



Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13–18b

Phlm 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

*So if you [Philemon]
regard me as a partner,
welcome [Onesimus]
as you would me.*

PHILEMON 1:17



FIZKES / SHUTTERSTOCK

No Longer a Slave

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting

everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*
- ★ *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*

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MASS TIMES

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1st Saturday: 9 am

Wednesday: 6 pm

*30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 9 am

Confessions:

Saturday: 3 pm

*1st Friday & 1st Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or
-by appointment

SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.

The Week Ahead

Sat / September 3rd St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

9 am Mass : Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl (SI)

by Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl

****First Saturday Confessions in the Library after Mass**

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: Joseph Kocz † **by Mary Kocz**

Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

Sun / September 4th 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

9 am Mass: Lauren Kootz (SI) **by Buddy and Anne Kootz**

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**** Doors open at 12 pm B--l--N--G--O starts at 1:30 pm**

Mon / September 5th

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN

No 9 am Mass

Tue / September 6th

No Mass

Wed / September 7th

6 pm Mass: Kootz Family (SI) **by Buddy and Anne Kootz**

Thu / September 8th The Nativity of the B.V.M

9 am Mass: Canonization of Bl. Frederic Ozanam † **by SVDP**

6 pm B--l--N--G--O, in the Parish Hall

Fri / September 9th USA: Saint Peter Claver, Priest

9 am Mass: Marie Curry † **by Matt and Mary Winston**

Sat / September 10th

Maintenance Fund Collection

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: For Our Dec. Family † **by Bud and Aggie Budewig**

Sun / September 11th

Maintenance Fund Collection

9 am Mass: Mike Bystry † **by Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl**

KC Breakfast after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

Rhonda Bystry in honor of Michael Bystry † .

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

Rhonda Bystry in honor of Michael Bystry † .

Knights of Columbus Breakfast *next week,*

September 11th

Thought for the week...

"Never let your home be without a crucifix upon its walls, to the end that all who enter it may know that you are a disciple of a Crucified Lord, and that you are not ashamed to own it."

— St. Jean Vianney



Wishing you a blessed week!



August 26/27, 2022 Collections

Regular Collection - \$2,168.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Birthdays For the Week 😊

Kimberely Epperson, 1st

Haley Pospisil, 3rd

Sarah Burton, 4th

John Heuser 4th

Lauren Kootz, 5th

Kathy Esquivel, 9th

Collin Rupert, 9th

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Anniversary For the Week: ♥

Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl, 4th

Eric and Caitlin Orwoll, 8th Celebrating 4 years

Garry and Cathy Raikes, 9th Celebrating 49 years

Jeffrey and Elizabeth Pope, 9th Celebrating 32 years

many blessings on your Anniversary!

Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm,

Thursday: 6 pm

*If you are interested in one of the above hours
(or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne,
870-847-1985. Please Note: substitutes are always
needed, please call and volunteer.*

Labor Day

Monday September 5th, 2022

☆ **Our church office will be closed**

No Mass Monday September 5th

We thank all our members, who generously
sacrifice, their time, talents, and energy,
to service our community.

Good Bless You, and Bless All Your Dear
Ones, and All Your kind efforts!

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us! May your holiday weekend with family and friends be blessed, and may you return home safely

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Hearty Condolences to Marty Barrack

who passed away on Thursday September 1st, 2022.

May the Lord give his family and his friends healing,

Peace, and consolation during this time.

May His Soul Rest In Peace

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Will be in the church parking lot
Saturday, Oct. 1st (rain date Oct. 8th).

For more information, please contact
Dean Beardslee (870) 856 - 3229
(Yard Sale Chairperson)

A Note of Appreciation

St. Michael's Community has 118 Registered families.

We really Appreciate and Thank You for all
Your Prayers, generous contributions, and support for
the existence of our St. Michael's Church.

May the Good Lord Bless You , and Bless All
Your Family Members and Friends.

Thank you ,

Fr. Amal Punganoor 09/01/22

Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry is in need of good, decent
reading novels and also books on Saints' Lives
if anyone would like to donate any novels
please bring them to the office.

YOUR INVITED!!!

