provides a fully but minimally furnished home to new arriving families. Many families are placed in single family homes and do not have the equipment or tools necessary to maintain their lawns. Homes are primarily located in the Colerain Township, Mt. Healthy and College Hill areas. Volunteers will need to provide their own lawnmower and be willing to use the WhatsApp platform for communication. Interested volunteers can contact Tonicia Green at 513-672-3836 or tgreen@ccswoh.org