

St. Agnes • St. Boniface • St. John the Evangelist

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**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

September 21, 2025

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



Wanting to Be Wanted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

More than anything, we want to be wanted.

MAs infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

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Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of September 22, 2025

Mon.	Sept	22	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Sept	23	7:00 AM	SJ	Leo A. Walz
Wed.	Sept	24	5:30 PM	SA	Igancio Kyoshi †
Thurs.	Sept	25	4:00 PM	SB	Phil Guynan † (Nursing Home)
Fri.	Sept	26	8:30 AM	SJ	Harry Russell
Sun.	Sept	28	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Sept	28	9:30 AM	SA	Joesph Leech †
Sun.	Sept	28	11:00AM	SB	Anna Mae Rieff †



Aleta Ambler Sept 22nd
 James Main Sept 22nd
 Marcus Pandorf Sept 22nd
 Cam Weinman Sept 24th
 Kelsey Amos Sept 24th
 Leo Walz Sept 24th
 Judith Reiff Sept 25th
 Conrad Pelster Sept 26th
 William Karn Sept 27th
 Joe Dickman Sept 27th
 Lauren Bunner Sept 27th
 Kennetha Amos Sept 28th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Sept 28	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Aleta & Conrad P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Jim & Kennetha A.
Lector	Katie W.	Rod B.	Molly W.
Server		Ellie P. & Wyatt B.	Leo W. & Wyatt D.
EMHC	Aleta & Conrad P.	John R. & Mike P.	Jon & Molly W.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		Mike P.	Music: Kristy O.

St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church

September 14, 2025

Total Collection:

\$248.00

Diocesan Appeal

Dollar Goal = \$2585 of \$4014

Donor Goal: 6 of 16

Thrift Store

Open Sept 26 9AM to 4PM

CCD Sept 24th

Elementary 3:40 PM

High School 7:30 PM

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or if you want to grow in your Faith, please contact Fr. Michael at 308-660-5730 or Emily Pandorf at 308-660-0984.

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church

September 14, 2025

Total Collection:

\$1052.00

CCD Wednesday Sept 24th

PreK to 2nd 4 PM

3rd -12th Supper 6:10

Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM

SCHOLARSHIP FUND FISH FRY

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US SEPT 21 AFTER MASS. PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT.

Weekend of Oct 4-5. Mass is Saturday Oct 4 at 5:30 PM No Sunday Mass that weekend at St Bon

Word Among Us!

When you finish your Sept. Word Among Us, please send it to St Agnes Attn: Aleta or put it in the collection basket. The office will get it to Aleta.

St. John's

Our Gifts to God & Church

September 14, 2025

Total Collection:

\$838.00

CCD Wednesday Sept 24th

PreK to 5th 3:40 PM

6th -12th Supper 6:30 Tara B.

Class Begins 7:00 PM

Coffee and Rolls

Sept 21 after mass

Weekend of Oct 4-5 Mass is

Sunday at 8 AM

Parish Council Meetings

**St John's Sun. Oct 5th
5:00 PM**

**St Agnes Wed. Oct 8th
6:00 PM**

**St Boniface Thurs. Oct 9th
6:00 PM**

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a haven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

**HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025**



JULIA M. CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Plus of

Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,

14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,

Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31



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