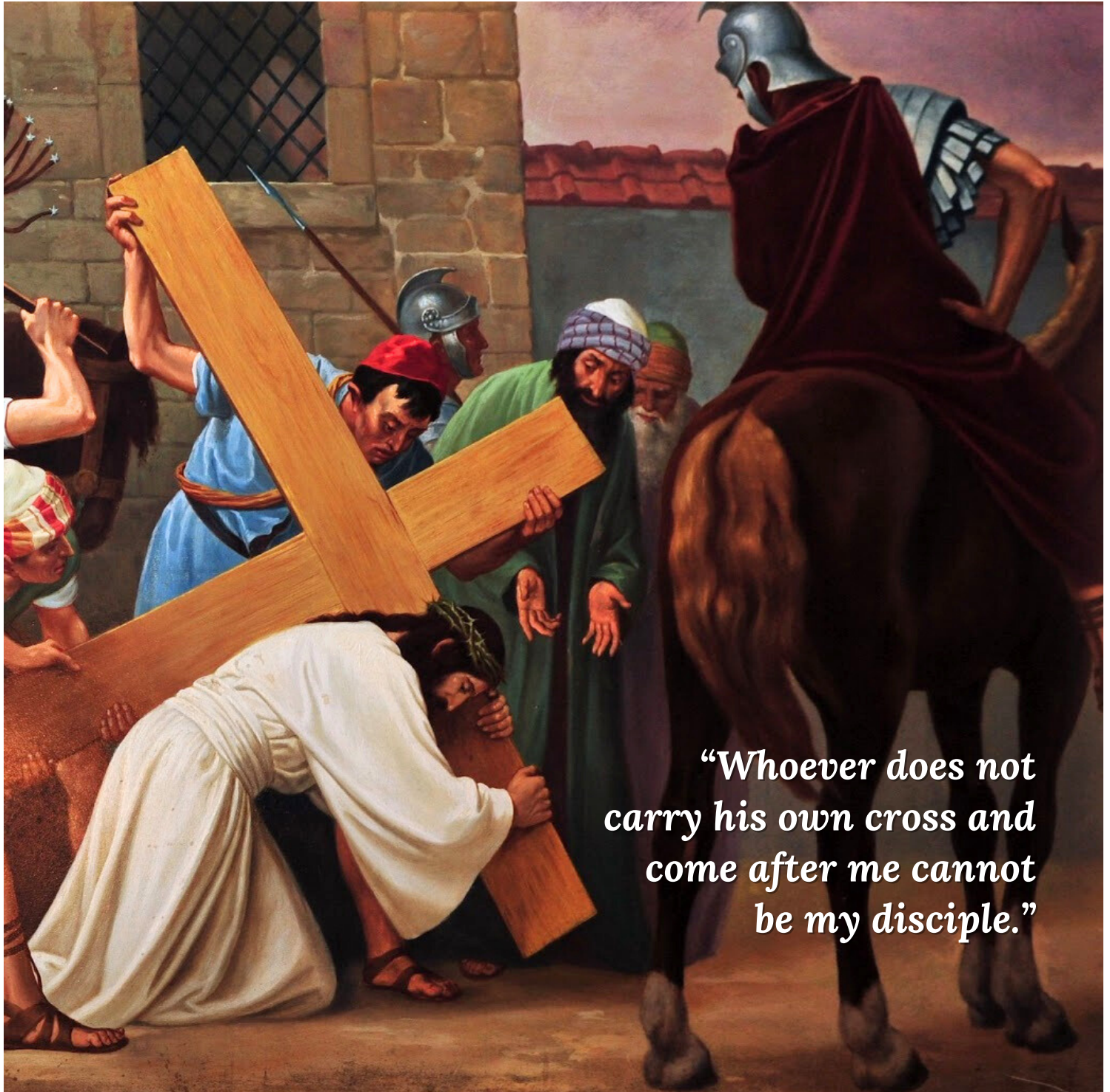


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Sunday, September 7th *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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8:30am Holy Mass (Joseph Ridgeway)
9:30am Parent Meeting for First Communion/Confirmation
9:30am Baptism Class
11:00am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (Francis Nester) 🙏

Monday, September 8th: *Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary*

8:00am Holy Mass (Ray Bichimer)
6:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, September 9th: *Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

8:00am Holy Mass (Anne Rideout)
7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, September 10th

12p-2p Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm Holy Mass (Richard Lumpe)
6:30pm ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, September 11th

7:30am Men's Rosary
8:00am Holy Mass (Tom Siemer)
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, September 12th: *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00am Holy Mass (Helen Clinger)

Saturday, September 13th: *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor*

7:00am That Man Is You!
8:00am Pre Cana Formation Day
8:30am Holy Mass (Elizabeth And Rodrick Hauss)
9:00am Confessions

Sunday, September 14th: *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:30am Holy Mass (Jean Ridenour)
9:30am Family of Faith
11:00am Holy Mass (James Iacoboni) 🙏
12:00pm Baptisms
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
6:00pm Lumen High School Youth Group

School Mass Update

Following the shooting during a School Mass in Minneapolis we have received recommendations to enhance security for our own School Mass. Going forward, this **School Mass will be private and will no longer be open to parishioners or school parents.** We encourage you to attend the 6:00pm parish Mass on Wednesday instead.

