### Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;

he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true;

let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him

and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test

that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;

for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

### Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

### The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer;

hearken to the words of my mouth.

For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life.Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

### Reading II: James 3:16-4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

### Alleluia: Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

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**The Archdiocese of Mwanza** is located in the North western part of Tanzania. It is easily connected to the neighboring countries of Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Kenya, and Uganda. One of the so called, East African countries.

The Archdiocese of Mwanza has the following needs:

### i) Education:

We would like to establish a Kindergarten in order to build up a strong faith foundation for our children, as well as to construct secondary schools for girls to provide them with a better Education, so that they may be better equipped for their future.

### ii) Water:

We do have Water projects both shallow wells and boreholes for poor people in the rural areas, to help them for domestic use and their animals.

#### iii) Seminarians/Vocation:

We have been blessed with many young men and women coming forward to serve God in their vocations. The diocese is constantly catering for the formation of future priests. Right now, we have 102 seminarians who need a support cover on accommodation, tuition, and transport costs. The widespread poverty in Tanzania is affecting our capability to accept more vocations to our seminaries due to lack of resources. Your donation will help to train and ordain more priests to minister to our people and send others as missionaries abroad.



- (a) An abortion is the first thing that girls think of
- (b) Committing suicide, either while pregnant or after delivering
- (c) Killing the baby if the baby is born alive
- (d) Leave the baby and leave the local area to live where no one knows her

When the baby is born, the mother may leave the baby with her parents or other relatives and disappear to places unknown to anyone. In fact, there are many other sources that lead to the presence of orphans that we raise for a better life in faith and for the community at large.

### Expectations

We need financial and moral support so that we can take care of these babies.

- 1. Healthcare and immunizations are needed for these children as they are very susceptible to diseases, especially when they are left alone after their mother's death
- 2. Food, shelter, clothing and other basic needs and necessities
- 3. Spiritual and intellectual education and moral support when they get to be of school age
- 4. Pray for the ones who help in this project.



### iv) Orphans:

These are children whose parents are ABSENT - one or both parents, but especially the mother. In this aspect, the child lives on her or his own.

### Sources for Orphans:

1. Death of the mother during childbirth or before the baby is five years of age.

2. HIV / Aids (These are commonly known to the world: In our case, particular aspects and local circumstances are to be applied).

### Uncommon and unbecoming situations

Death of the mother due to stigma: This has a wide impact on the life of the child. It is to be understood that, in some parts of Africa, marriage is a very special and respectable institution, and children should be born from marriage. So, when it happens that a girl gets pregnant out of wedlock, then she will not get a husband to marry her because she has ruined her reputation. Also, it is shameful to her family and the entire community she lives in. Girls live in fear of this and when it happens that she becomes pregnant outside of marriage, this stigma makes her look for ways to avoid shame for herself, her family, and community and hence she has to seek alternatives:



We hope that this will allow for many more individuals and families to attend a daily Mass at least once during the week to worship our Lord.

Previously scheduled Tuesday Mass intentions will remain on the same date, but will now be offered at 7:00pm beginning on October 5th.

All other Mass times will remain unchanged.

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## Lectio Divina

Before you begin to read, take a moment to place yourself in the presence of God and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray.

### 1

READ

Read the following passage for this upcoming Sunday's Gospel three times very slowly somewhere quiet.

### Sunday, September 26, 2021 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen. I sav to vou, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin. it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

### REFLECT

Meditate on the passage by sitting in silence and allowing a word or phrase to jump out at you. Perhaps you even put yourself in the scene. What is God saying to you through this?

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### RESOLUTION

Make a concrete and simple resolution for the day or week ahead based on what God is telling you. Example: Today I will pray a decade of the rosary before I go to bed for my spouse.

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## What's happening at St. Catharine

### A full calendar of events can be found online at stcatharine.com/calendar

### Youth Ministry Parent Night

Sunday, September 19th • 6:00pm-7:00pm • Parish Center

All parents of students in grades 6th-12th are invited to come and meet our Damascus Youth Ministry Team and to hear about the plans for our Youth Ministry this year at St. Catharine. Refreshments will be served and there will be time for Q+A.

### Youth Ministry Kick off Nights

High School // Sunday, October 3rd • 6pm-8pm Middle School // Sunday, October 10th • 6pm-8pm

High School Youth Group will meet every Sunday in the Parish Center beginning October 3rd Middle School Youth Group will meet 2nd & 4th Sunday in the School Gym beginning October 10th Questions? Dorothy Allwein • <u>dorothy@damascus.net</u> or Brendan O'Rourke • <u>brendan@stcatharine.com</u>.

### Got Questions about the Catholic Church?

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about how someone becomes Catholic? Just contact me, Mike Denz, and I'll answer any questions you have! 614-231-4509 x314, <u>mike@stcatharine.com</u> or <u>stcatharine.com/becoming-catholic</u>.



<b>Confession Times</b>		Mass Intentions	
Tuesday	6:30pm	Sun 9/19	Marilyn Fichtelman (8:30am)
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)		Patricia Hinterschied (11:00am)
Saturday	9:00am		People of the Parish (5:00pm)
		Mon 9/20	Gennie Sauer
Adoration Chapel Hours		Tues 9/21	Sonja DeMiglio
Monday - Frida	<b>y</b> 6:00am - 9:00pm	Weds 9/22	David & Lib Stadler
Saturday	6:00am - 4:00pm	Thurs 9/23	Bill Diehl, Jr.
Sunday	6:00am - 9:00pm	Fri 9/24	Mary & Walter Plank
		Sat 9/25	Rachael Pallay
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### Neighborhood Date Night

### Sunday, October 3rd • 6:00pm-7:30pm

During the craziness of life, it's easy to begin to put the needs of your marriage on the back burner. But, like any good relationship, it takes dedicated time and communication. We want to help you prioritize your marriage by hosting a Date Night for you and your spouse! All married and engaged couples are invited to a casual get-together for some backyard drinks and appetizers. This will take place at the home of Jon and Emily McFadden, just a stone's throw from the Church, at 439 S. Harding Rd. Childcare will be provided at the Church. Please bring an appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided. Register at <u>https://stcatharine.com/date-night</u>.

### The Weeks Ahead

Week of Septer	mber	19
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<b>Sunday</b> 9:30am 9:30am 4:00pm 6:00pm	<b>9/19</b> St. Vincent de Paul Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Choir Mixer Youth Ministry Parent Meeting	
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:30pm	<b>9/21</b> Confessions	
Wednesday 8:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	<b>9/22</b> Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Seeking the Lost Choir Practice	
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00pm	<b>9/23</b> ADORE Night (Confessions & Adoration)	
<b>Saturday</b> 7:00am 9:00am	<b>9/25</b> That Man Is You Confessions	

	Week of September 20
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/26</b>
9:30am	Family of Faith
9:30am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30am	St. Vincent de Paul
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/28</b>
6:30pm	Confessions
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/29</b>
7:30am	Men's Rosary
7:00pm	Seeking the Lost
8:00am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/30</b>
7:00pm	ADORE Night (Confessions & Adoration)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/02</b>
7:00am	That Man Is You
9:00am	Confessions

Week of September 26



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