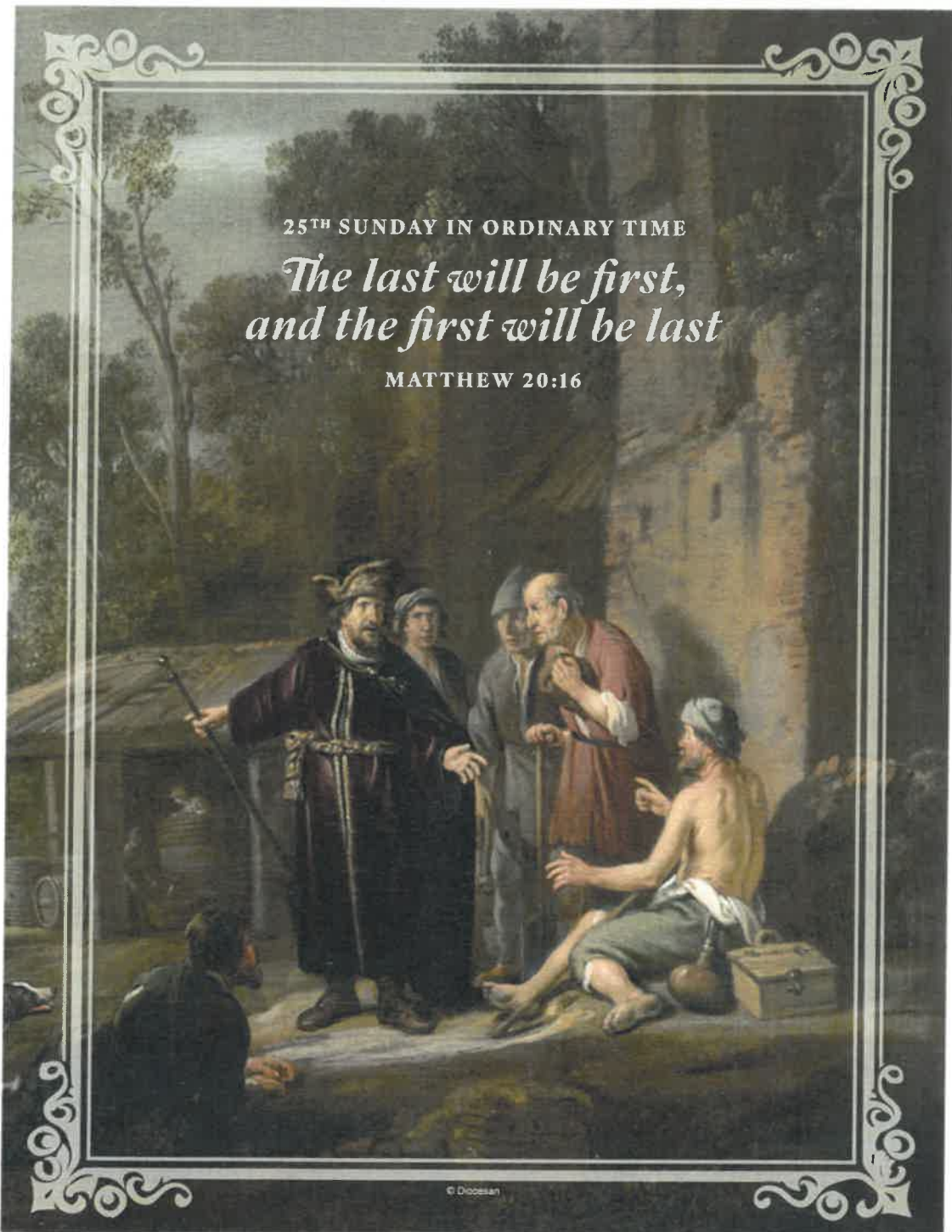


25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The last will be first,
and the first will be last*

MATTHEW 20:16





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 20, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

September 19	2:30pm 5:45pm	Thomas/Dean Wedding +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
September 23	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family
September 26	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
September 30	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family
October 3	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
October 7	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sept. 19	Mark May	L. Cakora
Sept. 26	Sue Nugent	C. Smith
Oct. 3	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 20, 2026**

Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24,
27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and
Evangelist** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34,
35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,
17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk
9:18-22

Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil
2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND MANY
BLESSINGS TO
GRACE DEAN &
JOSEPH THOMAS
WHO WERE UNITED
IN MARRIAGE
SATURDAY
AFTERNOON**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
9/13/2026**

Sunday - \$1,599.00

Maintenance - \$100.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15
Thank you for your faith filled support.

Please Remember our sick: especially:

**Jim Shields, Katie Horath, Ralph Kuntz,
Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori,
Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe &
Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom
Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Ken Smith, Laura Han-
son, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.**

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
September**

For the care of water Let us pray for
a just and sustainable management of
water, a vital resource, so that everyone
may have equal access to it.



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Management Unfair

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair — they are more generous than we can imagine!

