

**Whoever receives one child such as this  
in my name, receives me;  
and whoever receives me, receives  
not me but the One who sent me.**

Mark 9:37

**Twenty-fifth**  
Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 19, 2021

Today's first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious. The path of faithfulness means following Jesus' lead, to

expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God's love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us.

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**25th SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 18, 2021- 5:45 pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 9:00 am**

**+Sandra Gotlund**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 9:00 am**

**+Sister Ann Regina Hughes req. by Ed & Judy Phelan**

**Friday, September 24, 2021 - Adoration 9:00am until 10:45am**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021 – 2:30pm**

**Wedding Mass – Chet Hoehn & Madison Abel**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021 – 5:45pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

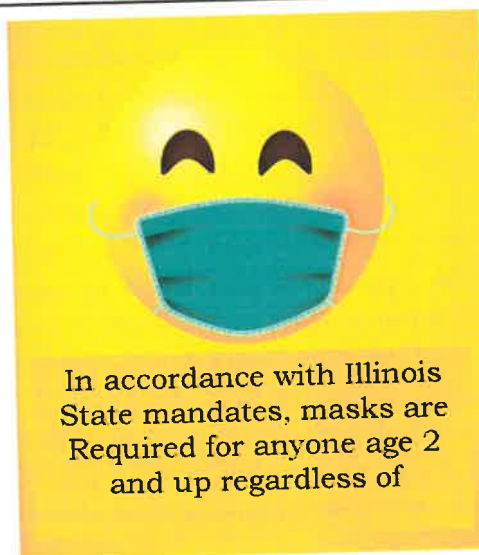
**Sunday, September 26, 2021 – 9:00 am**

**+Bernice Recupito req. by Leona Berner**

DATE	LECTOR
SATURDAY, September 25 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella
SUNDAY, September 26 - 9:00am	Grace Niemiec

**COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 – Horath**

**PLEASE HELP**  
Volunteers for Lector are needed –  
Contact Linda at 815-546-4715  
**THANK YOU**



In accordance with Illinois  
State mandates, masks are  
Required for anyone age 2  
and up regardless of

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the weekly  
Sunday collection goal is \$1,938.46

Sunday, September 12, 2021.....\$1,430.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in  
your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website:  
[www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and follow the online  
giving link. *Thank you*



### 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA! Monthly pledge payments should be made  
in the next few days. It is important these pledges be paid, so our parish will reach our  
goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will  
be returned to our parish for our needs.*

Parish Goal: \$ 9,600.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 9,070.00

Amount Paid: \$ 9,070.00

Thank you for your generous response.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Beginning 2022 offering envelopes will be mailed  
directly to your homes. It is very important that we have your correct address.  
Please let the office know if your address has changed or if you are going to sign  
up for on-line-giving. If you are regularly attending our parish and would like to  
receive offering envelopes, please let us know. Thank you.

### MASS INTENTION OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Remember a loved one or  
Honor someone special with  
a Mass Call the office and  
schedule a date.



Our Two Week Candle  
is burning for  
CATHE ENGLER



**SCRAP METAL RECYCLING  
SPONSORED BY  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
SATURDAY—OCTOBER 9  
ST. PATRICK CHURCH  
14936 W. WILMINGTON-PEOTONE RD.  
WILTON CENTER, ILLINOIS  
8:00AM UNTIL NOON**

## **Scrap Metal Collection Ideas**

Items we can accept:

### **Aluminum**

Aluminum Cans  
Aluminum Siding  
Aluminum pots / pans  
Vehicle Rims – No Tires

### **Copper**

Copper Pipe  
Copper Wire  
Household Wire  
Extension Cords  
Computer Cords

### **Stainless Steel**

Sinks  
Pots / pans  
Springs  
Pet dishes  
Door hinges

### **Batteries**

Car Batteries  
Lawn Mower Batteries  
Motorcycle Batteries

### **Electric Engines**

Box Fan motors  
Ceiling Fan Motors

### **Brass**

Faucet Fittings

### **Appliances**

Washers  
Dryers  
Stoves  
Refrigerators  
Freezers  
Dishwashers

### **Steel**

Bed Frames  
Metal Shelves  
Ironing Boards  
Bicycles – No Tires  
Brake Rotors  
Vehicle Engines  
Vehicle Rims – No Tires  
Farm Silos  
Ditch Culverts  
Chain Link Fence  
Fence Post – No Cement

### **Farm Equipment**

Tractors  
Combines  
Grain Boxes  
Tractor Wheels – No Tires

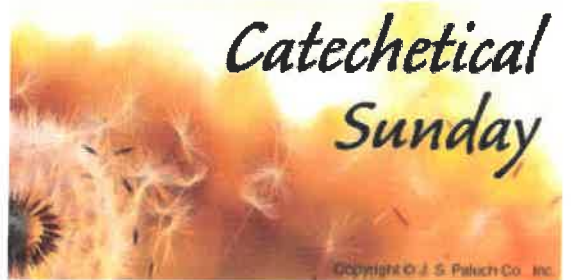




***Father Sebastian blesses  
students and teachers  
At Mass on September 12  
As we begin a new school year.***

**FEAST OF FAITH - Doxology and Amen**

"Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.  
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***Teachers for the 2021-2022  
School Year.***

***Amy Pfeifer, CRE  
Lisa Price  
Tracy Quigley  
Allison Lawson  
Cindy Smith  
Steve Niemiec***

***THANK YOU!***

### Undy Sunday 2021

Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested, but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty.

St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting NEW underwear, undershirts, socks, and diapers for children and adults living in low-income households. Collection will be held the beginning of October.

All donations will be gratefully accepted, but we are focusing on the following specific items this year:

- Men's boxer briefs (all sizes)
- Size 6 diapers/pull-ups (boys and girls)
- Onesies size newborn – 18 months (boys & girls)

There will be a bin set up in the vestibule for your donations.

If you'd prefer to send a monetary donation, please mail it to:  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday  
16555 Weber Road  
Crest Hill, IL 60403

For more information about Undy Sunday, please email Maggie Snow at [msnow@cc-doj.org](mailto:msnow@cc-doj.org). Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community!



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,  
Lisa Bernhard; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen  
McAndrew; Cathy Engler; Don Smith;  
Steve Niemiec; Holly Flint-Jones; Dan  
Gast; Nona Stauffenberg; Jimmy Quigley;  
Breckin Van Hyning; Levi Hurley

**Please call the office to be included on  
the new list. Thank You.**

**Intention of the Holy Father  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

- We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
The fruit of righteousness is  
sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.  
— James 3:18

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**



- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps  
126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;  
Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-abefghn,  
7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk  
9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-  
22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-  
12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-  
14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45,  
47-48

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday
- Monday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn,  
Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and  
Companions;
- Tuesday: St. Matthew
- Wednesday: Autumn begins
- Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina  
(Padre Pio)
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary





## WHO IS HONORED

Today's Gospel passage has two parts: Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the "greatest." Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the "least" in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of "greatness"?

## ASK THE HARD QUESTIONS

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask "childlike" questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions: about life, about ourselves and our relationships, about God? How might our relationship with God then change?

Today's Readings: Wis 2:12, 17–20; Ps 54:3–4, 5, 6–8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30–37

9/19/2021