

# September 10 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus. † Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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## PARISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS:

**Baptism:** Please call the parish office about Sacramental preparation and to schedule Baptism celebration.

**Marriage:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date of your wedding.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the Masses or by appointment.

The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Monday:** Rosary at 10:30 AM

**Thursday:** Holy Hour at 5:00 PM; Mass following at 6:00 PM

**Sunday Obligation:** 9:00 AM

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:** Holy Hour at 7:00 AM;

Mass following at 8:00 AM

**Friday:** Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Saturday Obligation:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday Obligation:** 7:30 AM

**Confession:** Friday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM / Saturday: 4:45 PM

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 10 – Seth Holland

September 17 – Wayne Schutte

September 24 – Ernie Clemons

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9 – Roy Bohman

Sunday, September 10 – Dolores Wagner

Tuesday, September 12 – Harold Huff

Saturday, September 16 – Kenneth Walke

Sunday, September 17 – Amelia Wolter

Wednesday, September 20 – Carl Heims

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – September 16 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ava Wagner

*Lector:* Judy Steuri

*Gifts:* Carl and Joni Lunsford

*EM:* Terry Harmeyer (*Bread*), Beth Simon (*Hall*)

Rita Kress, Judy Steuri

### Sunday – September 17 at 10:00 AM

*Server:* Mason Ryder

*Lectors:* Amanda Schutte, Donna Harlemert

*Gifts:* Steve and Ann Wagner

*EM:* Cindy Weisenbach (*Bread*), Susan Schutte (*Hall*)

Katie Spreckelson, Kevin Tunny

### Saturday – September 23 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Allie Harmeyer, Morgan Busch

*Lector:* Terry Harmeyer

*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford

*EM:* Judy Steuri (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)

Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

### Sunday – September 24 at 10:00 AM

*Server:* Macy Kinker

*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, Ron Bauerle

*Gifts:* Matt and Leslie Hicks

*EM:* Amanda Schutte (*Bread*), Vicki Wagner (*Hall*)

Leslie Hicks, Scott Simon

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3566.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 38.25
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 417.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$4021.25
Capital Improvement	\$130.00
Religious Education	\$832.00
Pickpockets	\$232.09

**GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**PICKPOCKETERS** – Thank you to Myla Wagner and Will Parker, as well as Paisley, Payton, and Beckham Prentice, our pickpocketers this past weekend, who collected \$232.09.

**THANK YOU** – "Thank you to everyone for the birthday cards and birthday wishes." (Rosemary Mistler)

**RCIA** – If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or want to better understand the faith, please call the office and leave your name and number, and Father Binu will get back with you about setting a date and time to begin our RCIA program in the fall.

**MEETING** – Parish Council members will meet Tuesday, September 12, at 6:45 PM.

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Religious Education classes begin Wednesday, September 13, 6:45 PM, for children in Preschool through Grade 5.

**JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Religious Education classes for Grades 6 through 11 begin next Sunday, September 17, 8:30 AM. All should meet in the church for a short prayer service and meeting before classes start. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be a meeting for Confirmation parents and students following the kickoff meeting.

**PARISH MISSION** – Our parish mission is coming up! Fr. Bill Rhinehart will celebrate Mass with us next weekend, September 16 and 17, and then will present talks on Monday, September 18; Tuesday, September 19; and Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 PM. Reconciliation will be offered each evening from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. There will be a Mass to close on Wednesday at 7:00 PM, with a social gathering following Mass.

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS** – "When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in a brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossipier is the devil." (*Angelus, Rome, September 6, 2020*)

### **4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

September 16 – Joe Wagner, Ken Hellmich  
September 23 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner  
September 30 – Ken Harmeyer, Dennis Wagner

### **10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

September 17 – George and Mary Bultman  
September 24 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide

**REFLECTION** – Is your life an example of the values of your faith?

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – An old country preacher had a teenage son, and it was getting time the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men his age, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem too concerned about it.

One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects:

1. A Bible
2. A silver dollar
3. A bottle of whiskey
4. A Playboy magazine

"I'll just hide behind the door," the old preacher said to himself. "When he comes home from school today, I'll see which object he picks up."

"If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher, like me, and what a blessing that would be!

"If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a businessman, and that would be okay, too.

"But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunken bum, and Lord, what a shame that would be.

"And worst of all, if he picks up the magazine, he's going to be a skirt-chasing womanizer."

The old man waited anxiously, and soon heard his son's footsteps as he entered the house whistling and heading for his room.

The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room he spotted the objects on the table. Curious, he walked over to inspect them.

Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped it into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink, while he admired the magazine's centerfold.

"Lord, have mercy," the old preacher whispered to himself. "He's gonna run for Congress." (via George Goldtrap. Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p><b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</b></p> <p><b>For people living on the margins:</b> We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>			<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Pickpocketers</p> <p>T-Shirt Pickup</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>Pickpocketers</p> <p>T-Shirt Pickup</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p><i>Let's Celebrate</i></p> <p>OUTDOOR MASS 4:00 PM</p> <p>ST. MAURICE FAMILY FUN NIGHT</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee &amp; Donuts</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 6:45 PM</p>	<p>First Class for Elementary Religious Education 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>MISSION PRIEST</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>First Class for Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee &amp; Donuts</p> <p>MISSION PRIEST</p>	<p>PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Being Chosen / Trust in God")</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Empty Your Bowl of Yesterday's Rice / Moving On")</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM</p> <p>NO Holy Hour due to Parish Mission</p>	<p>PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>("Perseverance in Prayer - Not the Facts")</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM</p> <p>Mass - 7:00 PM</p> <p>Social Gathering Following</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. MAURICE</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee &amp; Donuts</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Baptism</p> <p>October 6-7: Fall Rummage Sale</p>