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*MASSES: SAT EVENING 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.
MONDAY & THURSDAY: 6:00 P.M.*

ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

*SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
FRIDAY 11:30-12:30 P.M.
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.
PASTOR: FR. GARY. L. SIGLER*

*WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR
NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US.*



The Week Ahead

September 29, 2019

Acolytes

5:00 p.m. Samuel Bechtold, Savanna Reed
 8:00 a.m. Colette Lieb, Jude Lieb, Phillip Lieb
 10:30 a.m. Keagan Born, Carson Duncan

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Melanie Bechtold
 8:00 a.m. John Herrmann, Sam St. Clair
 10:30 a.m. Mike McClain

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Kevin Rupp, Joe Call,
 Danielle Smethers, Alice
 Goldwood, Anita Kelley
 8:00 a.m. Sharon Lock, Barb
 Bockleman, Jerry Swonger,
 Janelle Schmitt, Roxy
 Herrmann, Becky Beery
 10:30 a.m. Lori Starkey, Joy Ashley,
 Brandi Duncan, Ingrid
 McClain, Kristin Straub,
 Nicole Alles

Ministers of Hospitality

5:00 p.m. Vance Reed, Dillon Reed
 8:00 a.m. Dave Leininger, Mike Sands
 10:30 a.m. Dwane Peterson, Tracey Peterson

COLLECTIONS September 15, 2019



ADULT ENVELOPES	\$3,415.00
LOOSE	662.00
Children	28.00
REPAIR	276.00
VOTIVES	40.00
RELIGIOUS ED	35.00
TOTAL	\$4,456.00

2nd Collection/Multi-County Outreach Clinic

\$373.00

ONLINE COLLECTIONS: ADULT ENVELOPES	\$2,019.00
Repair	242.00
Religious Ed	42.00
Second	77.00

Sept. 22, 2019 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8
 Gospel—Lk 16:1-13
 5:00 p.m. Parishioners
 8:00 a.m.: Jim Brady
 10:30 a.m.: Justin Hinen

September 23, 2019 Monday: Saint Pius
 Ezr 1:1-6 Ps126:1b-6
 Gospel—Lk 8:16-18
 6:00 p.m. Rosie Conley

September 24, 2019 Tuesday: Weekday
 Ezr 6: 7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5
 Gospel— Lk 8:19-21
 8:00 a.m. Ray & Rose Fearnow

September 25, 2019 Wednesday: Weekday
 Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4,7-8
 Gospel—Lk 9:1-6
 8:00 a.m. Edna Dekoninck

September 26, 2019 Thursday: Weekday
 Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a
 Gospel: Lk 9:7-9
 6:00 p.m. Elizabeth (Betty) Anderson

September 27, 2019 Friday: Saint Vincent de Paul
 Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18 Ps 43:1-4
 Gospel—Lk 9:18-22
 Confession: 11:30-12:30
 8:00 a.m. Jo Ann Kemery
 Adoration: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

September 29., 2019 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Am 6:1a,4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16
 Gospel—Lk 16:19-31
 Saturday Confessions: 3:45 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. Parishioners
 8:00 a.m. Juanita McConnell
 10:30 a.m. Jane Goble

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS

September 22: Whitley County Energy Assistance
 September 29: No second collection this week.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Luke 16:1-13

The children of this world are more prudent (Luke 16:8)

This is a troubling parable, isn't it? Why would Jesus make a dishonest servant the hero of the story?

Perhaps some context will help. Jesus had just finished telling the parable of the prodigal son—a story about a father who forgives his son completely and throws a lavish party to celebrate his return (Luke 15:11-32). The father's extravagance is so outlandish that you would have a hard time finding anyone who acts that way in real life.

But that's the point. The prodigal son is a parable about God's extravagant mercy toward us. Now, as a contrast, he tells a story about limited, self-motivated "mercy." He tells about a disgraced steward who uses shady means to forgive just a portion of the debt some people owe.

That's a far cry from the prodigal's father, isn't it? And Jesus knows it. He knows that forgiveness and mercy are in short supply in the world. But then, in his conclusion to the parable, Jesus says that his followers seem to be unable to match even the so-called "mercy" of this dishonest steward, "The children of this world," he says, "are more prudent...than are the children of light" (Luke 16:8). The steward was indeed prudent in his forgiveness of the debts. But Jesus is looking for something beyond prudence and shrewdness—and he wants to see it come from us. He is looking for true mercy—extravagant mercy that forgives with no strings attached.

Can you rise to Jesus' challenge? Can you forgive, especially when the other person doesn't deserve mercy? It isn't easy, but it is possible. It will come as you keep practicing it and asking for his grace to help you.

Today at Mass, you will receive the highest expression of God's extravagant mercy: the Body and Blood of Christ, given for you. When you do, let his love flow into you. Let it melt your heart and make you as merciful as he is.

"Lord, teach me to forgive, and to do it extravagantly."

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Our parish council elections will take place during the Masses next weekend.

MEET THE AUTHOR-KATHRYN WHITAKER

Meet the Author - Kathryn Whitaker at St. Patrick Catholic Parish of Arcola (12305 Arcola Road, Fort Wayne) Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 7-9 pm
Friday, October 4, 2019 from 9:30-11:00 am
(Children are welcome at the Friday morning gathering)

Kathryn Whitaker is a popular Catholic author, blogger, speaker who shares what it's like raising a raucous Catholic family. Whitaker shares her journey and challenges you to understand that you, too, can live a life of authenticity with joy-filled purpose, love, and faith. Her sassy authenticity will make you laugh and cry while encouraging you to be honest about mistakes in every area of your life, embrace them, and find a way to let God redeem it all.

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION

March for Life registration is now open! All high school students are invited to register for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend high school pilgrimage to the national March for Life in Washington, D.C. from Jan. 23-26, 2020. Students can register to attend with a parish group or through their Catholic high school. Registration can be found online at www.fwsbym.com. Some of the highlights include participating in the March for Life, a diocesan Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, as well as a visit to our seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

MEMORIAL MASS

If you have lost a child before or after birth—whether recently or long ago— please join us for a special Memorial Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. You will have the opportunity to record your child's name in a Book of Remembrance, to take home a silk rose in honor of him or her, and to pray together with others who have suffered the loss of their little ones. Sponsored by Marriage & Family Ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. For more information, please contact Lisa Everett at 574-234-0687 or leverett@diocesefwsb.org.