

# 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but (also) everyone for those of others.*

*Philippians 2:3-4*



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We warmly welcome new parishioners & visitors! New parishioners may register by phoning the offices at 688-3427, during normal office hours (8:30 AM–3:30 PM).

*Mass Intentions*

**MONDAY, September 26—Saints Cosmas and Damian**  
7:00 AM at the Poor Clares  
5:30 PM †Dan Shea by Mary & Jim Donahue

**TUESDAY, September 27—Saint Vincent dePaul**  
7:00 AM Intentions of Gerry & †Norm Ralph by Family  
5:30 PM Intentions of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul

**WEDNESDAY, September 28—Saints Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**  
7:00 AM †Janet Parker by Dave Parker  
5:30 PM ††Clarence & Roseann Whitaker by J. Salanitra

**THURSDAY, September 29—SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL**  
7:00 AM †James H. Snell by Pat Snell  
5:30 PM †Timothy O'Rourke by Jeanne Davis

**FRIDAY, September 30—Saint Jerome**  
7:00 AM ††Clarence & Gwen Schwindenhammer by Family  
9:00 AM School Mass

**SATURDAY, October 1—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**  
8:00 AM †Eileen Rogers by Sue Carroll  
**10:00 AM BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
5:00 PM †R. William Clemens Jr. by Family

**SUNDAY, October 2—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:00 AM †Shirley Korth by R. Emig and L. & M. Kramer  
9:00 AM Our Parish Community  
11:00 AM †Erick J. Enriquez Jr. by Family

*Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 3:00-4:30pm*



*Scripture for the Week*

**26 Mon** Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50  
**27 Tue** Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
**28 Wed** Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62  
**29 Thu** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
**30 Fri** Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16  
**1 Sat** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24  
**2 SUN** Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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Visit us online for the weekly bulletin and current schedule of events.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**For the weekend of October 1-2**

**Saturday—5:00PM**

**Servers:** Teresa Barden, Grace Tony, Megan Hagenbruch

**Greeters:** Ron Wasson

**Readers:** Craig Rocke, Kathy Krippel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sharon Bailey, Donna Hettiger, Terri LaHood, Mary Vosberg, Betty Wasson, Mary Jo Zacher

**Sunday—7:00AM**

**Servers:** Justin Goldsby, Jeremy Hinds

**Greeters:** Ron Emig

**Readers:** Juliana Szentes, Emiel Michelet

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe Waugh, Reg Gress

**Sunday—9:00AM**

**Servers:** Abby Craft, Isabella & Carlos Cruz

**Greeters:** Dennis & Laurie Zehr

**Readers:** John Quinn, Katie Hagemann

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gina Cooley, Carla Cramer, Dick Diekemper, Steve Lasley, Jeri Look, Dan Salrin, Rosemary Wiltz

**Sunday—11:00AM**

**Servers:** Kate & Annelise Sanderson, Samantha Vallianatos

**Greeters:** Denise Adams

**Readers:** Oliva Enriquez, Erick Enriquez

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joel Gray, Vic Burnett.

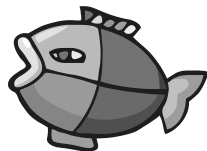
**Please Volunteer**

**PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS**

Barbara Koepple will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province. Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule. If you have any questions, call Joann Murphy: 688-7250.

**FIRST FRIDAY FISH FRY & BENEFIT**

Come to the cafeteria from 4-7PM on October 7 and feast on our usual tasty menu. Take out orders can be phoned in at 3:30PM: 688-3427 x213. Stay to listen to **Sidetracked**, our 'local' band which will play from 7:30-9:30PM. Bid on the Silent Auction items available and take home, or eat-in, the goodies from the Bake Sale. All these extras benefit the Cornelison Family as they deal with the medical needs of their daughter, Ivy.



