



Annunciation  
Catholic Church  
CALIFORNIA, MO

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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SAT. 4:00 PM  
SUN. 9:45 AM  
**Spanish Mass/  
Communion Service:**  
Sun. 11:15 AM



*[Jesus said,] "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other....You cannot serve God and mammon."*

LUKE 16:13

## God or Mammon?

**J**esus tells a story that might sound confusing to us because it reflects economic practices of his time, not ours. His original audience likely recognized the situation as one that was familiar to them. In the story, an employee fails to oversee and enhance the material holdings of his employer. However, when it came to getting what he could for himself from the employer's assets, he shows remarkable ability. One might say: Good for him! Even the employer thought the employee's actions showed resourcefulness.

Jesus does not applaud the specifics of the man's behavior, acceptable or not, as the case may have been. Rather, he notes that the man used whatever was available to him to ensure his own comfort in the future. Jesus then states that the ingenuity of such a man is more noteworthy than that of children of light. What a condemnation!

Jesus goes on to condemn mammon. Just what is that? It is too easy to say that mammon is money, though money is part of it. A good definition is "the greedy pursuit of gain." This could be any kind of gain over others when we make that gain the primary value in our lives. The story shows that the employee was amazingly industrious in his pursuit. In comparison, the children of light (you and me?) too often fail to demonstrate comparable industry in pursuing the true wealth of which Jesus spoke. Once again, a choice is placed before us: God or mammon?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- *What is the driving pursuit in your life? Is it worthy of you?*
- *How committed are you to religious pursuits?*

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**BAPTISMS:** By appointment.  
**WEDDINGS:** Please contact at least 6 months in advance.  
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call any time or by appointment.  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM and by appointment.

## Bishop McKnight's September prayer intention for our Local Church

**For all who serve in our community as first responders: that God may protect them from all harm, and that we be grateful for the sacrifices they make for the common good.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 17	4:00 PM	Dustin Struempf
Sept. 18	9:45 AM	Parish/Maria Garcia
	11:15 AM	Daniel Cortez Estrada
Sept. 20	8:00 AM	Mary Kay Wood
Sept. 22	8:00 AM	Rose/Clem Distler
Sept. 24	4:00 PM	Tammy Korte
Sept. 25	9:45 AM	Parish
	11:15 AM	Hispanic Community

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## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Saturday, September 17, 4:00 pm

Lector:	Elaine Anderson
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Irene Hoback/Need Volunteer
Song Leader:	Larry Dahler
Organist:	Jo Pummill
Rosary:	Margaret Reynolds

### Sunday – September 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am

Lector:	Dale Glenn
Servers:	Skylar/Shane Bax
Greeter:	Linda/Larry Imhoff
Song Leader:	Marian Fleischmann
Organist:	Jo Pummill
Rosary:	Rita Henley

### Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm

Lector:	Becky Bloch
Servers:	Need Volunteer
Greeter:	Joyce Ziehmer/Denise Gerlt
Song Leader:	Larry Dahler
Organist:	Betty Pringer
Rosary:	Russell Anderson

### Sunday – September 11, 9:45 am

Lector:	Kristie Gump
Servers:	Nicki Frank/Olivia Marriott
Greeter:	Linda McKee/Bev Cain
Song Leader:	JoAnn Bestgen
Organist:	Betty Pringer
Rosary:	Margaret Bieri

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## PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

*Liz Schlup; Mary Jo Garnett; Tucker Clough (great-grandson Linda Bardwell); Valerie Bloch; Lanny Wingate; Vickie Schroeder; Marilyn Durk; Betty Pringer; Debbie VanDieren, David Strickfaden; Baby Elliott (grandson of Bob & Beth Ziehmer); Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irej; Joann Ponder; Jack Anderson; Milinda Hoecker, Angie Hoecker (sister-in laws of Tammy Strein) Lisa Anderson, Glenda Williams, Jamie Bax; Don Aggeler (father of Chris Hurt & Carolyn Aggeler; Amanda Gorham; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel (Sister of Vince Imhoff & Nancy Martin); Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus (father of Melody Fischer)*

## THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, Sept. 17	St Robert Bellamine
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Dustin Struempf
<b>Sunday</b> , Sept. 18	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Maria Garcia
	11:15 AM Daniel Cortez Estrada
<b>Monday</b> , Sept 19	St. Januarius
	5:45 PM Prayer of the Holy Rosary
	8:00 PM AA-Alon
<b>Tuesday</b> , Sept 20	St. Andrew Kim
̄Mass 8:00 AM	Mary Kay Wood
	6:30 PM K of Columbus
Wednesday, Sept 21	St. Matthew
<b>Thursday</b> , Sept. 22	
̄Mass 8:00 AM	Rose/Clem Distler
	7:00 PM Spanish Holy Hour
<b>Saturday</b> , Sept. 24	BVM
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Tammy Korte
<b>Sunday</b> , Sept 25	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Parish
	11:15 AM Hispanic Community

Dear Annunciation Family:

When I arrived as the pastor of Annunciation, I was informed of the agreement that our parish had entered into with *El Puente-Hispanic Ministry* (The Bridge), in regard to our parish rectory. *El Puente*, as everyone knows it, is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. *El Puente* works in a cooperative, collaborative, and inclusive manner with other local organizations to assist our Hispanic brothers and sisters in their various needs and to help them integrate into the wider community. Through their various services, *El Puente* builds bridges to help and facilitate the access of the Hispanic population in Mid-Missouri counties to health care, educational opportunities, and resources to strengthen families and children. *El Puente's* main office is in Jefferson City at 2709 Industrial Drive, Suite B.

