

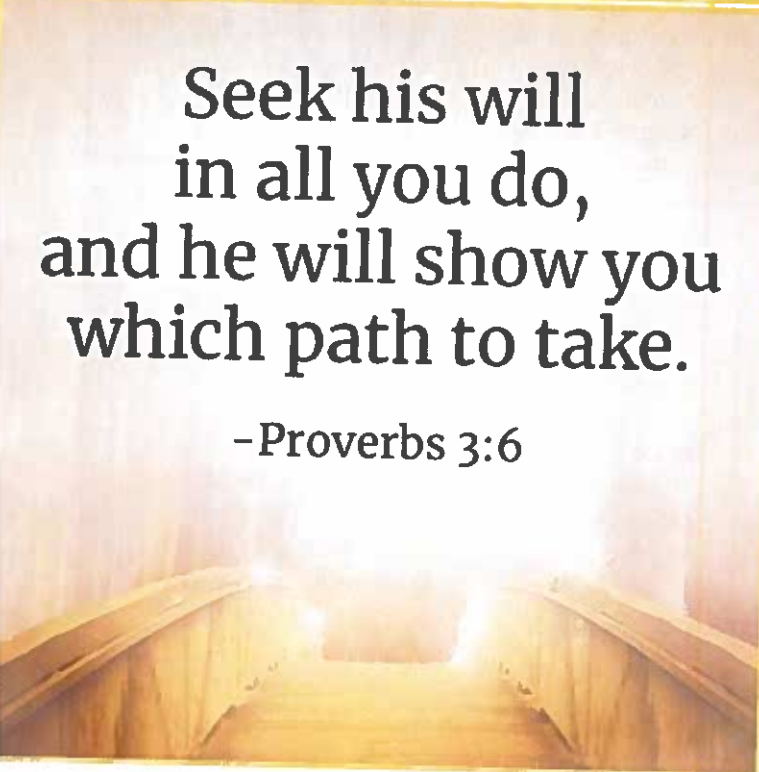
**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**  
**The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 18, 2022**



**Seek his will  
in all you do,  
and he will show you  
which path to take.**

**-Proverbs 3:6**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM**  
**Saturday 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

**Adoration**  
**Friday 9:00 am - Noon**

**RECONCILIATION:**  
**Saturday 4:30 pm-5:15 pm**  
**Also by Appointment**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-4:30pm**

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## From the Pastor's Desk

The parable of the Crooked Manager is very odd for its hero is an immoral character. A manager, who has been squandering the properties entrusted to him, must provide an account to the owner. The manager knows he's in a hopeless situation. So now he sinks to the most shameless kind of betrayal.

He has all the owner's debtors come to him and he has them write new promissory notes that are less favorable to the owner. The parable does not end on a moral high note, so what is the point? Jesus does not praise the manager's crime; what He praises is the manager's determination to rescue his own existence. The manager used his reason and imagination, and, once he had thought everything through, he proceeded rapidly and effectively.

Jesus wants us to understand that we must act in just the same way in light of the reign of God. It is offered to us: now, today. But it will come to us only if we apply our minds, our imaginations, our passions – our whole existence. Those who want to live under the rule of God can have none but God as their master. Those who have other masters alongside God are divided. They do not really apply themselves; they do things by halves.

The crooked manager did nothing by halves. He was all in. For that, and only for that, Jesus admires him and says: If only my disciples were just as goal-oriented as that manager!

Peace,

Fr. Brian

### 2ND COLLECTION COMBINATION

The bishops of the United States established the national collections to support the Church's works of social justice, evangelization and education, both domestically and around the globe. Jesus reminds us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The national collections offer us an opportunity to help our neighbors in the light of the Gospel. In doing so, we act as faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

The **October 22-23** second collection is a combination of three second collections: **World Missions, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**

### The Pope's Monthly Intention

**Abolition of the Death Penalty.**  
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

It is our tradition to offer Mass Intentions for the sick, or our deceased members. Please stop by or call the parish office to sign up for a Mass Intention.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

5:30pm

TIM SANDERSON+

(The Carnes)

SERVER:

Richard Ring

**LECTORS TBD**

USHERS:

Don Hays

Kieron Gleeson

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 9am

SERVERS:

Leo & Troy Velk

**LECTORS TBD**

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 11 am

KENNETH SHELTON+

(Joe & Pat Evans)

