

# The Pastor's Corner

WHERE JEALOUSLY AND ENVY BLIND

In my days at the seminary, there would often be times where we would have bishops, archbishops, or even an occasional cardinal visit the seminary. Often there was a task at hand, but many of us also had to laugh at the usual routine- many guys who wanted to be close to someone of rank would start trying to get their attention. For whatever reason they would be consumed with the "rat race" of seminary, and would forget all about the simple purpose they were often there- to help us see the Lord more clearly.

It's an absurd thing to think that while the disciples were going along the way to Capernaum, they were arguing amongst themselves trying to figure out who was the greatest. Jesus- the second Person of the Trinity- was in their midst and they became so consumed with themselves that they distracted themselves to His presence in their midst by arguing who was the greatest. Jesus gives them a reality check: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." They shouldn't argue about who is first, but who is last? What this means, in short, is that the one who is most like Christ- even as He is the Suffering Servant- is the one who is truly the greatest.

Today, there are too many distractions to name that try to take our focus off Jesus. One of the worst for us still is jealousy and envy- we want to appear first in the eyes of the world and the eyes of men. However- it should not be so amongst us. If we truly aspire to greatness- and a greatness that will not fade- we will commit ourselves to being near Christ each and every day.

We don't need to be acknowledged by someone of high rank, and we don't need to fight others to be first. Let us be content with being near the Master- and being the last of all, and the servant of all.

-Fr. Belken

## Readings for Next Sunday

The Twenty-Sixth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

September 29, 2024

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students  
and parents (or any non-confirmed above  
that age)

The First Class of the year is coming!  
Wednesday October 9, at 7:00pm.

If you were not able to make the parent  
meeting, and are still interested in being a  
part of these classes, please contact Father  
at [frbelken@stlnh.org](mailto:frbelken@stlnh.org)

## TO QUOTE A SAINT

*"Today's society does not  
pray. That is why it is  
falling apart."*



-St. Pius of  
Pietrelcina  
(Padre Pio)

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**HE SHALL BE THE LAST OF ALL AND THE SERVANT OF ALL."**

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 22-28, 2024  
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**Mass Schedule**

Sat.	Sep	21	4PM	Andrew Essner	Thu.	Sep	26	7AM	Shelby & Charlene Steger
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Parish Family</b>	Fri.	Sep	27	7AM	Lorenda Beussink
Mon.	Sep	23	No Mass		Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger
Tue.	Sep	24	No Mass		<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Parish Family</b>
Wed.	Sep	25	No Mass						

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. SEP 22-Mary F. Glastetter, SEP 29-Theresa Essner.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

September 15, 2024: Loose \$168, Envelopes \$4130, Total: \$4298.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, COVENANT NETWORK RADIOTHON.** Claudette Hency will be on air for the Catholic Radio Fall Radiothon from 2-3PM. Flyers are in the back of church to support Catholic Radio.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: James & Lisa Eftink  
Terry Eftink, Brian & Rhonda Enderle, Orville & Carolyn Enderle.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, ST. AMBROSE DINNER AUCTION.** St. Ambrose dinner auction presents Viva Las Vegas, doors open at 5PM at the VFW Chaffee. Tickets are \$40 per person. Highlights are raffles, silent auctions, live auction and all you can drink & eat. Buy your tickets online at <http://www.charityauction.bid/STAVivaLasVegas>.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION.** Classes will begin at 6:30PM with a candlelight Rosary Procession to the Grotto, weather permitting. We invite parents, grandparents, and parishioners to pray the rosary with us and pray for a successful year.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, ST. ANTHONY PARISH ANNUAL FALL DINNER.** In the Glennon Parish Hall. Times: 11AM-1:30PM. Menu includes kettle beef, dumplings, dressing, and all the trimmings. Dessert & drinks included. Adults: \$14, Children (6-12): \$8, 5 & under: free.

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Cindy Glueck
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Mr./Mrs Jon-Erik Kern
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Drew Essner/Oliver Walter/Leeland Walter
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat.	Sep	28	4PM	Ryan Thomure/Benji Urhahn/Jake Wagner/David Westrich

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun.	Sep	29	8:30AM	Shannon Schumer
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun.	Sep	29	8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Jamie Essner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun.	Sep	29	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. John Kern
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun.	Sep	29	8:30AM	Luke Benson/Drew Benson/Vanellope DeShaney/Charleigh DeShaney
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun.	Sep	29	8:30AM	Randy Vetter/Trent Walter/Justin Vetter/Danny Tetley

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>, SCOTT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FLU CLINIC.** Open to the community and walk-ins welcome. From 9-11AM in the Kelso C-7 gym. NEW THIS YEAR: Free with proof of insurance/Medicaid. Also, they will have COVID vaccinations available this year.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE.** If your contact information has changed, please notify the church office so we can update the church's directory and our information is correct. Thanks in advance.

**NEW FIRST SATURDAY MASSES.** Fr. Belken celebrated the inaugural First Saturday Mass on September 7 (and each first Saturday) at 8AM at St. Denis. Please join us each first Saturday as we renew our devotions to our Blessed Mother. During these months prior to the election, the intention will be for a pro-life Nation and State.

**ST. DENIS RUMMAGE SALE.** Please join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Rummage Sale on November 2-3! We are accepting donations, so clean out your closets! The sale hours on November 2<sup>nd</sup> are 9AM-4PM, then on the 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11AM-4PM.