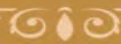




25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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The Legacy of Grandparents

I see where the U.S. Catholic Bishops recently declared September 8 as "World Day for Grandparents." I'm glad they did, even if it did not seem too many of America's Catholics were aware of it. If grandparents everywhere were supposed to be honored that day with a present or a special restaurant meal, the message never filtered down to any of our six grandkids.

But I'm not too worried about it. Five of our six treat us well year round and the sixth, Auria, is 30 months old and not yet fully aware of the latest missive from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Regardless, grandparenting was on my mind as a result of the Bishops' efforts. These days, grandparents seem more involved than ever in the lives of their grandchildren. Every morning we see countless numbers of them waiting for a school bus with their grown children's offspring; after school, they are often the ones picking up the youngsters at school or waiting for them at the end of a driveway.

Grandparenting has clearly gotten more "hands on" in the last couple of decades. My parents loved their grandkids but they were not down on the floor doing puzzles or busy attending school plays or sporting events. These days, it's almost a given that grandparents do a fair amount of babysitting when the "grands" are young, then attend many of their school events as they grow.

All well and good, but none of that matters nearly as much for Catholic grandparents as whether or not they pass on a love for, and an understanding of, the Faith to upcoming generations. You can be sure little Auria has heard plenty about Jesus from her Grandma in the limited time we have been able to visit with her due to geographical distance.

While we no longer go to every game or school event, rest assured we pray every day — as do so many grandparents — that our grandkids who are close to Jesus remain so, and that those who have drifted away may find their way back soon.

God bless the Bishops for emphasizing the crucial importance of grandparents in our world today. May our legacy be less whether we attended soccer games, and more about seeking to be living examples for the youngsters we love that Jesus should be their all in all.

— Lou Jacquet

A/R Coffee and Donuts Today!

St. Brendan's Altar & Rosary group is sponsoring Coffee and Donuts today after the 9 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy!

A&R members are reminded to return your pink membership envelopes as well. Sharon Pasquale is the group's president.

Soup Sale on Today; 2 Types

St. Brendan's Parish is offering Chef Christopher Bonacci's Stuffed Pepper or Wedding Soups at \$9/quart. Tomorrow, Sept. 23, is the order deadline. Pick up at Maxwell Hall on Sept. 29. Cash or checks accepted. Information: Andrea: 330-770-4297.

Bible Study Open To All

Persons interested in joining the parish Bible Study Group that meets following the 9 a.m. Wednesday Mass should contact Geri Jacquet after Sunday Mass. The group has been meeting for over 30 years under her direction.

October Ministry Schedule

Lector: Allyson Reed

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry and Amy Kernan

Sunday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Pat and Don Siembieda
by Olenych Family

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Lawrence Kravec by Stephanie Agler

Sunday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Albert Mihalik by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Phil Conti, Tiffany Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Altar & Rosary Casserole Luncheon



Members of the parish Altar & Rosary Society gather in the rectory kitchen Sept. 9 before their annual Casserole Luncheon. From left, Carol Martin, Patty Infante, Fran Mihalik, Dot Kos, Dorothy Collinsworth, Deb Zalovcik, Amy Kernan, and Sharon Pasquale, president. Members were asked to bring a casserole to share. Photo by Jackie Niznik

Members sat at the rectory dining room table for their noon meal when Room 102 became unavailable. Pictured from left, Fran Mihalik, Patty Infante, Mary Lou Casey, Dorothy Collinsworth, Barb Fechtel, Deb Zalovcik, Dot Kos, Amy Kernan, Carol Martin. A meeting followed the luncheon. Photo by Sharon Pasquale

Sunday's Scriptures: The Last Will Be First

Today's readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4.3; Gospel of Mark 9:30-37.

If we examine the public ministry of Jesus, we find many teachings concerning the Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of the World. Today's Gospel is one of them.

Jesus and his disciples are on the road to Capernaum. He notices that they are discussing some intense issue. He asks them, "What were you discussing on the way? But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest."

The apostles are not immune to the all-too-human tendency to desire to be important, recognized and great. They have a tendency to think like the Kingdom of the World.

Jesus' Kingdom is the opposite: "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and the servant of all." If being great in the world means being served by others, to follow Jesus has us serving others without bragging or recognition. It has us taking the lowest place, becoming like a little child who has no status and is often overlooked.

The frequent temptation for us today is to want to be noticed and admired, to gain attention by relating our children's or grandchildren's accomplishments, or pointing out all the work we do for others. Jesus requires that we do the opposite. How are we living His teaching regarding "the last shall be first"?

— Geri Jacquet

Ursuline Tailgate, Family Night

Ursuline High School's Alumni Association will host an Alumni Tailgate Party 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday Sept. 27 in the Bryson Street parking lot prior to the game with Austintown Fitch at Stambaugh Stadium. Bring own tailgate food purchase pizza from food truck. complimentary hot dogs. T-shirts on sale, \$10. Free parking.

The school will hold Prospective Family Night beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday Oct. 17 in the Deibel Morley Arts Center. Families of current 6th, 7th and 8th grade students should plan to attend. Register at www.ursuline.com/rsvp or call 330-744-4563, ext 125.

Christ Our Savior Event Set

Christ Our Savior Parish in Struthers will hold its 6th annual Oktoberfest 5-10 p.m. Oct. 4-5 at St. Nicholas Parish Hall, 766 Fifth St., Struthers.

Offerings include traditional German beer and local craft beers; traditional German food; Youngstown Saxon Brass Band; contests for best-dressed lederhosen and dirndl.

Prayer: St. Pius of Pietrelcina

"Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace, gave the priest St. Pius a share in the cross of your Son and, by means of his ministry, renewed the wonders of your mercy, grant that through his intercession we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ, and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Feast Day; Sept. 23; died 1968

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