



THERE WAS A LANDOWNER  
WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD,  
PUT A HEDGE AROUND IT,  
DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT,  
AND BUILT A TOWER.  
THEN HE LEASED IT TO TENANTS  
AND WENT ON A JOURNEY.

MATTHEW 21:33

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2020

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*The Pastor's Pen.....*

*Sell ya a pair of sneakers??* This amusing story was the basis for my parish homily on Stewardship last weekend. A teenage boy offered to *sell* back to his parents, a pair of sneakers they'd given him for Christmas, because they didn't fit. The folks at Mass gave a good chuckle upon hearing this. But as I said, *God* may chuckle when He sees us deliberate over how much to "give back" to Him, when God Himself gave us all of it to begin with. When we make an offering to God—hopefully a bit of a stretch, in faith—of our Time, our Talent, or our Treasure, God will recognize our attempt to be generous with Him and will surely outdo us.

For this reason, a commitment to God in Stewardship is not from what's left over after our needs are cared for. It's a bit of a dare, an act of faith and sacrifice, recognizing that what we "have" is really an illusion; it was entrusted to us for a time, to use in His honor.

The parish went through reflections and practices on Stewardship in the Spring (this is not the school system of offering support in lieu of tuition). Many filled out a Stewardship Intention Card. The Archdiocese however has Stewardship Season in the fall, starting late September, and I want to get us onto this schedule for it, because the Review newspaper and a number of other activities are dedicated to it then. If you did fill out a Stewardship Card in March, that's great. If not, please look for them at the doors of church this week and next. And by next fall I will have had a committee meeting with me through the year to plan some fun activities for the fall Season.

I'm at two months now at St. Monica, and more and more, things are going smoothly. My video this week showed my office, and a peek into the back room I call the Great Room. I have art--my own and others'--set up; musical instruments, spiritual reflection sources by a nice recliner, magazine and movie racks, and my own checkbook software, all of which keep me moving in my own life, spiritually and in leisure.

Besides meeting with the major committees a couple of rounds now, I've met with individuals for anointing, confession, or other needs; and I really enjoy saying hello after Sunday Masses. Some faces and names are getting familiar; and even from a safe distance, I feel the warmth of the interactions. One little girl delighted me last week by wearing her dance "tutu" to church. I also go over to school two or three times a week. Recently I interviewed each 8th grader over their Confirmation—even the ones not being confirmed. As always, this was a really enjoyable time.

On a happy note, we're about to hire a part-time secretary to replace Joan Becker. On a sad note, we grieve with the family of Tabitha Riggle, who died suddenly last weekend. She is the mother of 3 children in our school from Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. I met with Kye, her husband, and the children Tuesday night, and I admire their courage going through this. Please pray for them.

*Fr Wyrsk*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP SEPTEMBER 27**

Envelopes \$18,783.00; Loose \$819.00;  
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**PRO-LIFE NEWS—LIFE CHAIN**

Today is Respect Life Sunday. We will have a Life Chain at St. Monica 2:00-3:00 P.M. in the front parking lot. Social distancing and masks required. We have a variety of Pro-Life signs to hold and will pray the rosary and witness for life.

Please join us.

**MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 5- 10**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER</i>
6:30 A.M.	JOHN LANG
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>ST. BRUNO AND</i>
	<i>BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER</i>
6:30 A.M.	BERNADINE GIMENEZ
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</i>
6:30 A.M.	MARIA KLUMP
8:15 A.M.	DECEASED PRIESTS
<b>THURSDAY</b>	WEEKDAY
6:30 A.M.	BEATRICE NIMPSON
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>STS. DENIS AND JOHN</i>
6:30 A.M.	JOSEPH BAROLAK
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY</i>
5:00 P.M.	JOHN EVRARD



**PRAYERS FOR HEALING.....**

Bob Birkenmaier, Carolyn Burke, Tom and Margot Coughlin, Mildred Dickherber, Shirley Dunker, Arline Fister, Estelle Flanakin, Bill Guiot, Christina Hartley, Frances Henderson, Bob Huseman, Ronald Kalupa, Nina Kelly, Gavin Lain, Gloria Luca, Patricia Mohan, Joan Middendorf, Jack Powers, Mary Renner, Joseph Ritacco, Candy Ross, Helen Sander, Jeannett Sarris, Myles Schoem, Beth Schobel, Rose Slee, Robert Slosson, and Joe Sonderman.

