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Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

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Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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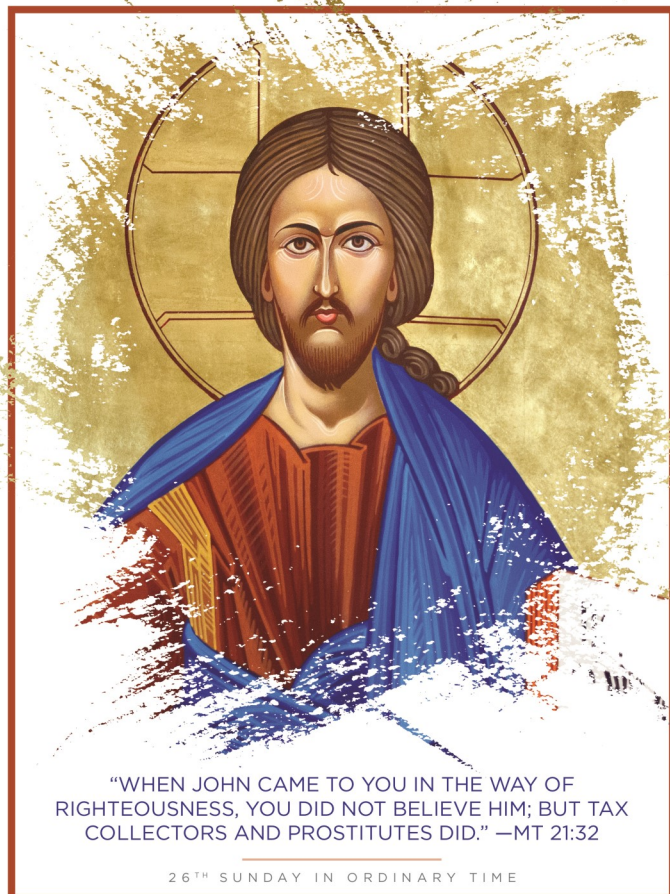
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AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

*Working Together To  
Build the Kingdom of God*



September 27, 2020  
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Youth Ministry - Deanna Wagner

### A prayer for friendships

Dear God, **Proverbs 13:20** says,

*“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.”*

This year, I pray that the friendships I currently have, and the ones I will make, will be positive. I pray for friends that will not lead me to sin or harm. Let them help me strive towards righteousness.

I also pray that you help me be this type of friend. Help me to be there when they need me, to pick them up when they feel down, and to be a positive influence in their lives.

Also, if I have a friend starting to go down a wrong path or making bad choices, give me the courage to talk to them. Help me show them that the decisions they are making can affect the rest of their lives. And if I am straying from Your path, allow a friend to bring that to my attention. Thank you for friendship, and I pray to continue in good ones. In Jesus' name, Amen. - From: Cross.com

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items for our Youth Ministry Program! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our young church (teens) will really benefit, as well as enjoy, the items.

## Faith Formation Information

by Linda Hansmeier, Director of Faith Formation



*“Nothing gives me greater joy than to know my children are walking in the truth,”* 3 John 1:4

For many parents, hearing that they are the first teachers of their children can be overwhelming. Frequently, I hear parents say, **“How can I hope to teach my child when I am untrained...how can I teach the ways of Jesus when I don't feel I know enough about my Catholic faith and understanding Scripture? At my child's baptism I was reminded that I was my child's first teacher in the ways of faith and that as a witness to the faith by what I say and do through Jesus Christ, our Lord but I don't feel that I am adequate and really struggle with the concept”**

The Good News is that as parents, your responsibility is to take seriously your role as the primary teachers of your child or children. And the really Good News is that how you model your role as a primary teacher is reflected in your daily actions and interactions with the people around you. How do you model your role as a disciple of God? Are the following part of your teachings:

- Do you teach your children about the love of God?
- Do you teach your children how to pray?
- Do you attend Mass weekly either on-site at St. John or watching it online?
- Do you talk with them about the Sunday Readings?
- Do you teach them about the seasons of the Liturgical Year when they notice the priest is wearing a different color?
- Do you share with them how Jesus, through his birth, death, resurrection, ascension, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, gives us eternal life?
- Do you teach them that God loves them in a very personal way and wants to be their closest friend and encourage them to invite Jesus into their own heart and lives?
- Do you teach them to ask Jesus to fill them with the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that they become more and more like Jesus themselves?
- And, do you model what you are teaching by continuously inviting Jesus into your own life and asking for the help and grace of the Holy Spirit to teach you and lead you?

If you do so, **I believe you will**, **“be the best of teachers bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.”** It is not written anywhere that to be the best teacher you must be a theologian or a professor of religion. Your child/children, deserve the best gift you can give them. May they receive from all of us the gift of faith and God's love. If you truly feel that you lack the knowledge of your Catholic faith, consider joining **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation) to learn more.



**The Knights of Columbus, Council 5677** will be having its 6th annual **“Coats for All”** drive starting September 21st

thru October 10th. Because of your fantastic support, we have distributed more than 1500 coats, jackets, shirts, and sweaters to the local SE Linn Community Center in Lisbon.

- Winter coats, light jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters are needed. They can be new or used in good condition. Infant to adult items are needed.
- We will be collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts thru Sunday October 11th. Just place them in the **“Coats for All”** box in the gathering area.
- Your help in making this drive a success is greatly appreciated! Thank you for helping us fulfill one of Christ’s directives to ***clothe the naked!***

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**THE DATE - OCTOBER 4TH**

**The Feast of St. Francis:** Fr. Andrew will have a blessing of pets and animals on Sunday, October 4th at 2 pm . Families are encouraged to bring their pets for a special blessing. This will be held in the upper parking lot.

**Liturgical Minister for October 4, 2020**

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Cindy Kendall Diane Kimm  
Brett Kimm

Lector: Dave Klostermann

Servers: Johnny Broulik  
Luke Stephens

Greeters: Troy & Tracey Louwagie family  
Teresa Pisarik

**Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,326.92**

**September 17 & 20, 2020**

Budget, Adult.....	\$3,407.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 77.00
Air Conditioning.....	\$ 100.00
Back Pack Program.....	\$ 375.00
Total Collected .....	\$3,959.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$63,923.04
YTD collections received .....	\$60,053.00
YTD over/ <b>short</b> .....	\$ <b>3,870.04</b>



**Wednesday, September 30th**

8:30 am - Irvin & Louise Clark

**Friday, October 2nd**

8:30 am - Elsie Pisarik

**Sunday, October 4th**

8:30 am - Jim Schemmel

**Readings for the week of September 27, 2020**

- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Wed.: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday:**

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
[Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



**Knights of Columbus Annual Rose Drive for Birthright:** Sunday, October 10th the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Rose Drive. Please be generous.