

## September 13, 2020 → 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Scott Pogatchnik, Rector Rev. Brady Keller, Parochial Vicar

## **Church of St. Augustine**

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#### Masses

Sun 9:00 am Thurs - Fri 8:30 am

#### St. John Cantius Church

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#### Masses

Sun 7:30 am and 10:45 am Tues - Wed 8:30 am

#### St. Mary's Cathedral

25 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud, MN 56301 (320) 251-1840 office@stmarystcloud.org www.stmarystcloud.org

#### Masses

Sat 5:00 pm (vigil) Sun 9:30 am and 6:00 pm Mon - Sat 7:00 am Mon - Fri 12:05 pm Mon - Thu 5:30 pm

#### St. Katharine Drexel School

428 2nd St. SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304 (320) 251-2376 www.ourcatholicschool.org

# For-gift-ness Dear friends.

Christian forgiveness is a gift. A most valuable and transforming gift. A gift that has to be received, felt, and integrated into the heart to have its desired effect. That effect is a desire to extend to others the gift of forgiveness that has been offered to you.

This is the plain and piercing proposal of Jesus - the loving forgiveness of humanity's fallen state through the personal

act of love on the Cross - the wellspring of all forgiveness. Yet, it can be hard to conceive of if we haven't recently known or felt its power.

When's the last time you truly went to someone and said "I'm sorry"? Who might the Lord be prompting you to reach out to? Is that person in your own house? It need not be about something as weighty as the 10,000 talent (\$2 billion) debt incurred by the unrepentant servant in the gospel. A few years ago a good priest friend came to me and humbly asked my forgiveness. About what? He wanted to apologize for not including me in a number of social activities that he had organized in seminary - activities I had hardly known about and certainly events that I had long forgotten. The matter was small indeed - but the humility and sincerity with which he asked forgiveness still sticks in my mind today.

I remember that moment having a domino effect in my life. It jumpstarted a number of apologies that I was neglecting. It was really hard to be humble - and often the apologies were brushed off as "no big deal." Still, I wanted each person to receive the apology and forgive me to the degree they could.

Meditating on this weekend's gospel has gotten me to consider the current slate of apologies that are holding me back from seeing God's reconciling power more fully. I'm praying for the humility to follow through. Forgiveness offered is not always forgiveness received - such is the nature of a gift - but this shouldn't deter us. Also important to remember is that forgiveness received does not deny or try to minimize the harm done. Christian forgivenesses is not "forgive and forget." What is does help us do is imitate more fully the One we desire to serve, Jesus Christ, who from the Cross cries out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

May the lives of St. Stephen, St. Monica, St. Maria Goretti, St. John Paul II and so many other friends of Jesus, give us hope and courage to be reconciled to God, and to one another.

In peace,

Fr. Scott

# Our Parishes

# Faith Formation for our young ones

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a beautiful Montessori-style Faith Formation program designed to help nurture the relationship which already exists between God and your child. Through hands-on 'works' in the atrium, a special classroom, your child will discover the truths of the Catholic Faith and grow in their love for Jesus, their Good Shepherd.

Level 1 for ages 3-6 is offered on Wednesdays at the Mary Center (next to St. Mary's Cathedral) as both a morning session (9:30-11:00 am) and evening session (5:45-7:15 pm). The first class begins September 23.

For details and to register, please visit our new ACC Faith Formation website: <u>allcalledtochrist.org</u>. Let Nikki know if you have any guestions!



# St. Katharine Drexel School Mass each Friday

We gratefully welcome St. Katharine Drexel School students back to Friday Masses. Due to the regulations around school reopening, parishioners will need to practice some changes:

- Only two grades of students will attend Mass each week.
- MASKS ARE REQUIRED during the student Mass on Fridays. Due to school opening mandates, there can be no exceptions. If you are not able to wear a mask, please join students for Mass live streamed each Friday at 8:30 am on the St. Augustine Facebook page.
- Seating for adults attending Friday
   Mass will be on the farthest right and
   left pew sections; students will sit in
   the middle.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the students have an opportunity to participate in Mass each week.

#### **Make it official**

Have you been attending Mass regularly at one of our parishes and would like to make your membership official? Just call the parish office to register. It takes only a few minutes.



#### **Parish Contributions**

St. Augustine

Envelopes/Plate \$3,817.00 August Online Giving \$3,880.00 Weekly Goal \$11,830.00 Difference (\$4,133.00)

#### St. John Cantius

 Adult
 \$2,070.00

 Weekly Budget
 \$2,880.00

 YTD Actual
 \$25,943.00

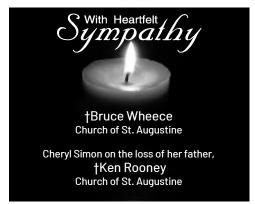
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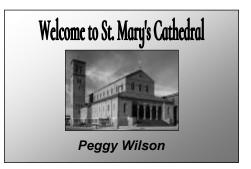
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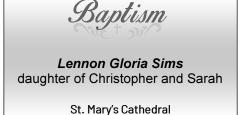
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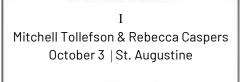
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WEDDING BANNS

# Our Week.

#### **MASSES**

#### INTENTIONS

<b>MON</b> 9/14	The Exaltation of	the Holy Cross
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7:00 am SMC † Shirley Westphal 12:05 pm SMC Nathan Backowski 5:30 pm SMC † Joanne Carlin

