

# SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

8:30 A.M. – George Emslie-M  
 Gene McGillis

### WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2024

8:30 A.M. – George Peterson-M  
 Steve Adams

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

8:30 A.M. – Mark & Rory Wilander-M  
 Family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

8:30 A.M. – Roberta Torguson-M  
 Sharon & Charles Jirschele

## WEEKEND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

4:00 P.M. – USAF-UWS AFOTC COL Larry Diploma-M  
 Bill & Donna Durand

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

7:30 A.M. – The Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of  
 Cathedral Parishioners

10:30 A.M. – Albert & Margie Higgins-M  
 Rita LaVenture & Family

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**VOCATIONS...** Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 7:31-37)

### Cathedral Church Calendar

Mon. Sept. 9 – 6:00pm KC Council 16691 Meeting and Exemplification in KH  
 Tues. Sept. 10 – 4:00pm Cathedral Leadership Meetings  
 Wed. Sept. 11 – 6:30pm Book Club in Parish Office  
 Thur. Sept. 12 – 1:00-3:00pm Adoration  
                                 – 6:00pm Alpha Course #2 in KH  
 Sat/Sun. Sept. 14/15 – CSA Weekend  
 Sun. Sept. 15 – 11:30am Rel. Ed. Open House/Registration

### PRAYER MINISTRY –

There are people in the parish willing to share your needs and prayers. Please call Mary Jo **218-341-2606** if you or a loved one is in need.



## LITURGICAL ROLES for Sept. 14/15

**Notice:** ALL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, READERS, SERVERS, USHERS & GREETERS...We will be scheduling for the months of November, December & January. If you know of dates you cannot volunteer please call the parish office (715-392-8511) no later than Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### READERS:

4:00 Pat Wildenberg  
 7:30 Sara Fouts  
 10:30 Larry French & Janette Gil de Lamadrid



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 Pat Wildenberg (F) & Susan Paine (B)  
**Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup**  
 7:30 Justin Fouts (F) & Brendan Fouts (B)  
**Need 2 Ministers for Communion Cup**  
 10:30 Kent Phillips (F) & Christine Polkinghorne (B)  
**Cup: Bonnie Thom & Need 1**



### SERVERS:

4:00  
 7:30 Caleb, Damien, & Seth Fouts  
 10:30 Tom Markee & Diana Markee-O'Brien



### USHERS:

4:00 Eric Williams (Lead)  
 Irene Peterson  
 Bill Wildenberg  
 Need 1  
 7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead)  
 Jim Crawford  
 Bruce Haraldson  
 Kevin Peterson  
 10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead)  
 Sandy & Tom Henning  
 Need 1



### GREETERS:

4:00  
 7:30 Robyn Deshayes  
 10:30 Tom & Sandy Henning



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

	Aug.31/Sept. 1	Last Year
<b>Envelopes:</b>	125	130
<b>Collection:</b>	\$6,166.50	\$7,789.00
<b>On-Line Giving (40)</b>	\$2,277.00	\$3,534.00
<b>Loose:</b>	\$ 693.00	\$ 694.00



*Thank you for your generosity!*

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

### 2024/2025

### Catholic Services Appeal

The 2024/25 Catholic Services Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The Appeal is an opportunity for us, as a faith family, to join together to do the work of the Lord. All families are encouraged to support the Catholic Services Appeal. By giving to the CSA, you are answering God's call to discipleship to put the work of God before your own needs. The Church serves each of us in some way and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in our area. In addition, every dollar contributed to the Appeal assists our parish in offsetting our yearly faith share of diocesan financial responsibility to our Diocesan Church. This year, our goal is **\$74,298.66**

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

Let's explore some of the themes that we find in the Mass readings for the 23rd Sunday of the Year.

### 1st Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7a

- Say to those whose hearts are frightened: be strong, fear not!
- God comes to the people bringing healing and life to the world.

### Psalm - 146:7-10

- "Praise the Lord, my soul!"
- We glorify God who brings hope and healing to those in need and thwarts the way of the wicked.

### 2nd Reading - James 2:1-5

- We are charged to show no partiality to others based on wealth or appearance.
- God chooses the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom.

### Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

- A deaf man with a speech impediment is brought before Jesus.
- After the Lord heals the man, the crowds give praise to God.

Fr. Andrew

**Question for Children:** How do you shun others whom you don't like?

**Question for Youth:** Who are the people in our world today who sometimes go unnoticed? What could you do to help them?