We invite all those interested in singing in the
choir to a practice on Saturday afternoon at 3 pm .
Contact Eric Orwoll for more information at
eric.orwoll@gmail.com

Labor Day

Labor Day is a national holiday which
evolved from a celebration and parade held in
New York City in 1882 to honor the working
class. The Church uses this day to emphasize
the duty to work and the dignity of human
labor. It's also a good reminder to pray for the
unemployed.

God our Father, by the labor of mankind you
govern and guide to perfection the work of
Creation. Hear the prayers of Your people and
give all Your children work that enhances their
human dignity and draws them closer to each
other in the service of their brothers and sisters.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Website News

We thank Mr. Michael Dean for all his hard work, in
making our website , at St. Michael's, and
St. Mary's. They have a *NEW LOOK*, with all
needed updates and interesting headings!

St. Michael's (<https://stmichaelcv.org>)

St. Mary's (<https://stmaryshsb.org>)

Prayer Warriors

We appreciate you for generously praying for those
who are Home Bound, in the Nursing Home and all
the others who are suffering with illness at this
time. We ask that you especially pray for

Sharon Williams
Chuck Wolff
Dick Wargo

Nursing Home: Patricia Girman ,
Dorothy Mikolajek , Lorraine Paluck ,
Margaret Brown, James Wisniewski

Homebound: Mary Welch,
Marcella Bircckhead , Tom, and Nell Kihm

Mr. Rollie and Mrs. Sharon Vander Zyl's Farewell Party

Back in December of 2007 when Mr. Rollie and Mrs. Sharon Vander Zyl joined our community, they more than likely never thought they would leave. Neither did they think they would have such an impact on it. They have touched so many of us in this community personally.

They have also been involved with so many ministries within the parish. They have been involved with the Extraordinary Ministry for the Mass, nursing homes, and the homebound. They also taught other ministers over the years. They have been on the Parish Council, Welcoming Committee, RCIA, St. Vincent DePaul, Sunday Doughnuts, Bible Studies, Magnificat, Compassionate Committee, Sacristan, Altar Server, and Lectors.

They will be sorely missed as they depart us to begin another phase of their lives. The community in Iowa where they are going at the end of September will be very lucky to get them. We wish them well and safe travel. May God be with them and always lead them and Bless them abundantly.

There will be a potluck dinner for them on September 24th after the Mass. The Knights will supply the meat. Let us join them for the dinner and share our warm friendship with them.

Thank You All,

Fr. Amal Punganoor 09/01/22

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery

Burial Plots

Contact Bernie Brandenburg
870-994-2744

St. Michael's Columbarium

Payment Plans

Contact: Jim Wege
870-847-3396

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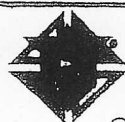
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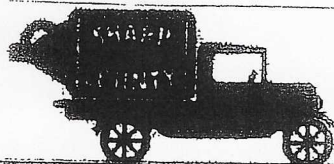
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MASS TIMES
Sunday & Friday—11:15am
Adoration: After Friday Mass
Confession after every Mass

Dear Padre,

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early

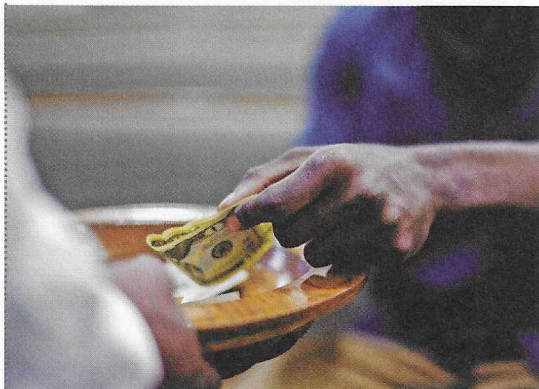
Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

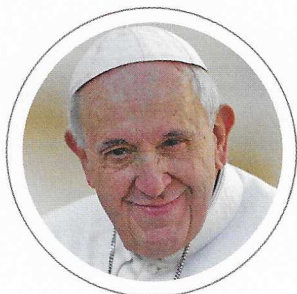
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019



Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1–11

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a

or Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

Friday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 11

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32

or 15:1–10

DAYbreaks

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