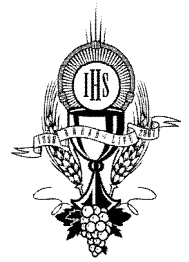
**DID YOU MARK YOUR CALENDAR?**

Wednesday, December 7 is the Holy Family Parish Christmas Dinner hosted by the Men's Club. We'd like to see everyone at the Lariat Steakhouse. Please join us.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL**

"If souls but understood the Treasure they possess in the Divine Eucharist, it would be necessary to encircle the tabernacles with the strongest ramparts for, in the delirium of a devouring and holy hunger, they would press forward themselves to feed on the Bread of Angels. The Churches would overflow with adorers consumed with love for the Divine prisoner no less by night than by day."

*Bl. Dina Belanger*



Come to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel to find your treasure. Stop by anytime **or** to volunteer for a regular hour, contact: Barb Koepple 688-1844, Jeanine Best 682-1207, Joan Kirchgessner 682-2720, or Lisa & Jerry Sanderson 282-0840.

**13th Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel: We will celebrate next weekend, October 1-2, with testimonials at each of the weekend Masses. Please join us.**

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

Please join us at our next meeting, Saturday, October 1 at 10AM in the Upper Room at the Parish Center. We will share breakfast before our meeting. We'd like to hear all your ideas on ministering to the needs of women in our parish.



**STUDY OF THE CATECHSIM**

Using the study materials developed on an EWTN series, we meet on Wednesday evenings in the Francis Room from 7-8:30PM. We welcome all individuals. No homework, no tests, come when you can. **Please join us.**

**September 28:** Sacrament of Matrimony

**October 5:** Marriage & *Humanae Vitae*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER**

Show your face, your feet, or your muscles some love with safe, natural, toxin-free spa concoctions and personal care products. Try these do-it-yourself recipes at your very own "Safe Cosmetics" Party. The necessary ingredients are usually affordable and not hard to find in organic or natural form. The benefits of making your own cosmetics will be immediately evident: your new products will smell and feel good, and so will your skin. For recipes for beet-red lip gloss, orange-ginger foot scrub and even deodorant, visit [safecosmetics.org/article.php?id=233](http://safecosmetics.org/article.php?id=233). Now, let the party begin!

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

Join us **next Saturday, October 1 at 10AM** at the church for our annual blessing of all God's creatures in the spirit of our founder, Saint Francis.



**ST. MARY OF LOURDES PROGRAM**

Join other parents on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30PM, in the Parish Hall for Rick Barnhart of RCL Benziger Publishers. Rick will use humor and storytelling, along with other teachings of the Catholic Church, to educate, challenge, inspire and give you practical ideas to help you in the task of raising your children, and in many cases, yourselves, to be practicing Catholics. Rick will also speak of the critical importance of making our faith “real” for our children and ourselves. Don’t miss his advice for you and your children. To reserve your seat, contact Ileen at 383-4460, x2.

**HEART OF ILLINOIS LIFE CHAIN**

Please join our stand against the greatest injustice of our time at the Heart of Illinois Life Chain from 2:30-3:30PM **next Sunday, October 2**. It is our goal this year to create a chain of humanity that will stretch along University Avenue in Peoria from the abortion clinic at 7405 N. University, where at least 66,600 have perished in the womb, to the Metro Centre just south of Glen Avenue. Why the Metro Centre? It is 12% owned by Washington state’s Planned Parenthood affiliate. You may pick up signs to hold during that hour at 2PM in the St. Vincent dePaul parish parking lot. We encourage adults to stand 15 or 20 feet apart as they pray. Children standing beside their parents provide a strong testimony of family unity. Bring water to sustain your stand during that hour, or bring a lawn chair if you cannot stand for the whole hour. For information, call Joe Ernst: 566-0643. **RESPECT LIFE DINNER:** The 30th Annual Dinner will be held at 6PM the same day at the Cater Inn Banquet Center. Lisa Gigliotti will be the featured speaker. Reservations are \$26, **due by tomorrow, September 26**. Call Jan at the Family Resource Center: 637-1713.

