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September 20, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am ***In Memory of Clifford Dembroski for His Birthday***

10:00 am Mass at St John's Donna Lubinski

Tuesday, September 22

8:15 am Mass at St John's Krepline Family

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 am Mass at St John's Safe Travels for Those on the Pilgrimage

9:00 am ***Holy Communion Outside of Mass***

Thursday, September 24

8:15 am Mass at St John's OPEN

Friday, September 25

8:15 am ***In Memory of Gene Kropp*** ***Love, Family***

Saturday, September 26

8:15 am Mass at St John's Jean Birling

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am ***Eleanor Reindl ~ 3 Year Anniversary of Death***

10:00 am Mass at St John's Dorothy Fellion

thank you!

**The September Bulletin
is Sponsored in Memory of
Donald Vande Hei & Jane
Angrabright
Love, The Helen Vande Hei
Family**

Catholic Trivia

**John F. Kennedy, the first
Catholic American
president and member of
the Knights of Columbus,
established which
distinguished volunteer
organization?**

Answer: The Peace Corps

Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir

The Lord Is Near To All Those Who Call Upon Him. Psalm 145

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 1465.00
Loose Collection	\$ 142.00
Votives	\$ 5.00
Christian Women Dues	\$ 5.00
RE Program Donation	\$ 50.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

WE Energies	\$ 1132.00
Cathedral Book & Gift- Faith Formation	\$ 143.00
Cemetery String - Reimburse	\$ 5.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 10.00

Liturgical Schedule**Sunday, September 27 8:00am****Lector** Jessica Melchert**Distributor** Jake Hodkiewicz

Servers Ellie Melchert
 Lily Van Schyndel
 Colton Van Schyndel

Ushers Don Eisenreich
 Jacob Van Den Heuvel

Catechetical Sunday

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.

Why Do We Do That?**Question**

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

What is the significance of this feast?

Answer

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314-335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who pays all of the workers of his vineyard a just daily wage, reminding them that "the last will be first and the first will be last."

Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

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Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri