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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906
St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIFE. LOVE. PURPOSE.

What Jesus has to say about the things that matter most.

MESSAGE SERIES

Welcome to our four-week message series, **Life.Love.Purpose**, where we will explore

what Jesus has to say about the things that matter most. Four weeks. Four questions. One invitation: Come and see what Jesus has to say about your life.

Week Three: PURPOSE: You Were Made for More
Scripture: Matthew 20:1–16

The question: Why am I here? What is my life really for?

The landowner in the Gospel reading repeatedly goes out looking for workers: “Go into my vineyard.” The fascinating part of the parable is that God keeps calling people. Some come early. Some come late. But everyone is invited. Your life is not an accident, and you were not created merely to consume, achieve, accumulate, and die. You have been invited into something bigger than yourself. The question isn't whether God has a purpose for your life. The question is whether you're willing to discover it! There is a place for you in God's vineyard. Your gifts and life matter. You are invited. It's never too late to respond.

This week's Invitation: Ask the Lord: “Jesus, where are you calling me?”

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 19th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Joseph Hores 3year ann. Deceased (Family)
5:30p.m. (SJ) + Mary Catherine Nixon (Gary & Lisa Ponzani)

Sunday, September 20th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Russ Burkhardt (Bob & Andrea Koteles)
11:00 a.m. (SM) For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

Monday, September 21st, St. Matthew

5:15p.m.(SJ) + Irene Snyder (Family)

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:00a.m. (SM) + Ada Petronek (Daughters ~ Judy, Marcia & Marriann)

Wednesday, September 23rd, St. Pius of Pietreicina

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Patsy Tedeschi (Justin, Christy & Olivia Hornes)

Thursday, September 24th

8:00a.m. (SM) + Elizabeth "Betty" Benedetta (Lindy, Jack & Family)

Friday, September 25th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Alex Kish (Family)

Saturday, September 26th, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Patricia Padyjasek - 90th Birthday deceased (Pete & John)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Bernice, Bruno, Louie & Mike Maffe (Tom, Shelia, Casey, Megan, Grayson & Berkeley)

Sunday, September 27th, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Brian Lyden Sr. (Wife & Family)

11:00a.m.(SM) For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno,

Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, SSG Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler,

Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. SSG Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook, Petty Officer 1st Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal Dane Miscovich, E-4 Specialist Wyatt L. Robertson



FALL PAINT WORKSHOP

The **Caring Crafters** are holding a **Fall Paint Workshop**, this Tuesday, September 22nd 6pm-8pm in the St. John's Church Hall.

Flyers can be found are at the church entrances.

Come and enjoy this fun event for all!

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of September 12/13

St. John's: Adult (84env) \$3689.67, Loose \$464, Assumption (2env) \$20, Imm. Heart Fund (1env) \$5, St. Vincent de Paul (4env) \$36, Cemetery (1env) \$20, Building Fund (3env) \$45, Candles \$12

St. Mary's: Adult (54env) \$1,580, Loose \$286, Imm. Heart Fund (1env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (2env) \$15, Grade School (1env) \$10, Candles \$135



Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again*

the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following: Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich, Sandy Bass, Anthony De Genova, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Ainsley Oliniski, Beth Baker Phillips, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Kovallo, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan, Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Dalisay Donato, Adrienne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Max Townsend, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Peggy Gress, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin, Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson, Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold, Tom Lengyel, Bill West, Johnny Rushman, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion, Waneta Janosik, Jarrett Burga, Joseph Weyrick, Cathy Cilles, Henry Boston, Bubba Kapral, Jan West, Marlene Workman, Cathy Wright, Brady Boyd, Shirley Tollett

Break the paycheck to paycheck cycle!



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Imagine how much more peace of mind you would have with a couple thousand extra dollars in your savings account! That can absolutely happen when you join our **Financial Peace University** class. In fact, in the first 90 days of taking this class, the average household saves \$2,700 for emergencies!

Join our FPU class today and learn how you can get rid of money stress for good.

Class starts on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00pm in the St. John's Church Hall. The cost of the class is \$79.90, with financial aid available if the cost is a problem. Sign up today on our website, www.bnspcatholic.org, or text (740) 298-4158



Novena to St Michael the Archangel
Make sure you singed up with **Flocknote** to receive the Novena to St. Michael Prayers in your email. Our nine-day novena in preparation for our annual celebration of St.

Michael the Archangel (Sept 29) begins this Sunday, September 20. **It's easy to sign up for Flocknote, and it's free for you!** There are two easy ways to sign up:

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2. Go to StJohnandStMaryparishes.flocknote.com and sign up there! Once you sign up you'll receive schedule updates, the weekly bulletin, and other good stuff (like the St. Michael the Archangel Novena) via email and text message.



**St. John the Evangelist and
St. Mary Parishes**

Faith Formation Program 2026-2027

Classes Pre-K through Adult begin Sunday, September 20, 9:30am-10:45am, St. Mary's Church Religious Education Building. There will be other times available for adults to attend class together during the week.

You can sign up by texting your name and phone number to (740) 298-4158, or online at our website www.bnspcatholic.org or by scanning the QR Code



**ST. MARY CENTRAL TIGER TROT
FUNDRAISER**

St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry, is having their 13th Annual Tiger Trot walk-a-thon on Friday, October 9, 2026 in the school parking lot/ playground. Sponsor sheets are with this bulletin.

Please consider being a sponsor. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted even after the event. If you have a student or family that you would like to receive the credit for your donation, please include their name. They can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to St. Mary Central School, 24 N 4th St., Martins Ferry, OH 43935. Thank you for supporting our Catholic School!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 19/20

St. John's

September 19th EM: J. Orsini Lector: M. Kosky
September 20th EM: T. Young Lector: A. Busic

St. Mary's

September 19th EM: L.Gates Lector: J. Amato
September 20th EM: L. Kernik Lector: A. Schamp

HONORING ST MICHAEL!

Every year we honor St. Michael the Archangel, one of our patron saints due to the legacy of St. Michael parish in Bellaire. We'll have three days of celebration again this year—an Angel Prayer Walk to the former St. Michael's Church on the 28th, a 5:15pm Mass on the 29th and a Festival of Praise at 6:30pm on September 30 at St. John's.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds.

It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Congratulations To Our Newly Married!

Collin & Maddie (Ging) Snedeker
9/12/26 ~ St. John's Church



Memorial Donations to St John's Church

In Memory of Paula St. John by Chuck Roska, David & Kristin Glyder, Peter & Lauren Tsafarodes, Jo Ann Rankin & Debbie Respole.
In Memory of Linda Tylka by Jo Ann Rankin.



MT CALVARY CEMETERY BOARD

We are in need of a parishioner to volunteer to serve on the Cemetery Board for Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Bellaire. The Cemetery Board is an advisory board that assists Fr. Dan in overseeing and developing our Catholic cemetery. The board meets 3 times a year. Please call the parish office (740) 676-0051 if you would be interested or would like more info. Help us care for and develop this sacred ground!



This Week on Formed

Week of September 20, 2026



Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.

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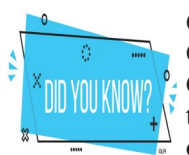
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?

Answer: The Peace Corps ©LPi



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 27, 2026

First Reading: But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel: Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

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CCC 1807: just person distinguished by habitual rectitude toward others

CCC 2842: only Holy Spirit can give us the mind of Christ

CCC 1928-1930, 2425-2426: the obligation of social justice

CCC 446-461: the Lordship of Christ

CCC 2822-2827: "Thy will be done"



Virtues, Explained!

Liberality, Explained!

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but "we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us," writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous. ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Why

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: "Clean it up."

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he's advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today's Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn't tell us is the "why." The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day's duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

"Why" is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today's Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the "why?"

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**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY****Prayer for an OCIA Class**

Dear God,

You never cease calling each of us to You.

Be with our OCIA class as we journey to know You better.

Inspire our conversations, guide our lessons, and direct our hearts as each of us seeks Your will.
Amen.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

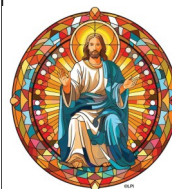
Lateran Basilica

Question: *November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?*

Answer: Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

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"Nothing is far from God." — St. Monica

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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A VINEYARD PRAYER

Jesus,
I believe that you know me and love me.
I believe that my life has a purpose.
Help me to see the gifts you've given me, the people you've placed in my life, and the opportunities you've put before me.
Show me where you're calling me to serve.
Give me the courage to respond.
I don't want to spend my life simply going through the motions.
I want my life to make a difference.
Jesus, send me into your vineyard.
Amen.