As the Hispanic community is growing within the diocese, the bishop was looking to assist with *El Puente's* ministries. Hence, the agreement with our parish, given the reality of a growing Hispanic population in California. I would like to share with you what I know about the agreement. The agreement pertains to a lease of the rectory. The Chancery was consulted to help facilitate a five-year lease agreement with *El Puente*. The Pastor, Buildings & Grounds, and the Finance Committee approved the lease.

The rectory was not in use and there were no plans that the rectory would be utilized. However, there were pressing maintenance needs, which the parish needed to address regardless of the lease. The parish had monies set aside for this project. Kilmer Siding installed replacement windows for the rectory at a cost of \$10,930. Advanced Chimney spray sealed the brick at a cost of \$6,100. The seal is guaranteed for 10 years. A number of parishioners stepped forward with their skill sets and invested many hours toward this effort. Thank you!

As part of the leasing agreement, *El Puente* will invest in the remodeling of the rectory and will be taking over all utility bills and the daily upkeep for the building. *El Puente* has budgeted \$30,000, which they will be investing into the rectory renovation. Thus, the rectory will be in much better condition and will be useful for many more years, whether for the parish or *El Puente* in the future. We believe in God's providential and loving care is always present. My hope is that this is an opportunity for our parish to collaborate with *El Puente* in providing compassionate care and service, to many of our current Hispanic parishioners and to many other brothers and sisters in need.

Blessings always,  
Fr. Viviano

## PARISH NEWS

This week's bouquet was provided by Marian Dorn in memory of John Dorn, Jr; John Sr & Mamie Dorn; Ann Pihale; and Howard and Rita Jeanne Miller.

**Pitch Tournament.** 5PM Sat, October 1<sup>st</sup> Free to play. Must sign-up (single or with partner) in advance (back of Church or [jjfrank23@gmail.com](mailto:jjfrank23@gmail.com)). BYOB. Share chili. Annunciation Hall. Organized by Knights for Parish.

### PSR and Confirmation Starting SOON!

PSR classes begin on Sun., October 2nd from 8:30-9:30 am. Confirmation will begin on Sun., Oct. 9 beginning at 8:30 am. The Confirmands will go to 9:45 mass as a group and continue their lessons after mass until 11:30 am. Registration forms will be available at the beginning of Sept.

### PSR Teacher and Substitute Needed

We need one more teacher or team of teachers for PSR.

### Wednesday Evening Formation Class

We will be resuming our Wednesday evening adult faith formation classes starting October 12. We plan to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays. I would like to get a head count of those interested so I can order the correct quantity of a reference book that we will be using. All are welcome. Please contact Deacon Bob or the parish office if you are interested.

### Mark Your Calendar:

Everyone is invited to participate in the Parish Mission with Father Bill. More information coming soon.

**St. Andrews:** Mon., October 24 & Tues., October 25 at 6:30-8:00 pm

**Annunciation:** Wed., October 26 & Thurs., October 27 at 6:30-8:00 pm

### Thank You

We want to thank everyone for your sympathy and kindness shown after the death of my mom Frankie Bolinger. We appreciate your thoughts and prayers and everything that was done.

Mickie & Jake Bolinger and family

### Weekly Collections

1<sup>st</sup> week: \$7,919.58      2<sup>nd</sup> week: \$2,795.11  
3<sup>rd</sup> week:                      4<sup>th</sup> week:

Candles: \$236.00      Hispanic \$525.00

### Why CSR?

We encourage accountability through participation in the CSR (Catholic Stewardship Renewal) process each October. This process asks all parishioners to:

- o COMMIT to using their time and talent for the betterment of the parish.
- o PLEDGE and stay current on a sacrificial gift of treasure to support the work of the parish. • Even if they are giving the same amount, even if they are continuing in the same ministry or time commitment, this yearly re-pledging and re-committing gives parishioners the opportunity to:
  - o REVIEW – are they actively participating in the life of the parish using their God given talents and sacrificially giving of their material gifts?
  - o REDIRECT – do they need to redirect their time, talent and treasure?
  - o REAFFIRM – confirming their pledged commitment of time, talent and treasure.
  - o RECOMMIT – saying YES! I want to live the stewardship way of life and actively participate in the life of my parish.

The annual CSR process is not merely an administrative exercise, instead it is a communal activity, geared toward strengthening us on the road to discipleship. It is a parishioners' way of proclaiming "I am part of this community and – by my faith and commitment – supportive of the mission and vision." Time + Talent + Treasure = Forming Active Participants...NOT Passive Recipients

