

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
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SEPTEMBER 24 – SATURDAY
Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Vigil Readings: See Sunday
4:00 PM – Fr. Jim (English) – Shirley McDade
6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

SEPTEMBER 25 – SUNDAY
Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
9:00 AM- Fr. Rudy (Spanish)
11:00 AM –Fr. Pat (English) – George Ruter Jr
12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

SEPTEMBER 26 – MONDAY
Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
7:30 AM – Fr. Pat (English) – Intention of
The Parishioners

SEPTEMBER 27 – TUESDAY
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
7:00 PM – Fr. Gasparini

SEPTEMBER 28 – WEDNESDAY
Jb 9:1-12; 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
7:30 AM – Intention of the Parishioners

SEPTEMBER 29 – THURSDAY
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
7:00 PM – Fr. Gasparini

SEPTEMBER 30 – FRIDAY
Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
7:30 AM – Fr. Pat (English) - Living and Deceased
Members of the St. Mary's Ladies Society

OCTOBER 1 – SATURDAY
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Vigil Readings: See Sunday
4:00 PM – Fr. Jim (English) – Alvera Wilts
6:00 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

OCTOBER 2 – SUNDAY
Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10
9:00 AM - Fr. Rudy (Spanish)
11:00 AM – Fr. Pat (English) – Cecilia Ruter
12:30 PM – Fr. Rudy (Spanish)

Ministry Schedule: October 1-2
Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Ogden
11:00 AM – K. Gillespie

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
4:00 PM – K. Fahey/ S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein
Volunteer
11:00 AM – J. Ruter/L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM K. Fahey/M. Sonenschein
11:00 AM A. Browning

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Welz
11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Sunday offering Goal to-date: \$96,000

Offerings received to-date: \$73,707

Amount needed to catch up: \$22,293

Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering.* To take advantage of this convenience, please call 541-1563.

FOUR GRAND CLUB:

Congratulations to Kenneth and Janet Schneider, Rolf Obrecht and Jaime and Tom Breitenbach. They are the week 4 winners and each won \$25.

Happy Birthday!

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Selena Rolfes (27), Nina Edwards (27), Sarah Walsh (27), Audrey Elliott (29), Eric Lalley (29), Karen Cable (30), Anna Marie Eilers (30), Bobby Bechtold (1), Alex Hearn (1), Lina Loyd (1), Marge Niehaus (2), Kate O'Bryan (2) and Megan Bechtold (2).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RUDY:

My Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord,

The Emperor's New Clothes, written by Hans Christian Anderson, might be a story one remembers from childhood. In this morality tale, an arrogant, egotistical, and pretentious ruler learns a life lesson--that the fabric of his clothing and his fine accouterments cannot protect him from the cold consequences of this world. He cannot wrap himself in riches. He learns, as he traipses about amid sneers from parade-goers, he is just a human being, like everyone else in this world. And it takes a child to call out this childish man, who ultimately cannot change his preposterous ways.

Today is the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and in Luke's Gospel, the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, we recognize a similar but more compelling description regarding redemption and the promise of heaven. Jesus, interestingly, does not name the rich man in the parable, but describes him as being dressed regally and eating "scrumptiously." As rich as he is in wealth, he is not rich in compassion – and not willing to offer any of his treasures to another person. Lazarus, a poor soul, covered in sores, waits diligently at this man's gate while dogs lick his wounds, but the rich man looks past him and offers him nothing to ease his pain. When they both die, Lazarus goes to heaven and the other man, goes to hell with no way to cross over to the other side. Despite the fact the rich man believed in God (in that he appealed to Abraham to save him), he could not see that in offering nothing of himself to another person—his inaction doomed him to suffer the consequences of his poor performance in life. In this gospel of sharp contrasts, Jesus is asking us to open our eyes and hearts to what is around us and love our neighbor. It applies to everything we hold dear in our lives—privilege, money, talent,

education—all those things we can share with others if we are poised to do so. We all have something to offer to one another, and especially to those who are in need. A few weeks ago, we learned about the narrow gate for entrance into Heaven. Are we narrowing this gate even more by how we treat another person who asks for our help? It's a question we all should ponder, as well as these words: "A life not lived for others is not a life." --St. Teresa of Calcutta

Yours in Christ, Father Rudy

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION: Next Sunday we will have the annual collection for the ministry of those working to protect life in all forms, especially the unborn. Please be generous.

THIS HOLY AND LIVING SACRIFICE: EMHC FORMATION:

Monday, Oct. 3, 7-9PM, St. Margaret of York in Loveland

Monday Oct. 10, 7-9pm, St. Luke in Beaver Creek
Monday, Oct. 17, 1-3pm, Online (Zoom)

In-person and online formation and training for new and veteran extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will take place this fall in the archdiocese. To register, go to the Archdiocesan website and click on the Divine Worship & Sacraments page.

PRIEST CONVOCATION: Fr. Rudy and the priests of the Archdiocese will be with the Archbishop this week at the annual convocation. Please keep them in your prayers.

VOCATION VIEW: Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)