**OUR SYMPATHY TO**

Kristoffer Riggle, his children Laughflynn, Parker, and Slade and their family on the sudden death of his wife and their mother, Tabitha Riggle; to Elizabeth Krasnicki-Kilby, her children Faye and Charlie Kilby and their family on the death of her mother, Barbara Jean Polston-Forte; to Bob Berger and his family on the death of his brother, Jim Berger; and to Mark Ochenski and his family on the death of his mother, Margaret Ochenski. May they be living with God and may all be consoled.

**RCIA**

Interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is interested, contact Deacon Carl Sommer at [sommer@kenrick.edu](mailto:sommer@kenrick.edu) or 314.517.1718.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

SUN 10/4 PRO-LIFE CHAIN ACROSS THE PARKING LOT  
ST. MONICA YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
WED 10/7 CONFIRMATION  
SAT 10/10 CCFR ROSARY FOR AMERICA

**BLOOD DRIVE**

We registered 48 donors, had 1 deferral, resulting in 51 units on a goal of 30! This includes 4 procedures on our ALYX machine which provides a very helpful double red cell product to the hospitals. And since each whole blood donation can be broken into multiple components, 133 lives or more can be impacted base on the donations at this drive alone! Thanks again to all involved on behalf of the donor recipients!



The school once again qualifies for the lifesaving grant in the amount of \$301.00 for this drive. This funding will help the school with technology purchases. The application is in process.

Thanks for your continued support of our life saving mission and have a great day!

Our next **Blood Drive** at St. Monica is Sunday, December 20 in the gym. Please save the date!

**ST. MONICA YOUNG ADULT**

Christ invites each of us to share in the glory of his kingdom here in the world. The St. Monica Young Adults look to experience and spread that glory, joy, and happiness. Following the parish mission of, "Love God, Love Others, Preach the Gospel," we build the Kingdom of God by focusing on relationships. First, building deep life-giving friendships with each other, and ultimately growing into a deeper relationship with Christ.

We will meet October 4 and October 18 between the 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Masses for our formation (faith enrichment) class. This gives us an opportunity to learn more about our faith and consequently increase in our love for God and the beauty of the Catholic Faith. Additionally, we meet for brunch once a month after Mass, this month on the 11 of October to grow in relationship with each other and pray with the Gospel reading from the day. We also host a biweekly Holy Hour on Friday evenings to fall deeper in love with our Lord in the Eucharist and follow it with dinner or fellowship to enjoy the community he has given us.

St. Monica, devoted intercessor for young adults, pray for us.

**HEADS OF ST. MONICA ORGANIZATIONS**

The Pods are scheduled to be picked up soon. There are still some items needing to be remove that belong to our organizations. Closets were assigned. Please be sure that your organization is taken care of. Thank you.

**BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION**

Our Birthright monthly collection is this weekend, October 3-4. We are now supporting "Molly". Molly, a pregnant woman, was laid off work during COVID and suffered significant financial loss as a result. Struggling to make ends meet, Molly had no resources to pay her upcoming rent. Thanks to your donation, we were able to cover Molly's rent and keep a roof over her head. Please be generous if you can, as donations have decreased due to COVID-19, but the needs are still great. Envelopes are located on the tables near the church entrances and please write the check to "Birthright." <https://birthrightstl.org/>



**THE ST. LOUIS ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE CONVENTION**

Despite COVID-19, we are still blessed to have our Convention as a virtual conference, live from the Ritz-Carlton Virtually Sunday, October 18, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The theme is "Walking with Moms."

We hope to view the convention from our cafeteria using social distancing. Wear masks and made a reservation.

Contact [dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net) to attend.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Please sign up for an hour of prayer and witnessing at **40 Days for Life** in the church vestibule. Contact Diann at [dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net) or call 314.484.6121 to sign up.

**TRAVELING?**

Visit [CatholicMassTime.org](http://CatholicMassTime.org) to find a Church and Mass near you.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PANTRY NEEDS:**

The pantry needs vegetables, canned ravioli/spaghetti, peanut butter and paper towels. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA**

Join us in our annual Holy Rosary Prayer for America rally on the front parking lot of St Monica Church Saturday, October 10, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.



**STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS**

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

**OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, please complete this form. You can return it to the Parish Office, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

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- I would like to register in the Parish.
- Please make these contact information changes to my parish record.
- I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.
- I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon.
- I would like information on having my children baptized.
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