

September 20, 2020

Ordinary Time
Twenty-fifth Sunday

The last
will be first,
and the
first will
be last.



Mercy Without Measure

Today's readings offer us a glimpse of the mercy of God, which is a mercy without measure. This mercy of God is what inspired the parable of the vineyard. Whether a person came early or late to God, Jesus' actions illustrated that their welcome would be equally warm because God's ways and thoughts are tempered by mercy and love.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in memory of
Emmie & George Michalec by Mary & Ray Michalec.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend are in memory of
Lillie & Henry Dornak sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Lillie & Henry Dornak ,
Patricia & Harold Kuntschik

Saturday, September 26

6:30 p.m. Victor Jungbauer

Sunday, September 27

6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Rudy Jahn Family

9:30 a.m. Mary & Alfons Vana



*** The Outdoor Masses at the Social Center Pavilion will resume next Weekend, Sept. 26 & 27. Face masks and social distancing protocol will be in place.****

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Linda Muehlstein.

CDA Rosary & Meeting tomorrow, 6:30 p.m., Family Room - social distancing protocol and wear a mask.

WELCOME TO MOULTON PICNIC

A warm welcome to all visitors who have come to celebrate with us and join us for our Parish Picnic. Thank you for your generous support.

This year the Picnic may look and seem a bit different. To ensure the safety of all volunteers, parishioners and guests, face masks and social distancing protocol will be in place. Sanitizing stations will be available for your protection. We are putting all measures in place to keep all safe and we ask for your cooperation.

REFLECTION

Merit or Grace?

The parable of the Vineyard, during Jesus' ministry, represented Jesus' response to those who accused him of wasting his time and efforts among the least members of society. No doubt the Scribes and Pharisees regarded themselves as full-time, dawn-to-dusk workers whom God would generously reward at the end of their day. These righteous ones were certain that those who strayed from God's ways could never merit the same reward. But, Jesus in whom the ways and thoughts of God became incarnate, reached out with mercy and generous forgiveness for all, not as merit that can be earned but as grace freely given to sinners.

Most of us would bristle at what appears to be an injustice perpetuated on hard-working people. The parable however teaches us a lesson about the Kingdom of Heaven. Entrance to the Kingdom cannot be earned, no matter how early one rises or how long one works. Entrance is God's gift, given freely and mercifully to those who seem by human standards to deserve it, as well as to those who do not. Generous mercy is that quality of God without which we would have no hope of survival.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sept. 20 – Hattie Cinadr, Michelle Fojtik, Lauren Ramos, Rebecca Wilke

Sept. 21 – Bernadette Fikac, Tracy Nieto, Evan Rother

Sept. 22 – Timothy Koncaba, Kenneth Kristynik, Eric Rother

Sept. 23 – Robert Berckenhoff

Sept. 24 – Colby Blahuta, German Vasquez

Sept. 25 – Scott Chaloupka, Cynthia Cinadr, Alice Fisbeck, Lisa Zidek

Sept. 26 – Daniel Mejias, Thomas Perez, B. Whittenborn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sept. 15 – Congratulations Glen & Rhonda Muehlstein on your 35th Wedding Anniversary

No C.C.D. today. Students are welcome to work at the Church Picnic with their parents' permission. **C.C.D. resumes** September 23 for 9th-11th Grades and September 27 for Kindergarten – 8th Grades.

Picnic Clean-up tomorrow, Social Center/Picnic Grounds.