#### **TUE** 9/15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:00 am SMC † Fayola Gaspar 8:30 am SJC † John "Jack" Sjogren 12:05 pm SMC † Harold Grundman 5:30 pm SMC + Gerry and Colleen Donlin

#### Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs **WED** 9/16

7:00 am SMC † Stanley Theisen 8:30 am SJC † Linda Dinndorf 12:05 pm SMC Samantha Cofell 5:30 pm SMC † Ann Bates

#### **THU** 9/17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am SMC † Duane Jonas 8:30 am CSA † Phyllis Gabriel 12:05 pm SMC † Michael Pfannenstein 5:30 pm SMC Fr. Matthew Crane

#### FRI 9/18

7:00 am SMC † Poor Souls

SKD Mass 8:30 am CSA + Richard and Verla Helmin

12:05 pm SMC † Henry Cash

#### **SAT** 9/19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am SMC †† Mary Ellen, Dorothy, Nonnie & Andy Dougherty

5:00 pm SMC + Mike Wenner

#### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time SUN** 9/20

7:30 am SJC † Dorothy Spoden 9:00 am CSA † Elizabeth Benko 9:30 am SMC † Don McCann 10:45 am SJC † Fran Skillingstad 6:00 pm SMC World Peace

#### **EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

**WED** 9/16 6:00 am SMC Family Formation Catechist Training **SAT** 9/19 8:00 am SMC Men's Prayer Group (Mary Ctr.)

#### **LITURGICAL ROLES St. John Cantius**

#### **SUN** 9/20

7:30 am Mass 10:45 am Mass Lector: Laurene Borash Lector: Joe Warner

Communion: Erin O'Toole Tomczik Communion: Dcn. Frank Ringsmuth Ushers: Jacob Tomczik, Steve Tomczik Ushers: Gene Bzdok, Greg Jamison

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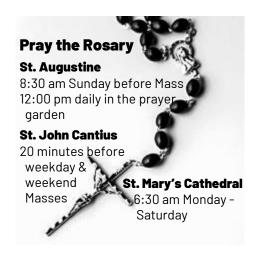
#### READINGS

**MON** 9/14 Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 **TUE** 9/15 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 **WED** 9/16 1 Cor 12:31–13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35 **THU** 9/17 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50 FRI 9/18 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3 **SAT** 9/19 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-

14 [ 14 ]/Lk 8:4-15 **SUN** 9/20

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a







# Our Community



## September 19-20 – Catholic Campaign for Human **Development (CCHD) Special Collection**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the anti-poverty initiative of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Over 38 million people in the United States, 12 million of them children, live below the poverty line, and growing numbers of seniors and families are finding themselves very close to the poverty threshold. We will take up a special collection the weekend of September 20 to support the U.S. bishops' important work of fighting against poverty. You may use the special envelope included in your package or your own envelope marked Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Please be sure to make check payable to your church.

Twenty-five percent of funds collected are used for local grants to groups working with those in poverty right here in our diocese, and all funds collected support further grant possibilities and efforts for our low-income and marginalized neighbors near and far. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the CCHD collection on the 19/20.

#### Rummage sale at St. John the Baptist Parish

A huge rummage will be held on September 24 & 25 at St. John the Baptist Parish, Collegeville. Hours are Thursday, Sept. 24, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday, Sept. 25, from 7:00 am to 11:00 am at the Parish Center on Fruit Farm Road, just west of St. John's University Campus. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged. Lots of items for sale including clothing, toys, games, collectables, shoes, handbags, puzzles, sporting goods, and much more.

#### Want to learn more about Knights of Columbus?

Council #961 Saint Cloud will start meeting again the first Saturday in October. Prospective members are invited to learn about the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, October 3.

- 7:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Meeting following Mass in the Mary Center

Help our church community grow by becoming a Knight. Feel free to attend one of our Saturday meetings and learn what we are all about and then you can decide if you want to be a

You can join the Knights on-line at KofC.org/JoinUS or call Ron Fink (320-250-7732) or Jerry Plante (320-292-3185).



## **Terebinth Refuge RISE Fundraiser premieres**

Our 3rd Annual Terebinth Refuge RISE Fundraiser is premiering on A Shelter for Hope and Healing Saturday, September 19, at 9:00 am and we would like to

invite your congregation to be a part of it. While our goal is the same--to inform, inspire and present an opportunity to make an impact in the lives of survivors of sexual exploitation in Central Minnesota-- it will look different. Due to COVID, we are going virtual!

Trafficking and exploitation is a serious global and national issue, but it is also happening right here in our own communities. Through the pandemic we have continued to provide hope and healing to survivors of sexual exploitation through Christ-centered temporary shelter, transitional housing, and holistic programs.

As a church parishioner, there are important ways you can participate:

Pray. Ask our powerful God for healing, provision, awareness, and protection.

Register. Visit www.terebinthrefuge.org/RISE Event video will be made available on Terebinth Refuge's Facebook Page shortly after the live event on September 19.

Give. You can directly impact the lives of sexually exploited survivors in Central Minnesota by giving financially.

For more information or to sign up, please contact event@terebinthrefuge.org.

Together we RISE to provide support for women who have been sexually exploited and trafficked so they may RISE to be all God has made them to be!!

With gratitude,

CeCe Terlouw Founder and Executive Director



### **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

The diocese recently mailed a letter to households that have yet to donate to the appeal. We are a Eucharistic people transformed by faith and sent in service to all, yet no one can do it alone. We need Christ, we need the Holy Spirit and we need each other. Please consider a gift to support ministries that nurture our faith and bring people together. Your support - whatever the amount - will make a difference in the lives of so many others. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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