**Question for Adults:** In what ways do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy?

### Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9) Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

## CATHEDRAL NEWS



### PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM Cathedral Kress Hall  
All are welcome!

Any questions please call Anna Marie ~ 715-392-1673

## BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club is open to all interested readers in our area, regardless of which parish you call home. Each month we have a lively and interesting discussion. We meet at 6:30 in the large meeting room at Cathedral Parish Office.



September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dear & Glorious Physician	by Taylor Caldwell
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Apeirogon	by Colum McCann
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	The Boys In The Boat	by Kevin Lang
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	South Of Luck	by Jim Guhl
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Women	by Kristin Hannah
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lessons In Chemistry	by Bonnie Garmus
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Bully Pulpit	by Doris Kerns Goodwin
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Left To Tell	by Immaculee Ilibagiza

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education  
Open House and Registration  
Sunday, September 15, 2024  
11:30am in Kress Hall

### YOUTH'S CORNER

#### 2024-2025 Religious Ed Program

Hard to believe it's almost that time of year again, isn't it! As we hear the ads for Back-to-School shopping, we are also called to Kress Hall for Religious Ed classes. We have another exciting year planned! Scan the QR Code to register.

Interested in **teaching as a Catechist**? A meeting will be hosted in Kress Hall on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm (doors open at 5:30 for social time). We are looking for Confirmation Catechists, as well as teachers and aides for all grades.

There will be a **parent's meeting** on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Kress Hall for First Reconciliation/First Communion families. Please reach out to Jessica Pearson 715.817.0333 for any questions or details.

Religious Ed classes are **Wednesday nights** and slated to **start October 2nd** this year. Pre-K - 6th grade classes will be held from 5:30-6:30pm in Kress Hall. 7th grade - Confirmation class will be held from 7-8pm in Kress Hall.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Virginia Kovaleski at 952.300.1671 or [vrkovy@gmail.com](mailto:vrkovy@gmail.com).  
God Bless!



### High School Discipleship Weekend

Looking for deeper formation? Want to spend a weekend with the Lord in Community with others? Check out this year's "Living in the Dust of the Master" High School Discipleship weekend November 15-17, 2024. Students of their Faith can expect:

- Formation
- Personal Prayer Time

- Outdoor Adventures
- Sacraments
- Fellowship

Please reach out to Virginia Kovaleski at 952.300.1671 or [vrkovy@gmail.com](mailto:vrkovy@gmail.com) to register by October 15, 2024!

### Extreme Faith Camp

Plans for the 2025 summer are already underway for next year's EFC week. Our cluster will go the week of June 15 - 20, 2025. Registration is due January 1, 2025 and spaces fill quickly!

What we need...

- Male and female chaperones
- Parent(s) to help organize fundraisers. We are planning 3 fundraisers this coming year.
- Parent(s) to assume responsibilities for organizing EFC for future summers. **I will shadow this year as my final year.**

Please reach out to Virginia Kovaleski at 952.300.1671 or [vrkovy@gmail.com](mailto:vrkovy@gmail.com) to register and volunteer for EFC!

## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS



### Important Dates:

September 19<sup>th</sup> - Open House 4:30-6:00pm  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> - Blue Mass @ 8:30  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> - No School- Staff Development Day

### Cathedral School has the following staff position available for the 2024/2025 school year:

Hot Lunch  
 School Aides  
 Extended Card Aides



To apply, please send your resume to [mrs.samarziya@superiorcs.org](mailto:mrs.samarziya@superiorcs.org), or contact us at 715-392-2976.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



### See the Face of Christ, Be the Face of Christ

Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in our friends in need, and when we see Christ, we experience God.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday September 10th at 6pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King (use the elevator door to Kress Hall). All are welcome to join us.

Voicemail: 715-398-4039

Mailing Address: SVDP P.O. Box 98 Superior, WI 54880

## CLUSTER NEWS

### MASSSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm  
 St. Anthony, L.N. – every Thursday from 9-10am  
 St. William – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 5:30-6pm  
 Holy Assumption – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 7:30-8:00am  
 St. Anthony, Sup. – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 8-8:30am



**ALPHA** is a series for adults that allow people of all denominations and experiences to explore the basics of the Christian faith. ALPHA starts with hospitality – a chance to meet others and build relationships which sets the stage for important conversations and big questions. Each group session includes a short video followed by small group discussions. ALPHA begins September 5 in Kress Hall. Hospitality starts at 6:00 p.m. with sessions running from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Registering for ALPHA with the parish office (715-392-8511) is helpful to those planning this series. But walk-ins are always welcome. All adults are welcome. And bring a friend!

