

*I will place my law within them  
and I write it upon their hearts*

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \*\*\* TWO-WEEK BULLETIN\*\* SEPT. 4, 2011**

***Schedule of Masses***

( Unless otherwise mentioned, all weekday Masses are at 9 AM )

**Monday, Sept 5** N O M A S S

**Tuesday, Sept 6** † FLORENCE SCHIKOWSKI by Anne Mehain  
**10:30 A M** H O S P I T A L

**Wednesday, Sept 7** † GILBERT DELORME by Bertha Delorme

**Thursday, Sept 8** "HEALING OF "THE SICK" by Rick & Bernie Chevrier  
**7:00 P M**

**Friday, Sept 9** † GEORGE ORTEN by Madeleine Orten  
**11:00 A M** P R A I R I E V I L L A

**Saturday, Sept 10** † FLORENCE SCHIKOWSKI by Janice & Lyle Erfle  
**10:00 A M** E S C

**7:30 P M** SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

**Sunday, Sept 11** **9:00 A M** SUNDAY MASS ~ MOSSBANK  
**11:00 A M** SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA

RECONCILIATION : Before Masses or anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES : Contact priest at least 6 months prior

BAPTISMS : Contact priest 2 months prior

House Blessings By Appointment

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept. 4th**

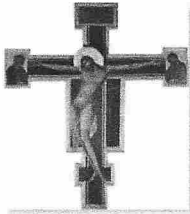
Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sept. 11th**

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants." See Romans 14:7-9

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship of God's gifts show that I know from Whom they came and am grateful?



⇒ ⇒ ⇒ R C I A Program to start in September ; Please indicate all interest to Fr. Joy to help with the preparation and also to attend as a candidate

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**THANK YOU to the parish for the generous donation to help fund another successful Vacation Bible School in August. There were 62 registered participants and 6 youth for the evening sessions. There was a 6 member team to facilitate the program and many volunteers. THANK YOU to the volunteers from St. George's who helped in any way, to those who donated cookies and juice and to the CWL for donating the vegetables for the barbecue (thanks to Sandi and Paulette for preparing them). You can see all the smiling faces on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church!**

24th SUNDAY		IN ORDINARY TIME	SEPT. 11, 2011
<i>Schedule of Masses</i>			
<b>Monday, Sept 12</b>	†	HUGH STUDER	by Anne Mehain
<b>Tuesday, Sept 13</b>	†	FLORENCE SCHIKOWSKI	by Con & Carol Paliuk
<b>Wednesday, Sept 14</b>	†	BOB BOUTIN	by Cecile Boutin & Family
<b>10:30 A M</b>		ROSS - PAYANT	
<b>Thursday, Sept 15</b>	†	HUGH STUDER	by Norm & Lynn Rogers
<b>7:00 PM</b>	⇒⇒⇒⇒⇒⇒⇒	PARISH COUCIL MEETING	
<b>Friday, Sept 16</b>	†	FLORENCE SCHIKOWSKI	by Glenda & Jean-Marc Rossignol
<b>Saturday, Sept 17</b>	†	GILBERT DELORME	by Helen Kraushaar
<b>7:30 PM</b>		SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA	
<b>Sunday, Sept 18</b>	9:00 AM	SUNDAY MASS ~ WILLOW BUNCH	
	11:0AM	SUNDAY MASS ~ ASSINIBOIA	

**Saturday / Sunday Ministries**

**Saturday, Sept 10**

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	David & Rosemary Young
Rosary Leaders	Ron Scheltgen
Readers	Paulette Lapaire Carla Leduc
Communion Ministers	Carla Leduc Marilyn Marcenko
Cross Bearer	K N I G H T S
Candle Bearers	O F
Altar Servers	C O L U M B U S

**Sunday, Sept 11**

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Michel & JoAnn Girardin
Rosary Leaders	Marie Shenher Irene Clermont
Readers	Anne Caragata Melanie Delorme
Communion Ministers	Carole Agopsowicz Walter Agopsowicz Brian BeBeau
Cross Bearer	Sarah Feeley
Candle Bearers	Claire Schuweiler Ken Schuweiler
Altar Servers	Carla Schuweiler Morgan Delorme

