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September 2019 Parish Bulletin

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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted

- September 1, 2019: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +Fr. Carl
- September 8, 2019: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +Fr. Bob
- September 15, 2019: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Bill
- September 22, 2019: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time +Fr. Bob
- September 29, 2019: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Bill

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests. If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Scripture Reflections

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

September 1, 2019 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Have we been hypocritical for our own gain? We pray for forgiveness and the grace to let our actions reflect our wills. (Luke 14: 1, 7-14)

September 8, 2019 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The gift of wisdom enables us to walk through life with confidence. The Gospel journey is not an easy one; it is full of distractions and setbacks. If we trust in the gift of wisdom, the Holy Spirit will never lead us astray, but will guide us on the path of life and light. (Luke 14: 25-33)

September 15, 2019 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: When we are forgiven, we are challenged not to forget that for which we have been forgiven. To remember is a healthy way to keep us from repeating our weakness. Forgiving and being forgiven teaches us how to live honestly with our past and remember how to live with grace in the future. (Luke 15: 1-32)

September 22, 2019 –25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this parable about trustworthiness, Jesus was condemning the master and an economic system that turned people into things. When we pray for others, do we project our own ideas about the other rather than genuine concern for their needs? (Luke 16: 1-13)

September 29, 2019 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The more we have, the more we want. That is what can happen to us. We might forget that God is the giver of all gifts. There is always a better car, a bigger house, or a greater income. The point is that what we possess can become what possesses us. That was the case among the people for whom Amos prophesied. (Amos 6; 1a, 4-7)



Three quotations to ponder from the writings of St. Theresa of Lisieux .

"To live in love is to sail forever, spreading seeds of joy and peace in hearts."

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"We who run in the way of Love must never torment ourselves about anything.

If I did not suffer minute by minute, it would be impossible for me to be patient; but I see only the present moment, I forget the past, and take good care not to anticipate the future.



If we grow disheartened, if sometimes we despair, it is because we have been dwelling on the past or the future."

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"True love consists in putting up with all one's neighbors fault's; never being surprised by his weakness, and being inspired by the least of his virtues."

St. Theresa of Lisieux, also known as God's Little Flower, was a Discalced Carmelite nun, a mystic and prolific writer reflecting of God's love, died in France at age 24 on September 30, 1873.

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Birthdays: None this month!

Anniversaries: None this month!

Thank You! On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone who expressed their condolences on the loss of my father, Robert Catlett, Sr. Your support was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank all those who made donations to the church in memory of my father. This was a very thoughtful gesture and one he would be which he would be honored. In all, \$2,135 was donated to the church in his memory!

Synod Details: This year's Synod will be held at Mercy Center in St. Louis, October 18-20, 2019. This year's theme is *Mariology 101: What every Catholic needs to know about Mary.*

As we have in the past, the parish will pay the registration fee (commuter) for any parishioner wishing to attend the Synod. This fee includes materials, meals and fellowship gatherings.

If you are interested in attending, **please let me know if you plan to attend no later** <mark>than Friday, September 27, 2019.</mark>