**A note received from ‘Mexico/California’:**

Dear Friars and Holy Family Community,

The peace of Christ to all. Thank you so much for your generous help over many years. This visit was very special for us to meet new faces and thank you personally. Here is an update on the girls’ and boys’ dorms: this school year there are 36 boys and 40 girls, which is a record for us. God bless you again. You are always in our prayers. Please remember us in your prayers.

Thank you, Fathers, for letting us come and share. Many blessings on you in the coming years. Remember you are welcome to come and visit us. Just let us know so we can come and get you from the airport.

*Fr. Abraham and Diane Young*

**FINANCE CORNER**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

<u>Sunday Offerings</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Sunday	\$ 15,720.00	
Second Sunday	\$ 9,153.37	
Third Sunday		
Fourth Sunday		
Fifth Sunday		
Total	\$ 24,873.37	\$450,732.40
Target	\$ 60,000.00	\$540,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$35,126.63)	(\$ 89,267.60)

<u>Loan #1 Status</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept.</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 370,217.65	\$ 367,333.00
Regular Monthly Payment <i>(principal + interest)</i>	\$ 4,625.05	\$ 4,625.05

<u>Loan #2 Debt Reduction Offerings*</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Sept.</u>
Beginning Balance	\$325,612.08	\$317,401.84
First Sunday	\$705.00	\$460.00
<b>Second Sunday</b>	\$1,632.56	\$3,283.25
Third Sunday	\$1,926.00	
Fourth Sunday	\$250.00	
Fifth Sunday		
Regular Monthly Payment <i>(principal + interest)</i>	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00

\* All offerings will be applied directly to parish loans. There is a special second collection held on the second Sunday of each month for this purpose, but debt reduction offerings can be made at any time. All Special Debt Reduction Offerings are being applied to Loan #2 in an effort to retire it as quickly as possible.

Imagine a gift that gives forever. That’s exactly what your planned gift to our endowment can do. What you give today will strengthen our community by providing perpetual financial support. Contact Fr. John: 688-3427, x202.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

Christians throughout Peoria are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 28 through November 6. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of National Health Care, 7405 N. University St. during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact: Karen Guth: 453-7493, [godshelperkaren@gmail.com](mailto:godshelperkaren@gmail.com), or [40daysforlife.com/Peoria](http://40daysforlife.com/Peoria). All are welcome!

**HIT THE PAVEMENT FOR THE POOR!**

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul has sponsored this walk for four years, but this is its first year in the Diocese of Peoria. Join us at St. Vincent dePaul Parish on Saturday, October 8 from 3-4PM. You can actually walk **or** be a virtual walker **or** just contribute. All donations go directly to the conference designated by you, so be sure to say Holy Family! Contact Julie Brooks for more information: 369-4187 or [jbrooks\\_walloon@yahoo.com](mailto:jbrooks_walloon@yahoo.com).

**ST. MARY/KICKAPOO SAUSAGE DINNER**

Take your appetite to Exposition Gardens **next** Sunday, October 2 from 11AM-5PM. You'll get the same great food that has been on the menu for 61 years! It's all-you-can-eat, and carry outs are available. Join in the cash and electronic raffles or shop at the Country Store. We'll see you there.

**H.O.P.E. RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

The goal of this retreat is to help women who have experienced sexual trauma to reconnect with God. The retreat takes place on October 14-16. For information or to register, contact Sr. Sarah Roy: 217/493-5250 **or** [sistersarah-elizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:sistersarah-elizabeth@gmail.com). God can heal you.

**ST. AUGUSTINE CELEBRITY AUCTION**

You're invited to the 9th Annual Auction. Come to the Manor on Thursday, October 13 at 5PM for wine, hors d'oeuvres, and Silent Auction browsing. Then celebrate Mass in the chapel with Fr. Tom Henseler at 5:15PM. The Auction continues after Mass. Tickets are \$50/person. Call for a reservation: 674-7069. The best auction items are the dinners with local celebrities; don't miss out!

