



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose
10:30 BW Sarah Kitzmiller from Patricia Giannella
12:00 BW Charles (Chuck) Shellogg

Monday, August 26

12:10 Jim and Betty O'Toole from Frank and Stephanie

Tuesday, August 27

Saint Monica

12:10 Blanche Gerstner from Carol and Larry

Wednesday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:10 Charles and Jane Stacey from Bill and Jane Stacey

Thursday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

12:10 Joseph Westhoff from the Wolff Family

Friday, August 30

12:10 Oscar and Marie Mohr from the Mohr Family

Saturday, August 31

12:10 Michael Ryan from Judith Kehoe

FL 7:00 Special Intention for Florence Koettters

Sunday, September 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 DE Ruth Scharold from Helen Weartz
10:30 BW Tom Meckstroth from Mr. and Mrs. Kip Zimmer
12:00 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

CCD starts **September 15** for kindergarten thru 8th grades. Registration will be that morning at 9:00 a.m. Classes are every **Sunday** from 9:15 to 10:15. Any questions please contact Debbie Wesselman at wesselmandmma@aol.com or 513-703-8229.

"I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME TO DRINK"

The weekend of September 7/8, International Help of Missionaries, Ohio Chapter representative, Donna Goddard and Barbara Wuest, will visit our parish to present to us the very pressing need for clean, healthy, disease free water for the people of Ghana, West Africa. In many locations there is no electricity, no clean water, no transportation, no medical facilities. While we are in economic hard times, the people of Ghana have no chance to improve their lives without help from outside sources—you and me. 100% of your donation goes to International Help of Missionaries, IHM. Please be as generous as your budget will allow. Thank You.

RCIA

Do you know anyone who would like to learn about the faith and the Church. Our RCIA is starting the end of September on the 21st. The classes are approximately one hour meetings at 10:00 A.M. You can call Fr. Barry for more details and the schedule.

...Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.

Hebrews

Rev. Barry Windholtz

Pastor

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #276
Communion #286
Closing Hymn: #264

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From the Pastor's Desk

Owen Justin Brinkman, Lawrence Barrett Haslam and Grace Burns Johns were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism August 18th here at St. Rose Church.

Mark your calendars now for our annual **St. Rose Family Parish Picnic** on Sunday, September 8th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. St. Rose will supply the meat and drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish to share. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for August 31st and September 1st
7:00 Joe Christmann, R.Crawford, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine
8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro
10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld, Jerry McCabe
12:00 Pat Burke, Patrick Homan, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillete,



Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Nobody likes disappointment. Dealing with it can be a difficult lesson that many of us learn in childhood, and some still struggle to learn as adults! We can often avoid disappointment by being prepared, having proper expectations, and knowing a given situation.

Today's gospel gives us a somewhat troubling story of those who were undoubtedly disappointed. Can we imagine standing, knocking on the door to the house only to be told by the master, "I do not know where you are from?" or even more, "Depart from me, all you evildoers!" Yet this is precisely the story Jesus tells someone who asks whether only a few will be saved. Matthew (7:21-23; 25:31-46) tells a similar story and we are thereby reminded that simply knowing the Lord is not enough to be saved. Jesus advised the man not to wait too late, for there will come a time when the master will lock the door.

This passage and others in the gospels like it remind us of an uncomfortable, and even disappointing truth. Some of those who know the Lord, who ate and drank in his company, are those who will be shut out. Such a message is far from the feel good, open wide, broad path to salvation that we might imagine. And the warning to those who know the Lord should fall squarely on us.

Still, those who will be saved may not be those who expect it, for in an echo of Mary's canticle, there will be a reversal of fortune. "[S]ome are last who will be first, / and some are first who will be last."

Are we open to disappointment? Or do we need to be prepared, manage our expectations, and know the given situation? Salvation is for all; but even those who know the Lord are not guaranteed salvation.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, teacher of wisdom, you warn us often of the dangers of complacency. Rouse us from the slumber of mere contentment and give us a spirit of striving to do your will at all times. Show us the narrow gate by which we might enter your kingdom where we desire to be eternally, with you, the Father and the Spirit, for you reign forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.

Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying,

'Lord, open the door for us.'

He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.'

And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'

Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'

And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob



and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



For Reflection:

• Jesus tells the people, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." What do you think he is referring to? Where in your life do you find the "narrow gate"?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Readings for the week:

21st Sunday in Ord. Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
Isa 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Hab 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30	1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 140:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Matt 23:13-22	1 Thess 2:1-8 Ps 132:1-3, 4-6 Matt 23:23-26	1 Thess 2:9-15 Ps 130:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Matt 23:27-32	1 Thess 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mark 8:17-29	1 Thess 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Matt 25:1-13	1 Thess 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9, 28-29 Matt 23:14-30	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6, 7, 10-11 Hab 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14