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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

## HOW DO WE PRAY WITH SACRED SCRIPTURE?

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

1. The first element of this type of prayer is **reading** (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is **meditation** (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to "see" the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is **prayer** (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
4. **Contemplation** (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God's action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

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## ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.

Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would

convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

It is thought he departed for other lands to escape persecution sometime after 42 AD. According to various legends he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred.

Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle."

Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21.

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Tuesday, Sep. 17</b> 8:15am	~ Living and deceased members of Bob and Donna Fisher family
<b>Wednesday, Sep. 18</b> 12:05pm	† Francis Voet
<b>Thursday, Sep. 19</b> 6:45am	~ John Cooper family
<b>Friday, Sep. 20</b> 8:15am	† Maxine Claeys
<b>Saturday, Sep. 21</b> 5:30pm	† Rick Wilson
<b>Sunday, Sep. 22</b> 7:00am	~ People of the Parishes of St. Gregory and St. Malachy
10:30am	† James Nordhus

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Friday, Sep. 20</b> 6:00am - 5:00pm	Adoration
<b>Saturday, Sep. 21</b> 4:30pm - 5:15pm	Confessions
<b>Sunday, Sep. 22</b> 4:00pm - 6:00pm	Sunday Sundaes, Parish Hall
6:00pm	Confirmation, Music Room

**Curious About Catholicism?**

*Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you searching for answers? Do you want to become Catholic but don't know how to get started?*

RCIA will begin soon.  
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you would like more information about the Catholic Church, want to become Catholic or wish to renew your faith, this is for you!

Contact Fr. Quentin or the office for more information.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Envelope & Plate for September 8th                      \$ 7,051.94  
*(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)*

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

Loan Principal Balance (as of 09/01/24).....\$232,796.93  
*Donations (since 09/01/24)..... (\$ 2,272.37)*  
Total Contributions to Date .....\$7,873,913.62  
*(\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)*

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Randy P. Hogan,**  
son of Marian, brother of Doug, Diane and Colleen.  
A rosary will be prayed Sunday at 7pm with the funeral on Monday at 11:00am at St. Gregory's.

**SUNDAY Sundaes**  
SEPT. 22  
4-6 pm

**We're having an Ice Cream Social!**

- Bring the whole family
- All ages are welcome
- Fun yard games and card games
- FREE ice cream with tasty toppings

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**LOCAL NEWS**

The American Red Cross is hosting an upcoming blood drive on **Monday, September 16th from 12-6pm** at the Marysville American Legion. Thanks to all donors for being a life-saving partner.

**AREA NEWS**

**Sunday, September 22nd - Axtell American Legion Breakfast.** Serving biscuits, gravy sausage, eggs, pancakes and hash browns from 7am-1pm. Free will offering.

**Sunday, September 29th - Daniel Oberreuter Parish Mission Concert.** St. Monica/St. Elizabeth and St. Columbille parishes will host Daniel Oberreuter, lead singer of a Catholic band at 7pm at the Valley Heights-Blue Rapids gym. The mission concert is called **Come Hold My Son** and will take listeners on a journey through the mysteries of the rosary. For more information, please visit [www.comeholdmyson.com](http://www.comeholdmyson.com). Free will offering.



**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



**Grandparents Day Mass & Program:** We would like to invite all grandparents to attend mass with the students at 8:15am on Fri. Sept. 27th, followed by treats in the church hall. The Grandparents Day program will then begin in the school gym around 9:30am.

**PTO Fundraiser:** The St. Gregory PTO has put together a fundraiser with Idntiteez. If you open the QR to the right or go to <https://idntiteez.chipply.com/stgregory/?apid=9032690> you can view the PTO fundraiser store. Be sure to check it out! A portion of each purchase will go back to the St. Gregory PTO.



A "**Virtus - Protecting God's Children**" training session for anyone who has contact with children in regards to the school will be held on Wed. Sept. 18th starting at 5:30 pm in the school. This training needs to be completed by anyone who drives/goes on school field trips, helps in the classroom and/or with classroom parties, helps in the lunchroom, is a substitute teacher, is a school volunteer etc. The class is mandated by the

Archdiocese and will be given by registered facilitator Tamera Steinlage. To register for the class please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**September Virtue of the Month - Magnanimity**

**Saint Reflection: St. Louis de Montfort** - Each month, our students will reflect on the life of a saint who lived the virtue we are focusing on. St. Louis de Montfort is a great example of Magnanimity. He was born to a very devout family in France. Early on, he decided that he wanted to become a priest. His friendships and prayer life led him to a deep and intimate love of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a missionary, Louis traveled anywhere and everywhere to bring the love of Mother Mary to people. He wrote several books, including *The Secret of the Rosary* and *True Devotion to Mary*. His teachings have endured, and they inspired a young Karol Wojtyla – the future St. Pope John Paul II – to entrust his entire life “to Jesus through Mary.” **How did St. Louis live the virtue of Magnanimity?**

**PRAYER LIST**

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

**Short Term Health Issues:** Carly Cook, Robin Martins, Chris Blanchard, Jolene O’Neal, Fred Lienemann, Jim Borgerding, Dorothy Kramer, Glen Richter, Max Hammes, Greg Boss, Jane Haug, Mary Stryker, Marilyn Hodgen, Scott Wetter, Jess Wetter, Deanna Schroller, KayeLynn Kroeger, Kaylie Kordyak, Preston Runnebaum, Jan Smith.

**Long Term Health Issues:** Kenny Hearn, Karen Rengstorf, Janel Weigel, Hudson Gartner, Kristi Meyer, Carol Howell, Joan Pacha, Phil Studer, Kathy Jueneman, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Pat Clark, Dorothy Peschel, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Alan Wassenberg, Tony Evans, Mary Landoll, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek and Sami Kirkland.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call Margaret Huffman at 713-9653 or the Parish Office.

**CELEBRATE**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Sep. 16** Frank Staggenborg, Alex Breeding
- Sep. 17** Josephine Wiggins, Diane Luebecke, Anna Cohorst, Cohen Monteil, Peg Obermeyer
- Sep. 18** Randy Jones, Jeannette Kloppenborg, Steve Nietfeld, Mark Runnebaum
- Sep. 19** Mary Lou Marquardt, Drew Price, Nick Frese, Andrew Bussmann
- Sep. 20** Richard Nietfeld, Eric Stichternath, Jan White, Braeton Faulkner, Tori Dettke
- Sep. 21** Sam Wilson (**80 years**)  
Krystal Keating, Nicci Champoux, Conner Hawkinson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Sep. 16** Chris and Kendra Hill
- Sep. 20** Bernard and Teresa Bussmann

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**Weddings:** Contact Father Quentin  
*If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.*





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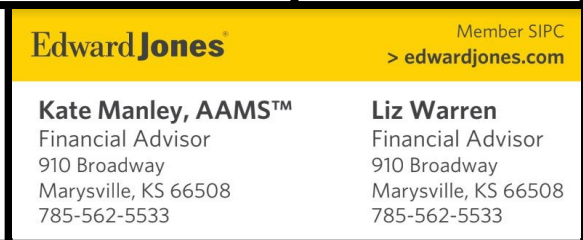
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