### ST. WILLIAM HAM & MEATLOAF DINNER



St. William Parish, Pattison Park, will hold its annual Ham & Meatloaf dinner on Sunday, September 8, from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. The menu includes ham, meatloaf, potatoes & gravy, buttered carrots, coleslaw, pickled beets, rolls, coffee and dessert. Price \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 yrs., pre-schoolers free. Take-out dinners are available. There will be a bake sale, country garden market and silent auction. The church is located one mile west of WI Hwy 35 (Pattison Park) on County Rd. B. and is wheelchair accessible. All are welcome.

**PASTY SALE** -The Knights of Columbus, Superior Council 499 will hold a Pasty Sale on Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14. The cost is \$5.00 for a 12 oz. pasty (filling: beef, potatoes, carrots, onions & rutabagas). Pasties will be available for pick-up between 12:00 Noon & 4:00 PM on Friday & 12:00 Noon & 4:00 PM on Saturday at St. Anthony Church in Superior. Pre-ordered pasties not picked up by 2:00 PM will be sold on a first come/first serve basis until 4:00 PM. On-line orders will be accepted through Sunday, September 8, at the address below. After that point in time, orders can be made only by calling as follows: Darryl at 218-349-9165, Tom at 715-392-2061, or Al at 715-364-2664. Leave a message if you get no answer.

<https://superiorcatholics.org/knights-of-columbus-pasty-order/>

**Upcoming Catholic Daughters (CDA) meeting:**

Monday, September 9, 2024 at Holy Assumption Church [5601 Tower Avenue] at 5:30 pm. This will be a planning meeting. We will meet in room 102 and pizza will be ordered for our meal.

**REAL PRESENCE RADIO**

Real Presence Radio's Fall Live Drive is **Sept. 10-12**. Tune in as we broadcast from throughout our five-state listening area and bring you inspiring stories of faith and hope. Listen anytime or wherever you go by downloading the RPR mobile app from the Google or Apple Play Store. Call **877-795-0122** or safely donate online at **RealPresenceRadio.com** and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Phone lines will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT! RPR is 100% listener supported and our mission continues only because of you!! Scan the code below or visit RealPresenceRadio.com to find out more.



**LASAGNA DINNER PLANNING MEETING**

It's time again to prepare for our lovely Lasagna Dinner to support the orphans and projects in Kisa. We are always looking for new members to help with this endeavor. Please join us on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in classroom 105 at Holy Assumption.

The dinner will be Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> at Holy Assumption from 4:30-7:00 pm. We have great cooks with wonderful lasagna recipes that always make this a fabulous event.



**BOOK SALE**

Superior Public Library  
1530 Tower Avenue

Friday, September 13 ~ 10:00am-5:00pm  
Saturday, September 14 ~ 10:00am-3:00pm

**PIE SOCIAL**

Sunday, September 15, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

St. Anthony Church ~ 4315 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St.-Superior

Cost: \$4 a slice, \$5 w / ice cream

Open to Everyone



Music will be provided by the St. Anthony Spirit Seekers

**2024 diocesan Music Ministry Retreat and Workshop**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church in Woodruff**

All parish musicians are invited to attend this wonderful opportunity for growth, spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Please see our diocesan website for registration information: <https://catholicdos.org/diocesan-workshop-1>

**St. Anthony Catholic Church Invites you to a**

# Pie Social



**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**1:00 PM—4:00 PM**

**St. Anthony Church 4315 East 3rd St.**

**Superior, WI 54880**

**Cost: \$4 a slice, \$5 w/ice cream**

**Open to Everyone**

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# HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP

## Weekend

*"Living in the Dust of the Master"*

Looking for deeper formation? Want to spend a weekend with the Lord in community with others? Check out High School Discipleship Weekend!

### What to Expect:

**Formation**

**Personal Prayer Time**

**Outdoor Adventure**

**Sacraments**

**Fellowship**

Fall Date

@ **CrossWoods**

*Nov 15 - 17, 2024*

Parish Registration  
Form & \$125  
per person due  
**October 31, 2024**

Spring Date

@ **Crescent Lake**

*Apr 4 - 6, 2025*

Parish Registration  
Form & \$125  
per person due  
**February 25, 2025**



Questions?  
952.300.1671



Info & Registration  
vrkovy@gmail.com



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## DATES

📍 CrossWoods Camp

Sunday, June 8 - 13, 2025

Sunday, June 15 - 20, 2025

📍 Crescent Lake Camp

Sunday, June 15 - 20, 2025

Sunday, June 22 - 27, 2025

High Schooler / Adult Meetings

Sunday, May 4, 2025 (virtual)

Sunday, June 8 (CW1)

Sunday, June 15 (CW2/CL1)

Sunday, June 22 (CL2)

## COST

\$450 / person + transportation. Includes camp activities, lodging & food. \$100 deposit by January 10 secures spot. Space fills quickly! Final payment due April 1. Deposits are non-refundable.