**Church Finances**

Saturday Aug 20 - \$482.70  
Sunday Aug 21 - \$ 990.00  
Saturday Collection Aug 27 - \$382.00  
Sunday Collection Aug 28 - \$1060.00

**Thank You !**

**Saturday, Sept 17**

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Brad & Debbie Auchstaetter
Rosary Leaders	Cordelia Scheltgen Irene Klein
Readers	Clarence Maffenbeier Marilyn Marcenko
Communion Ministers	Irene Montgomery Anette Pryce
Cross Bearer	Please Volunteer
Candle Bearers	Please Volunteer
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer

**Sunday, Sept 18**

Collection	Please Volunteer
Greeters & Offerings	Merv & Gaylene Guillemin
Rosary Leaders	Aime Morin Hazel Major
Readers	Gerald Delorme Gail Delorme
Communion Ministers	Jeremie Brochu Philomene Brochu Rene Chabot
Cross Bearer	Please Volunteer
Candle Bearers	Please Volunteer
Altar Servers	Please Volunteer

# Good News!

September 4, 2011

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20

Two years into my home purchase, I still consider myself a "new" homeowner. Along with the unexpected knowledge I've gained about leaky water heaters and hail-damaged roofs, I've also absorbed lots of information about mortgage rates, refinancing, and escrow. I was speechless at the amortization schedule that states the total amount of interest I'll have paid at the end of my mortgage. It's not exactly a comforting document.

So it didn't surprise me that Paul's line to the Romans "owe nothing to anyone" stood out to me. Having thought often about how much I owe to my mortgage lender, I felt quite encouraged. Of course, Paul doesn't end there. He further instructs, "Owe nothing to anyone, *except to love one another.*" Ah, there's the catch—if we truly grasp what Paul means by "love."

We often reduce our understanding of love to warm feelings for family and friends. And we know the maxim Paul quotes, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Well, the sweet grandma next door is easy to love, with her cookies and welcoming smile. But what about the neighbor whose loud music keeps you awake? Or the mentally ill panhandler you pass each day? What about your beloved spouse, child, or friend who disappoints you with selfish behavior or spiteful words? What does *love* mean then?

Paul presents a challenging oxymoron today. We should owe nothing to anyone—except that the love to which he calls us requires complete self-giving. It means extending real kindness to those we find difficult or distasteful. It means forgiving our loved ones when they disappoint us.

The amortization schedule of the love we owe doesn't have an endpoint like my 30-year mortgage does, but fortunately, neither does God's profound love for us.

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# Good News!

September 11, 2011

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:9 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35

There's no question that forgiveness is at the heart of today's Scriptures. Sometimes Christians believe that following Jesus simply means being nice or showing kindness. Actually, Jesus' life and teaching focus much more on forgiveness. That's much harder than just being nice, because Jesus demands that we forgive everyone—especially people we dislike or consider to be enemies.

Perhaps the most challenging part of today's readings is that *our* sins will be forgiven only to the extent that we forgive *others*'. Sirach says it clearly: "Should a man refuse mercy to his fellows, yet seek pardon for his own sins?"

This weekend is a most appropriate time to reflect on forgiveness. Ten years after the 2001 attacks, many of us still harbor anger and hatred toward those who perpetrated the attacks as well as innocent Muslims who had nothing to do with them. Yet, as today's readings remind us, how can we expect God to forgive our sins when we harbor vengeance toward others who have wronged us?

On September 7, 2010, U.S. bishops and interfaith leaders met "to denounce categorically derision, misinformation and outright bigotry being directed against America's Muslim community....All acts of intolerance aimed at a religious community should find no place in our world, let alone in our nation which is founded on the principle of religious freedom." To read the entire statement, go to [usccb.org/seia/response-muslim-prejudice.shtml](http://usccb.org/seia/response-muslim-prejudice.shtml).

It's very clear: Holding grudges, nurturing hatred, and refusing forgiveness are sins, plain and simple. Letting go and offering forgiveness may take a long time, but if we give ourselves to the process, God will help us. True forgiveness is something we rarely can do on our own.

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