**WIDOWED & DIVORCED DIOCESAN MASS**

All widowed & divorced are invited to attend this special Mass with Bishop Jenky on **Sunday, October 9**, at 10:30AM at the Cathedral. Following Mass a reception will be held in the Spalding Pastoral Center. For a flyer with additional information, visit [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org).

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

Recently an order was sent to all Pastors of the Diocese requiring the resignation of all Parish Trustees who had reached the age of 75 or served as a Trustee for over 15 years. Since both **Robin Beran** and **Joe Waugh** fell in this category, I had to sadly ask for their resignations. I would like all to understand, however, that this is not a question of someone being "fired" from their position, but Pastors being "required" to enforce a diocesan policy. Both Robin and Joe continue to be not only faithful members of our parish community, but will serve as members on the Parish Financial Council. Their expertise will be deeply appreciated, not only by the other members of the Council, but by me in particular.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to both Robin and Joe for being so faithful in their service as Parish Trustees under several pastors now and, at the same time, offer a hardy welcome to our newest Parish Trustees, **Mike Simmons** and **Tom Giunta**.

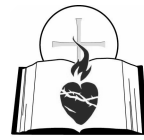
*Fr. John*



**OPENINGS AVAILABLE:** Preschool (3 year olds) and Pre-K (4 year olds) still have room for your child. Call Trina Schmidt: 688-3427, x218.

**CONGRATULATIONS MRS. TRINA SCHMIDT!**

She was recently honored as one of 25 Women in Leadership by *The Marketeer, Business-to-Business Journal*. She was chosen because of the innovative ways she has found to enhance the strong curriculum at Holy Family School, while reducing expenses and expanding the student population. Particular credit was given to her for the new creative writing program and the thematic units in the junior high curriculum, as well as the bike helmets and Solar Celebration. Did you know that she has served on the boards of WTVP, Lakeview Museum, the Peoria Symphony, and the OSF Foundation? When asked, she told the magazine that she gets her energy from the children: "Their innocence and potential for growth inspire me every day."



**ST. PAUL CENTER  
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

**By Dr. Scott Hahn  
The Humble Path**

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)  
Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Psalm 25:4-9  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day - tax collectors and prostitutes - who by their sin at first refuse to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders - who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners - each one of us - the way back to the Father. We can only come to God, to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority - that they had no further need to hear God's Word or God's servants.

But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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www.SalvationHistory.com*

Preach the Gospel at all times.  
If necessary, use words.

~ St. Francis of Assisi ~



**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A second grade teacher recounted a story about a boy in her class who had received a new baseball glove for his birthday. He was very anxious to try it out, but had a difficult time finding someone to play catch. Exasperated, he admitted that everyone was just too busy. "Even the fourth graders have too much homework to do!"

Sometimes the people closest to us really need our time and attention. It's easy to miss a request for our company, or playtime, or a good conversation, or help. We are so busy with the details of running a household, doing our jobs, paying bills and serving on community boards and committees. Certainly, it is all-important stuff, but is it so important that we must miss the opportunity to say 'yes' to those we love? When we are so available to others, shouldn't we be sure we have enough time and energy for our spouse and family? Not later, or tomorrow, or another time or we'll see, or I am too busy; sometimes, we just need to say yes. Let the dishes go, skip a meeting, postpone a phone call or pay the bills later. We are never too busy or too old for a good game of catch!

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*Distant peoples stand in awe of your marvels;  
east and west you make resound with your joy..*

Psalm 65:9



## BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

### THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

The prophet Ezekiel wrote for the Jewish people during a time when they were in exile in a foreign land. See if you can find out when Ezekiel lived, and how his people came to be in exile. Which nation led the Jews into exile? The exile did not last for ever. When did it end?

### SAINT PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

The Philippians were the people living in a town called Philippi. Can you discover where Philippi was? Roughly when do we think that Saint Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians? (We cannot know exactly.) Roughly how long after the crucifixion was it written?

## FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

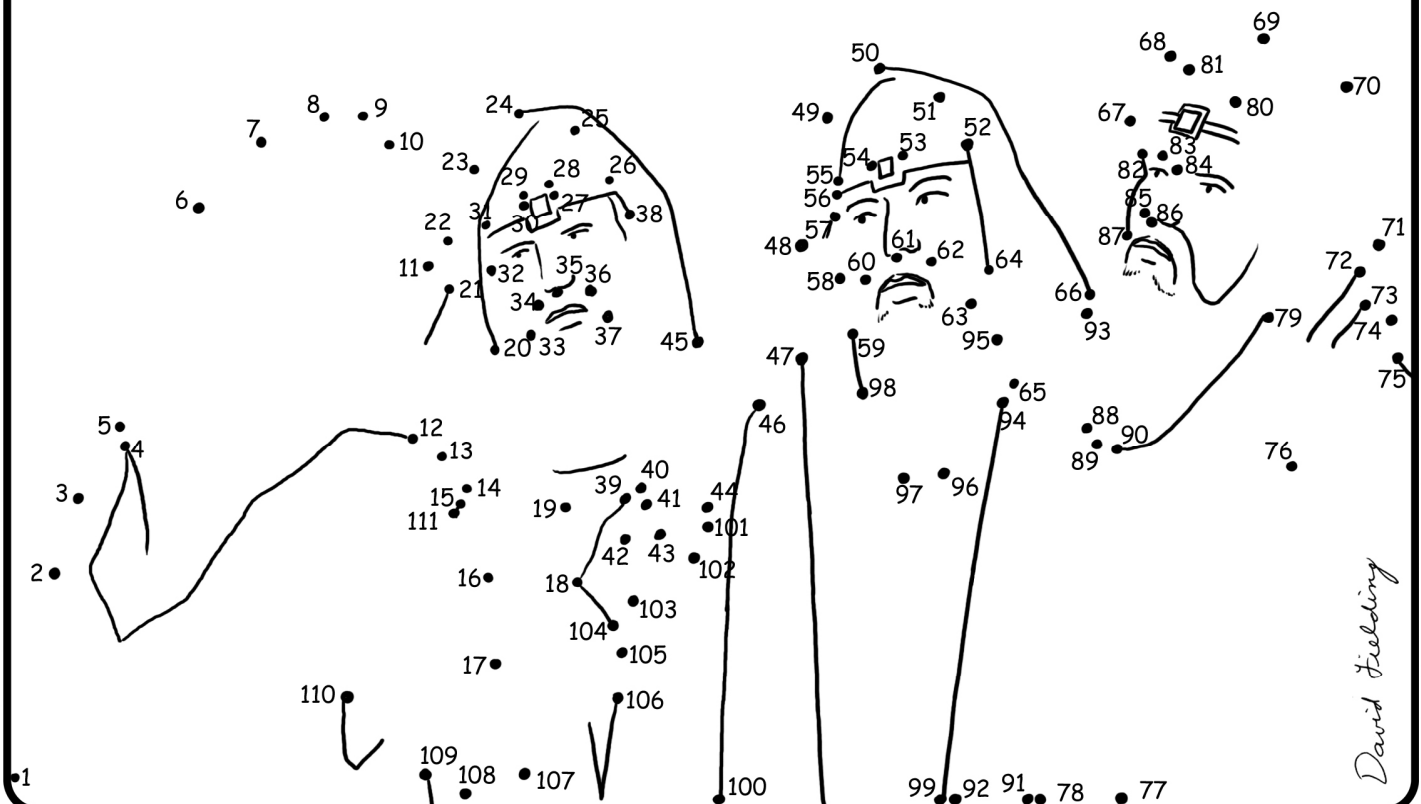
- \_\_\_\_\_ say, "The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_!"
- Guide me in your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me, for you are God my \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ act out of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- Son, go \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the vineyard \_\_\_\_\_.
- Yet \_\_\_\_\_ when you saw that, you did not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in him.

ANSWERS

1. You, way, fair 2. truth, teach, savior  
 3. Never, rivalry, conceit 4. out, work, today  
 5. even, repent, believe

## CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: MT 21: 28-32



David Tealby