## REGISTRATION

All individuals must register through their parish. Please contact your parish to receive information on how to register online.

Contact Virginia Kovaleski  
952.300.1671  
vrkovy@gmail.com

## DAILY SCHEDULE

07am Polar Plunge  
08am Breakfast  
Mass  
09am Prayer/Theme Intro  
10am Morning Adventure  
12pm Lunch  
01pm Afternoon Adventure  
03pm Free Time  
05pm Supper  
06pm Evening Session  
08pm Night Game



## CONTACT US

👤 Jen Metzger, Associate Director of Youth Discipleship

📞 (715) 490-4362

✉️ [jmetzger@catholicdos.org](mailto:jmetzger@catholicdos.org)



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## EXTREME FAITH CAMP

Summer 2025

## ABOUT

Extreme Faith Camp is a Catholic week-long summer camp for middle school students. It is open to those who have completed 6th - 8th grade by the summer of 2025. The camp is led by an Extreme Team of youth ministers, adults & senior high youth from participating parishes. First time high school leaders serve on the Prayer Team.

Extreme Faith Camp is full of exciting adventures like rock climbing, ropes courses, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, mountain biking, and camp-wide games. All that fun is intertwined with powerful and engaging talks, music, and a wide variety of prayer experiences including Mass, adoration, confession, the liturgy of the hours, and more.

## LOCATION

CrossWoods Adventure Camp:

15010 Black Bear Rd.  
Mason, WI 54856

Crescent Lake Bible Camp:

2750 Bible Camp Rd.  
Rhineland, WI 54501



## TESTIMONIALS

“Most enjoyable and faith-filling place I’ve ever been. I wish it was longer.”

*Lucas, age 13*

“Camp was the greatest thing I ever went to. Adoration was the most mind blowing and touching and an experience I won’t forget.”

*Dayne, age 11*

“I really felt that I got closer to God a lot!! It opened my heart.”

*Marissa, age 12*

“Only can be explained in one word... FUN!”

*Julia, age 13*

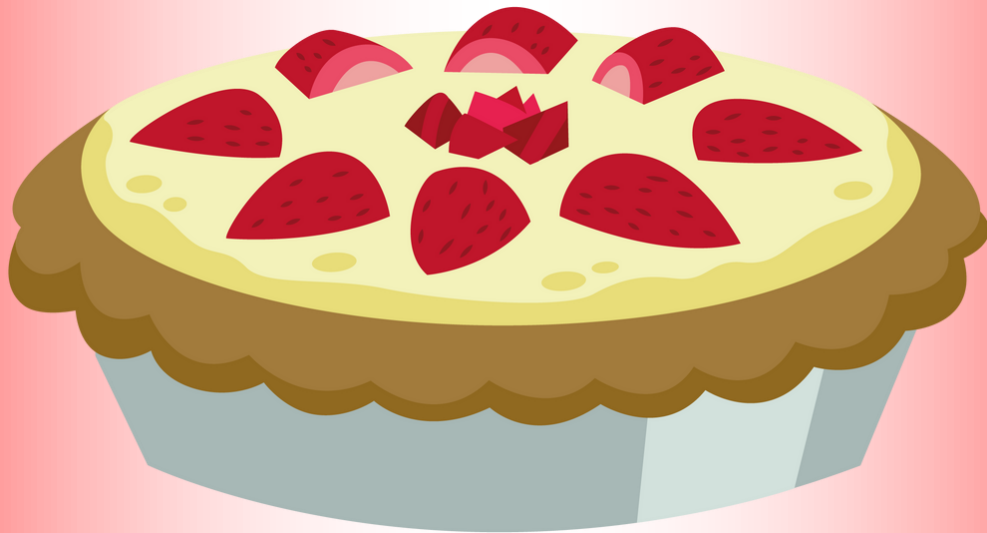


## “EXTREME?”

Christ doesn't call his disciples to mediocrity or to lukewarmness. Rather, He calls us to be radically transformed. Extreme Faith Camp provides a jumpstart for young Catholics to rev their faith up and help them realize that God wants an intimate, life-changing relationship with them. The mission of Extreme Faith Camp is to light a fire in young people that they can take back to their families, parishes and schools, helping to ignite youth ministry around the diocese.