CARD SHOWER

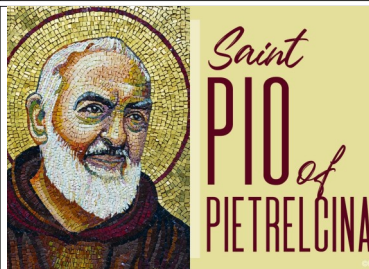
The Catholic Woman's Club from Central Florida are wanting to do a Card Shower for Fr. Richard Tuttle, a retired priest of the Diocese of Steubenville, in honor of his 50th Ordination Anniversary. (May 1st, 1976). Right now he is in the hospital and has been there since January of this year. They are hoping that when he gets released from the hospital that they will then present him with these cards of love and encouragement. Address the cards to **Fr. Richard Tuttle, C/O Fran Biggs 598 San Joaquin, Kissimmee, Florida 34759.**



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

The pregnant woman is not "going to be" a mother. She already is a mother. By saying she is "going to be" a mother, we inadvertently reinforce the notion that motherhood begins at birth. This reinforces the idea that the child really is a child only at birth. We all use these expressions from force of habit, and using them has no reflection on the strength of our pro-life convictions. If our language reflects this reality, we will help the world to understand that children in the womb are indeed members of the human family—right here and now!

— *Correct Language About Pregnancy and Abortion*, Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life



St. Pius of Pietrelcina— September 23

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy, he suffered many illnesses, including typhoid.

He joined the Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name Pius, or "Pio," in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary; his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m., then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of 81 in 1968, and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, pray for us! ©LPi



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

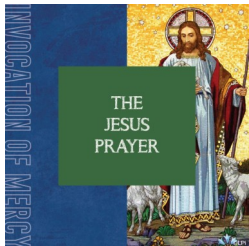
Its Not A Competition

As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Devotions, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer, Explained!

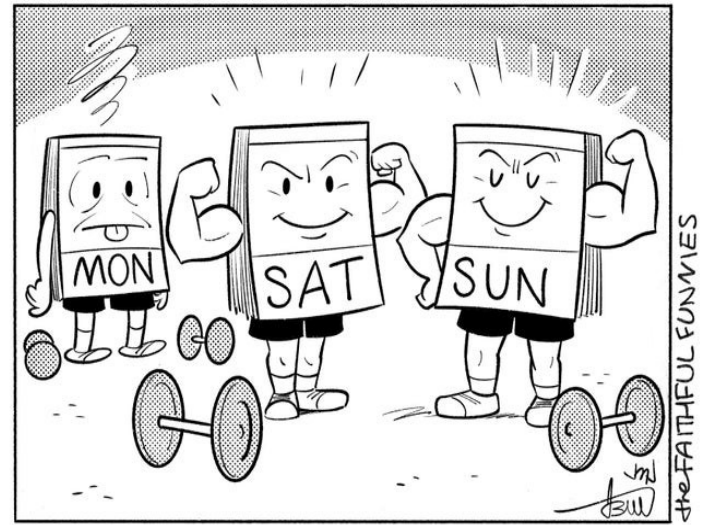
The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."

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"What are the strongest days of the week?"



"Saturday and Sunday—the rest are **weekdays!**"



We remember God's love and Jesus' resurrection when we gather as a community for Sunday Mass. Staying "prayed up" keeps us spiritually strong!

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Readings for the week of September 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m.—10:45a.m. Parish School of Religion (SMRE)
 St. Michael Novena Day 1
Monday: St. Michael Novena Day 2
 6:00p.m. COR Men's Mtg (SJH)
Tuesday: St. Michael Novena Day 3
 9:00a.m.—5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 6-8:00p.m. Caring Crafters Paint Workshop
Wednesday: St. Michael Novena Day 4
 5:30p.m. Caring Crafters Mgt. (SJH)
Thursday: St. Michael Novena Day 5
 7:00p.m. Discover Catholicism & OCIA (SJH)
Friday: St. Michael Novena Day 6
 8:45am Men's Study Group (SJH)
Saturday: St. Michael Novena Day 7
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m.—10:45a.m. Parish School of Religion (SMRE)
 6-7:15p.m. Youth Group (SMRE)

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By Bruce & Mary Ann

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By Sunny & Anita Smigill

In Loving Memory of the
 Kuchinka, Teasdale & Stolz Families
by Marion & Jeff

In Loving Memory Of
 The Boston & Donahue Families
By Cheryl Boston

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