

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Darlene Kellogg)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

Weekday (23)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

Weekday

- 9:00 AM—Communion Service followed by coffee

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

Weekday; *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019**

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 2019**

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" Luke 14:28

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Col 1:24—2:3  
 Ps 62:6-7, 9  
 Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday**

Col 2:6-15  
 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11  
 Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday**

Col 3:1-11  
 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b  
 Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday**

Col 3:12-17  
 Ps 150:1b-6  
 Lk 6:27-38



**Friday**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
 Ps: 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11  
 Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday**

Nm 21:4b-9  
 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38  
 Phil 2:6-11

**Sunday**

Jn 3:13-17  
 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14  
 1 Tm 1:12-17  
 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**Some Dates to Remember**

- Sept. 17—Social Action Committee Meeting
- Sept. 18—Catechist Meeting
- Sept. 19—Finance Council Meeting
- Sept. 22—Celebration of the 100th anniversary of our building
- Sept. 24—Parish Council Meeting
- Sept. 25—First night of faith formation.



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 11:00 AM—Mass (Bernie Flattery)

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Luke 15:4



**Faith Formation News**

Classes will begin September 25. That night will be for parents and students. The family/church life committee will sponsor an ice cream social to end the evening.

Registration packets are in the gathering space. Please pick yours up.

**Catechists Needed**

Is God calling you to be a catechist. This is a very important ministry—passing on our faith to our youth. Please don't think you don't "know enough". It is not about knowing but about your willingness to share your faith. Peg and Dc. Joe will be calling around trying to line up catechists for the coming year but would love to hear from you if you would be willing to help with this.

**Confirmation catechist needed.** With the loss of Kathryn McLain, we will be in need of a catechist for our Confirmation class, 8th grade.

**Workday on Rectory**

There will be another workday for the kitchen and cleaning the rectory on Monday, Sept. 9 at 9:00am.

**Help Wanted, Director of Faith Formation**

Immaculate Conception if still looking for a Director of Faith Formation, responsible for running the k-8 Religious Ed program. This is a paid position approximately 6-8 hours per week, nine months a year. Summers off. Applications are available on line at [immaculateconceptioncolfax.org](http://immaculateconceptioncolfax.org) or in the gathering space.



Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... Thank you for your gifts.

- Envelopes ..... \$684.00  
 (\$65.00 in auto tithing)
- Meals from the Heartland ..... \$167.00
- Utilities ..... \$20.00

**100 Year Celebration, Sunday, Sept. 22**

100 Year Celebration for our current location and church building. September 22. The bishop will be here to say mass and help us celebrate. There will be a lunch and program following mass. Be sure to save the date and join us.

**The 100 Year Celebration Committee needs your pictures and memories.** Please lend us pictures from the past 100 years. Dig out those pictures of events that took place at the church in years past - weddings, first communion, baptisms, church events/celebrations, pictures of the inside or outside of the church through out the years. Please identify who is in the picture and approximate date if possible. We'll return all the pictures. Also, we'd really like for people to write about their memories of the church throughout the years. We'll put together a booklet of the memories There will be a box in the gathering space to put items or in or you can email items to [imcolfax@msn.com](mailto:imcolfax@msn.com). If you have questions you can talk to Peggy Dvorak or Mary Dell Flattery. **Memories and pictures are needed soon.**

**Salads for the 100 Year Celebration**

We need Salads for the Lunch Celebration Sept. 22 - We're planning a salad bar as part of our lunch. If you can provide a salad please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space. Thanks so much. We hope everyone is planning to come have a great lunch with the bishop and celebrate our church.



## FROM THE DEACON'S DESK The Fifth Commandment: You shall not kill

### Respect People and Their Possessions

“The seventh Commandment forbids theft. Theft is the usurpation of another’s goods against the reasonable will of the owner. . . . Every manner of taking and using another’s property unjustly is contrary to the seventh commandment. The injustice committed requires reparation. Commutative justice requires the restitution of stolen goods.” —CCC, nos. 2453-2454

The Seventh Commandment forbids stealing or theft, which involves taking someone’s money or property “against the reasonable will of the owner.” Theft includes not only robbery but also actions such as embezzlement, computer theft, counterfeit money, fraud, identity theft, copyright violations (including pirating things such as music or computer software), and mail scams. To keep this Commandment, we need to acquire the virtues of moderation in our possessions, justice in our treatment of others, respect for their human dignity, and solidarity with all peoples.

Moderation curbs our attachment to worldly goods and restrains our appetite for consumerism. Justice helps us respect our neighbor’s rights and be interested in their human well-being. Solidarity opens our hearts to identifying with the whole human family, reminding us of our common humanity. We should not steal from each other, pay unfair salaries, cheat in business, or exploit people’s weaknesses to make money. Promises should be kept and contracts honored to the extent that the issues are morally just (cf. CCC, no. 2410). We need to safeguard property rights, pay our debts, and fulfill obligations freely incurred. The government has the right and duty to safeguard legitimate ownership of money and property and to protect people from robbery and injury. This article is taken from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2006) 419. Copyright © 2006, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

God’s blessing

Dc. Joe



### Coffee and Donuts

Thank you to Bill and Meta Hill for hosting donuts and coffee last week. If you would like to host in the future, please let Dc. Joe know.