Tom Schmidt

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

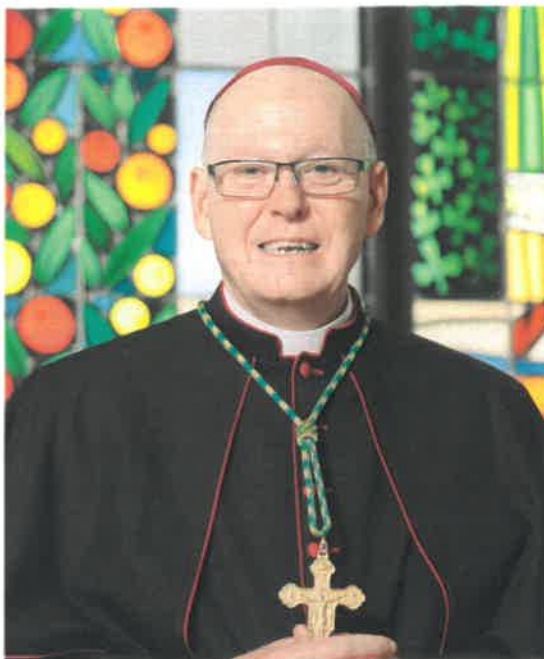
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Dawn
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Standing
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Pope Leo XIV Appoints Bishop Brendan J. Cahill as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet

CREST HILL, Ill., September 17, 2026 — Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Brendan J. Cahill as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. The announcement was made by Bishop Dennis E. Spies, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet.

Bishop Cahill has served as bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, Texas, since his appointment by Pope Francis in 2015. His biography and the official announcement of his appointment are available on the Diocese of Joliet's website, www.diojoliet.org.

A press conference with Bishop Cahill will take place today at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, IL. The press conference will also be livestreamed on the [Diocese of Joliet's YouTube channel](#).

Bishop Cahill's installation Mass will be scheduled for November 2026. Additional details regarding the installation will be announced as they become available.

About the Diocese of Joliet

The Diocese of Joliet serves approximately 500,000 Catholics in DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, and Will counties.

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She wasn't alone when she became principal

When Colleen Carroll stepped into her second year as principal of St. Jude Catholic School in New Lenox, she wasn't walking the path alone. Through the Emmaus Mentor Program, supported by your gifts to the CCMAA, Colleen was paired with veteran principal Carol Albreski, giving Colleen support and a person to reach out to with the everyday challenges of a first year in the principal's office.



Watch the video and see
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brings to our community

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$10,655.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$10,455.00

DONORS - 24

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
COME AND PRAY
FOR OUR PARISH

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the severe form of one-chance penance collapsed under lack of enthusiasm for its burdens and its public nature. As ordinary Christians prayed for the great sinners, it must have occurred to them that they were sinners no less, and they required a form of penance also. The Irish came to the rescue, never having had a public form of penance, but inventing a system called "tariff penance," which was completely private, available to everyone, and wildly popular. After a detailed confession, priest and penitent would lie on the floor before the altar and recite a number of psalms. The priest then pronounced a judgment, a tariff, giving a task or a prayer to complete before reconciliation.

The surviving guidebooks for confessors make for hair-raising reading as the sins of which the Irish people were supposedly capable were catalogued and keyed to penances. Cattle or sheep rustling might require stripping down to sing psalms in an icy brook, for example, or adultery could be the occasion for rolling in a thicket of thorns. All of this might have stayed in Ireland had not the monks had a desire to travel, blazing across Europe with their theology and their rituals, and their sense that Christians needed strong medicine for sin and the assurance of God's forgiveness.

— Rev. James Field



ST. JUDE CCW ANNUAL HARVEST LUNCHEON & CRAFT SHOW

Julienne & Taco Salad Bar - \$15

Tickets will be sold in the Parish Office and after Masses
September 26/27 and October 3/4

OCTOBER 9, 2026

CRAFT SHOW - 10:30 AM - 2 PM

LUNCHEON - 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Craft show will be in Franciscan Hall.
Luncheon & raffles will be in the gym.



ANYONE INTERESTED IN A CARPOOL
TO THE LUNCHEON
PLEASE CONTACT CARMEN KIINSELLA
815-693-8234

Are You Envious Because I am Generous?

As a convert, I was mostly on board with God's generosity in today's parable of the laborers. After all, those who labored in the vineyard since early morning made my afternoon conversion possible. Yet, I wondered about the last-minute arrivals, especially those who had been hostile to the laborers. Maybe they should receive a prorated wage.

But one day, God rearranged my thinking. I was born into a pagan family. Yet, I invited my parents to attend the service where I would come into the Catholic Church. To my surprise, they came. The Easter Vigil, when new members enter the Church, is the looongest of Catholic liturgies. Who knew? Not me.

My dad had many admirable qualities but the ability to sit through things lasting longer than 30 minutes was not one of them. This made Easter Vigil more than memorable. As I, along with the other newcomers, got up, sat back down, knelt, prayed, then got back up, sat back down, and around and around again, my dad grew more and more agitated. No one knew when this induction into the Church would end.

I'm sure my dad wanted to storm out, with my mom running behind him, so she wouldn't be left stranded in the parking lot. I'm not sure why he didn't. Maybe my in-laws' attendance kept him in his seat. Instead, he emitted dagger signals my way. I wanted to fold myself in half and slide under the pew to escape his *how-dare-you-put-me-through-this* energy.

No one knew then that less than 10 years later, I would be standing at his deathbed desperately trying to get my dad to accept the Sacrament of Baptism (one of the three I received that Easter Vigil night) that he had grumped his way through. When I called a priest to baptize my dad, my dad sent the priest away while I cried in the corner.

At my wits' end of every prayer, every effort, I cried to the Lord, "I can't take this! I hand everything to You." A few days later, in the middle of the night, while I tried to sleep next to my dad's bedside, I felt prompted to ask again about baptism. Then, as if on cue, his oxygen monitor started beeping, waking him up. With knocking knees, I asked him again about baptism. This time, he agreed. Shortly after his baptism, my dad passed away.

My dad never worked in the vineyard. There wasn't even enough time for a labor/wage agreement.

Each of us loves someone whom we desperately want God's mercy poured out upon. God's generosity silences us from any jealous claims against hostile working conditions and last minute arrivals. Instead, I'm relieved and grateful He offers us all a full day's wage.

By Frances Smit