

September 21, 2014

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



GENEROSITY: "Doing your own thing" is usually associated with free spirits and teenagers, but it is also God's way of acting. Receiving the same wage if you work the whole day in the fields or only one hour makes sense only if the wage is salvation, a share in God's life. The overwhelming generosity of the Trinity toward the church, the bride of Christ, needs our response to the good news of the Gospel. Christ should be life and death for us. What is your response?

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Pastor's Note(s):

Stewardship: The Gospel this weekend describes the contrasting dynamics in our relationship to God and in his relationship to us. God is not a projection of our human desires. Nor does God act or behave as we would. It is not just that God is more merciful than we might be, or more forgiving. God appears not to think the way we do.

Isaiah reminds us, "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." God starts from a different place. Having all that is required, God's actions do not spring from need, only the need to give.

And so the calculus of God's generosity is fundamentally different to ours. It is not the calculus of human reason, but the calculus of abundant blessings and grace! Does God not expect the same of us in the stewardship of our gifts?

Becoming Catholic: At this time of year we invite those who are interested to contact the parish office as soon as possible so that we can schedule an instruction series in preparation for reception into full union with the Church during the Easter Vigil next Spring. Indeed, if you have a friend who has expressed an interest in doing so, please let us know soon so that your experience will be both enjoyable and worthwhile.

Diocesan Assembly: The diocese's 9th Annual Assembly will be held at Marshall School, Duluth, on Saturday Oct. 4 from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm. Featured presenter is international speaker Thomas Smith, co-author of *Walking Toward Eternity*. You can go online and register at dioceseduluth.org. It will conclude with the Vigil Mass for Sunday at 4.00 pm. It will be well worth attending. *With every blessing* Fr. Michael



New Parishioner Social: Please join us, to welcome our new parishioners (including new babies), and get to know one another on Sunday, September 28th, downstairs, after 11 am Mass. All parishioners and visitors are invited for a light snack and time for conversation. Come one, come all. Bring the babies, too.

Home Missions Appeal: Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will **strengthen the Church at home** and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org and search "home missions."

It's Here! Forty Days for Life fall campaign is coming soon – **Sept. 24th thru Nov. 2nd**. **Opening event** will take place **Tues., Sept. 23rd** with Mass at the Women's Care Center, 103 E. 1st St., Duluth at 6 p.m. followed by prayer and praise at 7 p.m. outside the abortuary in the Building for Women at 32 E. 1st St. Our parish tries to fill the majority of the vigil hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays during the 40 Days. Please go to www.40daysforlife.com/duluth to **sign up for an hour or two**. Taking the same hours every week is most appreciated. If Mondays are not good for you, go online to see hours that need to be filled on other days. Contact Paulette Moreland for more information at 348-1345.

Men of Holy Spirit: We will be gathering at the church cemetery on Tuesday, September 23rd to straighten and level grave markers. Please come if you are able and help with this important project. We work from, 8 am till noon. Any questions, please call Larry Groothausen at 834-2309. Thank you.

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Saturday	SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMP.	9/20/14
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Steve Cavallin Reader: Harold Ek Plate: To be assigned Chalice: Carol Anderson & to be assigned Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/21/14
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Shari Hendren Chalice: Jeannie Shaw & Nancy Olsen Servers: Sid Hendren & Corey Sandretsky	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/22/14
Tuesday	SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA	9/23/14
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/24/14
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Edsel Martz	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/25/14
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay	
Friday	SAINT COSMAS AND SAINT DAMIAN	9/26/14
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Joseph Sodomka	
Saturday	SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	9/27/14
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Bill Merhar Reader: Nadine Uremovich Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Beth Egan & to be assigned Servers: Mary Uremovich & to be assigned	
Sunday	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/28/14
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Michelle Thewis Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Chris & Gina Lemke Servers: Kaden Edlund & Hayden Johnson	
12:00 p.m.	New Parishioner Fellowship	



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, Joanne Ostendorf and Ron Kor.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, and Patty Harrison-Isakson and Ray Weeks.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich and Brandon White.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
'Like' us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Wednesday Rel. Ed. Meals: Parents, please take a turn and volunteer to provide a meal for our religious ed. students on Wednesday Evenings. If every family takes a turn they should only need to volunteer once during the school year. Sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.

We would like to have several substitute Religious Ed. teachers on call in case of illness or emergency. Please call the parish office, 834-4659, Or contact Connie @ 834-4433. if you would be willing to be on this roster.

Spirit of the Liturgy: We are blessed to be having Nic Davidson come and speak Monday Sept. 29th @ 7pm. on Spirit of the Liturgy. All parishioners are welcome to attend, but it is mandatory that all students and parents in grades 5-12th be there! This evening replaces the normal Wednesday evening church school for that week.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

United Catholic Appeal

Total to date

71%

\$17,768.07 of \$25,172.74

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,186.70
Bldg. Fund	\$230.00
UCA	\$97.00
Home Missions	\$280.00
Mideast Collection	\$418.00