### Prayer for Vocations

Compassionate God, You speak your word to us through prophets of long ago and you continue to reveal your message of love today. With great expectation we look to your Spirit empowering us to serve you as Jesus did.

May we listen for your word and respond generously to your call. Renew in us the grace of our baptism. Strengthen married couples, single men and women, deacons, priests, sisters, and brothers as they seek to serve you by sharing their love and compassion.

Grant wisdom to those who are discerning their call. With gratitude we proclaim the Good News of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.©2006NCCV [www.nccv-vocations.org](http://www.nccv-vocations.org)

### Prayer for Care of Creation

#### “Pledge of Commitment to Protect and heal God’s Creation

##### We have come to renew

our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We have come to help protect God’s creation.

##### We have come as followers of Jesus

to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

##### We have come to stand together

against all threats to life.

##### We have come to discover

some new beauty every day in God’s creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

##### We have come to listen

to the “music of the universe”—water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

##### We will remember always

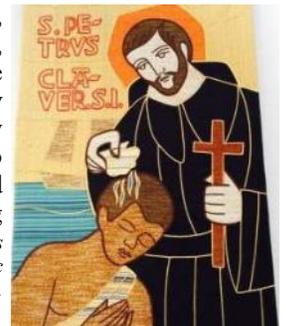
that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God’s call to reverence all that he has created.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### Saint Peter Claver: 1580–1654

Memorial—September 9

Born in Spain, Peter was educated by Jesuits. He joined a Jesuit mission to the New World and arrived in what is now Colombia in 1610. He was ordained there and began a life-long ministry among African slaves. Peter felt it best to show by action the Christian spirit, so he brought the slaves food, medicine, and tobacco. Later, he would convey with drawings that they were loved by God even though they were abused by man. He was said to have baptized more than 300,000 and is patron of missionary work among blacks. . Copyright ©2019 Catholic News Service–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Used with permission.



September 8, 2019—11:00 AM

**Lectors:** Brad Hagarty & Rita Krueger  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Sharon Jones, Lisa Bussan, Karen Van Dusseldorp, & Irma Bell  
**Servers:** Matthew Holmes & Meta Hill  
**Greeters:** Ed & Mary Dell Flattery

September 15, 2019—11:00 AM

**Lectors:** Meta Hill & Mary Dell Flattery  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Elizabeth Birkenholtz, Susan Heggen, Tom Grimm & Marcia Grimm  
**Servers:** Matthew Holmes & Irma Bell  
**Greeters:** Joann Carrothers & Karen Van Dusseldorp.



## Pray for God's Peace and Joy

Please pray for:

Diane Wood

Michael John Nelson, cousin of Mike Wood, nephew of Diane Wood

James and Edward cousins of Janette Baldwin and Claire Gillan

Mary Swauger

For Wes Koebrick (Father of Linda Barnum) and all who have died.

For vocations, our parish, and our faith formation program.



## Are You Registered in a Parish

If you have not registered with this parish, please do so. It is important that everyone be registered in a parish for the parish is the way the universal church serves the individual. Registration forms are available in the gathering space if you have not yet registered with the parish.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER:

**Vision 20/20 - From Pentecost to Pentecost**

Bishop Zinkula has a new initiative, Vision 20/20. Prayer for the success of this initiative is so very important. Please consider praying the following prayer daily for the success of Vision 20/20

Send your Spirit, O God

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly your gifts and blessings,  
Past and present,  
And so be filled with gratitude.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly where we have failed to proclaim  
The Good News and welcome the stranger,  
And so be moved to ongoing conversion.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the signs of the times  
And where your Christ lies hidden at the margins,  
And so see where and how we are being called to serve.

To open our eyes

That we might see clearly the vision that you, O God,  
have for us, The Diocese of Davenport,  
And so answer your summons into a

future together.

Yes, O God, send us your Spirit in a new Pentecost:

Renew our hearts  
Renew our Church  
Renew our world.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing." Psalm 2:4  
Psalm 2:4

Eli, a poor country farmer won \$480,000 in the Lottery. As a treat he took his wife and their four children to see the Labor Day parade in New York.

They booked into the Sheraton International at the corner of Park Circle and Central Park North. Having never been further than their local town, Benton in Arkansas, they were bowled over by glitz and excitement of the "Big Apple".

Eli and his son Clem were especially mesmerized by a shiny box with silver walls. They had never before met with doors that could move apart, and then automatically come back together again. Neither had seen an elevator before. Therefore, they were amazed when a little old lady entered the shiny box and the door closed. The lights outside on the wall flashed for a minute, then the doors opened and out came a beautiful young woman.

Eli turned to his son Clem and said, 'Son, go get your mother.'



Looking for something different on the radio. Try KWKY, a Catholic radio station out of Des Moines. For a

line-up and more information go to [www.kwky.com](http://www.kwky.com).

## A Stewardship Moment

**September 9, The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At the conclusion of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing everything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh command of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

## Wounded by Abortion?

**Project Rachel Can Help:**

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion. Please call the Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE. Calls are answered personally and confidentially Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Voice messaging is available all other times. Calls will be returned promptly and directly.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

To report child abuse contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; [vac@diodav.org](mailto:vac@diodav.org) or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004.