



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 6, *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose
10:30 **DE** Martin J Patton Sr. from 10:30am Ushers
12:00 **DE** Paula Smith from Teresa Lanter

Monday, September 7

12:10 Blanche Gerstner from Carol & Larry

Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10 Tim Wolohan from Jane Abraham

Wednesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver, Priest

12:10 Margaret Riedinger from Roy

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

12:10 Elaine Fischer from Tom & Francie Hiltz

Saturday, September 12, Most Holy Name of Mary,

12:10 Mary McCafferty from Kay & Bill Russ

7:00 **BW** Mary Caroline Gabriel f

Sunday, September 13, *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **BW** Dave White

10:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

12:00 **BW** Evelyn McCafferty from Bridget Bardua

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

To join us for mass on your computer, ipad , smart phone, or smart tv go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

CCD classes begin Sept. 20. Registration will be that day at 9:00 a.m. Classes are each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 for grades kindergarten to 8th grade. There is plenty of room for social distancing. Any questions please contact Debbie Wesselman weselandmma@aol.com or 513-703-8229

RCIA

If you know anyone who would be interested in learning about the Church and possibly join the Church Fr. Barry is starting up the RCIA in September. There will be plenty of room to social distance. Any questions please call (513) 871-1162

Kevin Kluener and Maria Pohlman were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Don Huesman** and **George Thelen** whose funerals were this past week here at St. Rose Church.

The collection for St. Vincent DePaul was \$1,870. Thank you for your generosity.

SIGN UP TO PRAY A MINUTE - Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe that our country is in desperate need of peace, justice and goodwill? If so, then go to www.PrayAMinute.com and pledge to pray just one minute more than you already do, every day, for the specific intention of peace, justice and goodwill. The site also contains inspiring reflections and useful prayer resources. Catholics from across the archdiocese are uniting in prayer from now until January 1, the World Day of Prayer for Peace, for the spiritual renewal of our country. Please join this movement!

Words Worth Noting

Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit. ~St. Lucy

Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right. ~Pope Francis

Faith means trusting in advance what will only make sense in reverse. ~Phillip Yancey

The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. As he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it. ~St. Vincent de Paul

SUNDAY FUNNIES

- ~ The doctor said... Well Well—it seems your weight is perfect. You just happen to be eleven feet too short.
- ~ The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.
- ~ If you're paying \$3.00 for a bottle of Smart Water... It isn't working!!!
- ~ You never appreciate what you have till it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

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Opening Prayer

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

Matthew's gospel tells us how conflict resolution is to take place in a community of believers. Generally, he is reflecting the rule of subsidiarity, which is, handle the issue at the lowest, or closest, level possible, as opposed to bringing it to a central authority. In modern terms, it's as though Matthew is telling us that each conflict at the parish level need not go to the bishop, much less the Vatican!

It should be noted that the conflict resolution pattern is to be applied to a member of the community. Matthew is not giving instructions on how to resolve conflicts with outsiders. These rules apply only to fellow Christians, members of the church. Each disciple is empowered to correct any other when there is the occasion of sin. But this correction is to be done privately as a way to honor the reputation of the one being corrected and in light of the familial relationships that are the model for this community of disciples (cf. Matt 12:46-50).

Only if this one-on-one correction fails does the circle widen to include others, echoing Mosaic Law (Deut 19:15). If this, too, fails, the matter comes to the "church." Interestingly, there seems to be no role for a leader, whether that be a Petrine figure (cf. Matt 16:18) or a "bishop," as Paul will reference in some of his letters. Instead, Matthew envisions the church acting collectively and punishing a sinner by treating him "as you would a Gentile or a tax collector." That is to say, the sinner is cast outside the community. This advice reflects the Jewish roots of the Matthean community. Similar advice is found in Paul (1 Cor 5:1-8).

When we join a community of believers, we necessarily have a community of human beings—with faults, failings, and even sin. The church, and even individual believers, has an obligation to act when faced with sinful actions.

Closing Prayer

Lord, conflict is unfortunately part of life, but your Son taught us how to resolve such disagreements. May we be inspired by his teaching, reflecting and modeling his example, so that there might be peace rather than strife, joy rather than antagonism. We will then be known as his disciples. In his name we pray. Amen.

For Reflection:

• In today's gospel Jesus outlines the way to resolve conflicts between disciples. What has been your own experience when facing conflicts within your parish community?

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 Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.



Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Readings for the week:

23rd Sunday in Ord. Time Ezek 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:8-10 Matt 18:15-20	Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 55:6, 7, 12 Luke 6:6-11	Tuesday Nativity of Virgin Mary Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 135:6ab, 6c Matt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23	Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Luke 6:20-26	Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 Luke 6:27-38	Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 Luke 6:39-42	Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Luke 6:43-49	24th Sunday in Ord. Time Sir 27:30-38:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Matt 18:21-35
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