

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus said: "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last". In today's gospel, He says: "My friends, move up to a higher position. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Last Sunday's gospel and the one of this Sunday have the same message. To be humbled here means to wash someone's feet (Last Supper) and to be exalted means to be lifted up on the cross (Good Friday leading to Easter Sunday). That is what we do every time we gather for Mass. That is what every single Parish does. We gather, not only among friends, but a gathering opened to all. Mass is a lowering of oneself (humble) that lifts us up (exalted). With today's gospel (and last Sunday's gospel too), Jesus is telling us how God functions. Our human norm, rule, habit is "I give you so that you give me in return...or I honor you so that you honor me in return". Jesus' world is a world of graciousness, God's graciousness, that means free of charge, complimentary.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND
TO ALL!**

SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL

A special thank you is addressed to all who took time and organized, planned, worked and volunteered in any capacity for the SML fundraiser at the Wyoming County Fair. Our gratitude also goes to those who offered baskets, purchased tickets, visited the stand at the ground and made monetary donations. A total of 71 Baskets were donated. God sees the hearts.

SP FALL FESTIVAL OCT 5 NOON TO 4PM

Our St. Patrick's Festival will again include the Dinner (Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Corn, Roll, Applesauce, Dessert, Drink), Potato Pancakes, Soups, Hot Dogs/Chips/Drink, Baked goods, Baskets, 50/50, Big \$500 Raffle! To start the Festival Preparations, we will HAND OUT LETTERS WITH THE RAFFLE TICKETS on Sunday, Sept 7th. Remaining letters will be mailed out on Monday, Sept 8th. Enclosed, you will find tickets and more details on how you can help! Call Joanne at 433-528-8713 with any questions.

**CHURCH MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT
OLA-SP-SML**

PASTORAL OUTREACH APOSTOLATE

This ministry reaches out to the homebound, offering companionship, prayer, and the sharing of the Catholic faith. Volunteers visit those who are unable to attend Mass, bringing spiritual comfort and a sense of connection to the parish community. The Parish office has a list of parishioners in need of outreach. Volunteers are needed in all our parishes! Please consider joining this ministry. For more information email we4fluhs@aol.com or call the office at 570-563-1622

OLA FALL FESTIVAL SETUP

We will be putting up the tents for the Fall Festival, beginning on Monday September 8th at 5pm and every day that week at 5pm until it is completed. We appreciate all who can come to help us.

OLA FALL FESTIVAL NEEDS

The OLA Fall Festival on Sept.13(5 to 10pm) & 14(12 to 6pm) is drawing closer.

Please consider donating to our booths.

Bountiful Baskets: \$25 (or more) NEW items or gift cards. Please wrap in clear cellophane. You can drop off your baskets in the OLA church hall.

Dining Out: gift certificate to your favorite restaurant. You can drop it off at the OLA office or put it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

Basket of Cheer: please share your favorite wine, beer or liquor. You can drop it off at the OLA office.

Bake Stand: time to gather your favorite recipes.

White Elephant & Silent Auction: you can drop off your donations at the OLA church hall

Donations for the food stands will also be accepted.

We are still accepting donations of bottles of water and cans of soda that can be dropped off in the church hall. Volunteers are also needed. Please share some of your time. Contact Tony Sandy at 570-945-3655 if you would like to donate or volunteer.

ST. PATRICK BINGO NEWS

Bingo continues every Thursday. Please volunteer. Call Rita 570-575-9874. Make a homemade dessert or entree. Call Bernice at 570-947-1677. See our weekly chef specials on Facebook. Thanks for your support.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM FR. ARBO

Please pick up the missal and sing along when the cantor or organist announces a song. Singing is a profound way of connecting with the Divine. "When we sing, we experience God's presence in a new way," as Pope St. John Paul II beautifully articulated.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS / LECTORS SCHEDULE

September 6 & 7

Eucharistic Ministers

4 pm (OLA) Nikki Weisenfluh
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams Jr.
11 am (SP) Michele Zajac, Pat Wall

Musicians

4 pm (OLA) Maria Fay
9:00am (SML) Danny Williams
11 am (SP) Maria Fay

Lectors

4 pm (OLA) Becky Mozeleski
9:00am (SML) Nick Migliori
11 am (SP) Mary Ann Mulfino

Altar Servers

4 pm (OLA) Jace Biglin
11am (SP) Kali Harvatine, Maci Harvatine
Shadow – Nolan Phillips, Wyatt Phillips

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug 27 – Sept 1 – SML Basket Raffle at WC Fair
Sept 1 – Church office at OLA, closed for holiday
Sept 4 – Prayer Shawl Ministry SML, 5:30pm
Sept 4 – Bingo at SP, doors open, 5pm, bingo, 6pm
Sept 7 – Family Faith Formation classes

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR OLA

Thank you to everyone who gave clear plastics for Raymond's Eagle Scout project, the bench in memory of Ned Clarke. He reached the amount he needed for the project. **We do not need any more plastics.**

CLASSES FOR OCIA CANDIDATES

New OCIA classes will be starting on Sunday Sept. 7. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, anyone interested in returning to the Catholic faith or anyone who knows of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Lucy Ziman at the parish office ,570-563 1622 or Greg Solfanelli at 570-281-8083 for further information. WELCOME!

TOUCHED BEYOND WORDS

A sincere thank you to Paul & Luann Van Auken and Russ & Dorothy Trauger for the beautiful Angel statue in the garden by the main door. They have named it The Remembrance Garden in memory of their daughters Anna & Jennifer. Next Sunday September 7, the recessional song at Mass will lead us all directly to the garden to bless and dedicate it.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday (September 2) Weekday

8:00 am (OLA) Beverly Schneider
By Rita & Tony Sandy

Wednesday (September 3) St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am (SP) Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Legion of Mary
By Geneva Kuzara

Thursday (September 4) Weekday

8.00 am (SML) Gert Billings
By The Nowalk Family

Saturday (September 6) The Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (OLA) Chester Lowrie
By John & Maryann Pluciennik

Sunday (September 7) The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am (SML) Benjamin & John Zdaniewicz
By Theresa Zdaniewicz
11:00 am (SP) Birthday Blessings for Michele Zajac
By Pat & Shelly Wall

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (COLLECTIONS FOR 2 WEEKS)

SP Weekly \$ 3,488.00 Loose \$ 217.00
OLA Weekly \$ 3,008.00 Loose \$ 49.00
SML Weekly \$ 2,925.00 Loose \$ 249.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

SP/OLA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Time to get excited! Family Faith Formation Classes start on 9/7! We will begin at 9:45am in St. Patrick's church and invite all family members to join in the opening prayer and remarks. Online registration is now open. If you have any questions, please reach out to jwharv03@gmail.com.

SML FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Welcome back families!

Sunday Mass at 9am followed by religious education until 11:15am

September 7th Meet your teachers and student registration

Parents, please stay

Kerry Pieretti redlightgreen343@gmail.com

OUR SAINTS AND THE EUCHARIST

St Peter of Alcantara (confident of the great St Therese, Therese of Avila): for more than 40 years, he slept only one and a half hour a day, and at times, he slept once a week, drawing the strength from the Holy Eucharist.