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# **Pie Social**



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**1:00 PM–4:00 PM**

**St. Anthony Church 4315 East 3rd St.**

**Superior, WI 54880**

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# Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

September marks a transition time for most of us. Vacations are over. Those with children return to the routines of school, sports, and activities. We anticipate autumn and get outside as often as we can before winter arrives. The liturgical year is in transition, too. We concluded the Easter season in the late spring, and spent the Sundays of summer hearing of Jesus' miracles and interactions with his early followers. We reflected on Christ's identity as the living bread of life and recognized the abundance of God's grace and goodness in our lives. Now, in the autumn weeks of Ordinary Time, we encounter some of the most essential and challenging of Jesus' teachings, and hear to the call to take Jesus' way of life to heart: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." (MK 8:27-35)



## Deny yourself

What does it mean to deny oneself? Are we called to forsake who we are in order to follow the Lord? When we read the context of this teaching, this is not the sort of denial Jesus has in mind. Quite the opposite, in fact. Jesus had predicted his passion, death, and resurrection. Peter, who had just proclaimed faith in Jesus as the Messiah, rebuked Jesus, which prompted the teaching. Jesus had spoken the truth of who he is and what his mission would entail. When he tells us to deny ourselves, he is asking us to put aside anything that will prevent us from living our true mission as a child of God and follower of Jesus.



## Take up your cross

In anticipating his passion and crucifixion, Jesus demonstrated his acceptance of the cross as the consequence of living his mission. Jesus tells us to take up our crosses – the trials, suffering, and challenges that we face in daily life, particularly the demands we face as a consequence of living as his disciples in the world. When we are tempted to take the easy way out, give in to selfish and self-centered tendencies, and turn away from those who need love, care, and compassion, we may rely on God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to live our mission as Christ's people.



## Follow Jesus

We are always works in progress where it comes to following Jesus. As we know from the gospels, the apostles did not always get it right. This month's Sunday readings give us examples of how they sometimes failed to understand Jesus' mission and teaching, missing the mark through their attitudes and actions. Jesus did not walk away from them, and remains with us, always present as we live and grow as his disciples. We are called to journey with the Lord, opening our minds, hearts, and lives to him. As disciples, we are to carry out his mission, giving of ourselves and our resources and sharing his love in the world.

Jenny's life changed dramatically after a women's retreat at her parish a few years ago. At first, the differences were subtle: she seemed more willing to listen rather than to immediately judge the actions or motivations of others; her family noticed that she prayed before meals and that she seemed to want to go to Mass each week, and they appreciated her growing patience; co-workers recognized that she respected them and their customers. The changes in her actions drew a few surprised reactions, but mostly, appreciation, and wonder. What had caused these shifts in her behavior? It wasn't like she was a difficult or mean person before, but now she seemed to be at peace.

One day a friend asked her what had brought about "the new Jenny." Jenny paused for a moment and then replied, "This may sound strange, but I realized that the point of my life is not all about me. Going on the retreat helped me to see God's presence, but also to recognize that I have a purpose in my life, too. Now, I am growing in love of God, and that love leads me to act differently, to be aware that others will see God's love through me or not, as a result of how I live. I am learning to live differently as a result, and am grateful you recognize the changes in me." Jenny has discovered that her faith calls her to act in particular ways, and others are being touched by her new sense of purpose and meaning.



In reflecting on all that Jesus taught, Saint James realized that we must be "be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." James knew that we have a tendency to remain complacent and inactive, telling ourselves in our heads that we are people of faith, but not allowing Jesus' call to love and service to have an impact on our lives. Yet Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Every day provides an opportunity to serve another, often simply and quietly with little

notice by the people around us. Saint James tells us that if we do not take these opportunities and act on them, we delude ourselves into thinking we are Christians, yet we fail to do as Jesus commands.

For some of us, being the "last of all and the servant of all" comes naturally easily; for others, such living is a real challenge. Our journey as disciples who embrace this call begins here, now, each and every day of our lives.

How is your life shaped by such humble service? In what ways do Jesus' command and James' wisdom provide direction, encouragement, and challenge for you at this time in your life? How might you, like Jenny, see God's presence and find renewed purpose in your life? What steps on the journey of discipleship are you called to take today? Your journey starts here.

*For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.* MK 8:35

## Impact this month

Reflect on your life. How do you deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus?

How may you be called to stretch yourself in order to grow as a disciple who is the "last of all and the servant of all"?

What recent experiences come to mind in which you had opportunities to "do" the word, in which faith directed your actions?