Thank you for your understanding as we do all that we can to ensure the safety of our school children.

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Baptisms

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

Sunday, August 24th

Grace Anne Pindoley
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May They Rest in Peace

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August 24, 2025

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Bentley's Pawspective

Sniffing Out the Good News

Woof-welcome, dear parish family! Bentley here—your four-legged pastor-in-training. I've sniffed my way through this week's Sunday readings (and napped a little too), and here's what I've gathered in my tail-wagging style:

1. Wisdom 9:13-18b

I may chase tennis balls with reckless abandon, but I know I can't fetch Divine Wisdom! As the reading reminds us: "Who can know the counsel of God?" My plans to dig the perfect hole rarely go as planned—sometimes the hole collapses, or the neighbor's cat runs by. It's humbling, just like how our efforts fall short without God guiding us. We need His wisdom—far beyond my mere dog-brain—to live well.



2. Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, and 17

The psalm says, "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." It makes me think of that cozy spot near the fireplace—or in warm weather, the cool spot on the kitchen tile—where I feel safe and loved. Just as I go to that safe place when thunder rumbles, we all turn to God in times of trouble and peace alike.

3. Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

In this heartfelt letter, Paul is like that neighbor who came to visit and asked you to watch his puppy—caring, personal, trusting. Paul sends back Onesimus "my own heart" in a joyful act of love and reconciliation. It reminds me how I wag my tail when my human returns—so full of love that boundary between "yours" and "mine" blurs. We, like Paul and Onesimus, are called to see each other as beloved family.

4. Luke 14:25-33

Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship—that being His follower means putting Him above all else, even the comfort of a fluffy pillow or the urge to chase squirrels. I can't even ignore the mailman sometimes. This reading challenges us: will we follow Jesus whole-heartedly, or only when it suits us? True love and loyalty—like what I feel for my family—means commitment, not just convenience.

Bentley's Takeaway (and Sneaking in a Nap):

- We need Divine Wisdom, not our limited human (or dog!) reasoning alone.
- God is our refuge, steady and constant, no matter how many thunderstorms or mailmen cross our path.
- Reconciliation and love—like Paul and Onesimus—bring hearts closer than any leash.
- Following Jesus costs something, but it's the sweetest loyalty there is (right up there with ear scratches).

Thanks for listening to my pawspective. I'm heading off to my nap spot now—but feel free to pet me (just say the word), or let me know if you'd like another bulletin article "by" Bentley—or perhaps a reflection from the choir's cat!

Wags and blessings,

Bentley 🐾

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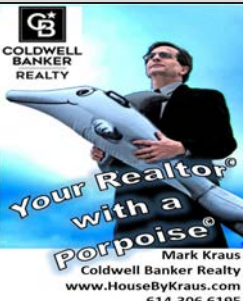
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I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon's prayer in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom: "Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?" Solomon doesn't seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language, we could rephrase his questions: *What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit?* There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel is certainly one that we need God's wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. "*What* did Jesus just say?!" His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires *my* good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? *Absolutely possible.*

REFLECT

Today, consider reflecting on your attachments - the places you cling to anything that is not Christ. As you go into these tender places, invite Jesus to gently reveal where he wants to grant you his freedom.

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Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is in danger of death from sickness or old age and wishes to receive the sacraments, please call our main number, 614-231-4509, and ask for a priest to be dispatched to your location.

If you call after hours, please use the same number and follow the prompts to reach a priest.

Liturgical Ministry	LC	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	MC	Altar Servers	Hospitality	
Sun, September 14th 8:30am	Jeff Gardner	Kim Frencho (1) Emily Kalush (2)	J.J. Frencho - North Adrienne Molnar - South Ted Sapp - South <i>*1 Needed*</i>	Jack Frencho	Sophia Frencho Leo Kalush Rosie Kalush	Rebecca Jackson - West Nathan Murphy - West Ed Stange - North Tina Allwein - SE <i>*2 Needed*</i>	Group 1 Ed Stange
Sun, September 14th 11:00am	Yvonne Moyer	Lily Bell (1) Bob Masys (2)	Jane Isaacs, Mary Ginn Ryan, Jan Strominger, Tim Strominger David Isaacs, Gary Allwein, Kasey VanBuskirk, Pam Rice	Samuel Grilli	Jude Keiffer Isaac Schindler Larry D Scurlock	Nancy Connor - West Chuck Burkhardt - North <i>*3 Needed*</i>	Group 2 Brealie Caridi
Sun, September 14th 5:00pm	Rita Hoyt	Stephanie Moraine (1) <i>*1 Needed*</i>	Barbara Murphy - North Mark Savino - North Sheri Barlay - South <i>*1 Needed*</i>	Jack Goodwin	Sophia Berndt John Duran Laura Harris	Betsy Butler - West Megan VanLandingham - North Tyler VanLandingham - South Johnnean Goodwin - NE Giana Coleman - SE	Bickford Russell Johnston



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

11:00AM

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with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

LIGHT RECEPTION

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS

INCLUDING

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS • WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY
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If you have any questions or you would like to be involved in the liturgy,
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LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ministry in the Liturgy is a sacred privilege in which we offer back to God what He has given us. Whether participation is through “behind the scenes” preparation and planning or through a public role of service within the Mass, parishioner contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. **Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries:**

- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Lector
- Hospitality/Usher



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Questions?

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