**SERVERS & LECTORS TBD**

USHERS:

Teri Hughes, Scott Fisher

**NO MASSES TUESDAY OR THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 or 22**

**Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners**  
Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Asher Barhite, Janet Bean, Jude Bendzel, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Candace Carne, Mason Cobble, Tracy Congdon, Cindy Divine, Cynthia Fulton, Matthew Gaudet, Joyce Gianato, Daniel Hamby, Anne Janecjii, Pamela Kanter, Laura McClung, Linda Meeks, Jeanne Meyers, Sandy Murphy, Jane Osterling, Lillian Pierce, John Pitner, Bill, Jeff & Rose Pugliano, Kathy Samilo, Mary Ann Shanahan, Helen Telford, Ross Vecchio Sr. & Jr.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, September 18, 9 am-1 pm Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.**
- Monday, September 19, SVdP at 7 pm.**
- Thursday, September 22, RCIA at 6:30 in the PLC.**
- Tuesday, September 27, Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.**
- Wednesday, September 28, Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting at 7pm.**

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Around the year 1618 Vincent came to know Saint Francis de Sales, whose writings, especially the Introduction to the Devout Life, had a strong influence on him. That same year Vincent established a society of priests, sometimes referred to as "Vincentians," who with the financial support of Madame Gondi, would go from village to village on the Gondi estates to preach to the peasants and conduct missions.

The mission work became so successful that with the approval of the archbishop of Paris and continued financial support of the Gondis, the group established a base in Paris and their community continued to grow along with their ministry.

Vincent's approach to a devout life of faith was to be simple, practical and to have confidence in God's love and mercy. He would maintain: "When you leave your prayer to care for a sick person, you leave God for God. To care for a sick person is to pray."

At Vincent's funeral the presiding bishop said that he had "changed the face of the Church." He was canonized in 1737. In 1833, Blessed Antoine Frederic Ozanam would found the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. **In 1885 Pope Leo XIII named St. Vincent de Paul universal patron of all works of charity.**

### Weekly Offerings

**9/11 Offertory Received \$4822  
(Online Giving \$1270)**

### Saint Vincent de Paul

From this week's "Morning Offering": "When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." Pope St. Gregory the Great"

We would like to extend a special thanks for the recent generous donations to our food pantry. Every can, box, and package of food will be included in a box of food for a hungry man, woman or child in our neighborhood.

We continue to depend on your financial contributions to maintain our ministry of charity.

We have recently had new members join and new officers elected. God continues His Blessings.

**If you are interested in joining St. Vincent de Paul, please call Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951.**

**If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please call the HELP LINE at 678-892-6163.**

### Women in Prayer

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one. Please contact Irene or Linda, and also if you have any prayer requests. **Irene Staub at istaub1014@aol.com or Linda Swope at rlswope374@comcast.net.**



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

READINGS: Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-8, Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13

Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Returning to Church and need a refresher? Want to grow deeper with Mother Church? Tired of having people telling you what you believe as a Catholic?

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes have begun and will continue until Pentecost 2023. Come join us in the PLC on Thursdays at 6:30pm.**

## Religious Education

Classes for grades K-12 began on Sunday, September 11. It's not too late to join! We meet 10:00-10:45 A.M. in the PLC. Parents/Guardians, please be prepared to stay a few minutes the first day to complete registration paperwork. Contact Teri Hughes at 423-322-9042 with any questions for grades K-5 and Tim Schlueter at 502-807-3230 with any questions about grades 6-12.

## **SENIOR MINISTRY:**

Our October ticket raffle will begin on October 1st.

Assistance is needed to help Anna Mae sell tickets on October 1st, October 22, and October 29 : 4:30 Mass

Assistance is needed to help Kay Hutterer sell tickets on October 16, October 23 and October 30 - 9:00 am Mass

Assistance is needed to help Pat Evans October 2, Gloria on October 9, and Kay on Oct.30 - 11:00 Mass

**Please let me know if you are able to assist.**

We will have 6 baskets to raffle and 1 bowling ball/accessories:

Danuta Kowalski: Wine basket

Linda Swope: Home stuff

Gloria Kelley : Beauty

Pat Evans: Gift cards

Dianne Forgette: Christmas basket

Kay Hutterer: Italian Food

Bonnie Hamby: Bowling ball/accessories

Blessings, Gloria Kelley & Pat Evans