



Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33

*So if you [Philemon]
regard me as a partner,
welcome [Onesimus]
as you would me.*

PHILEMON 1:17



No Longer a Slave

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting

everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

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FOR Reflection

- * *How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?*
- * *How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?*



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Adoration Room at STM
Open Monday - Sunday
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Events at St Thomas More
Rav Group taking orders now. Orders
will start being filled in September.
Call 815-252-2215 to place an order

Chicken & Spaghetti Dinner
Sept 11th from 11:00am—2:00pm
Adults \$12 / Children 10 & under \$6



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Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 5, 2022

Monday	9/5			+ No Mass
Tuesday	9/6	8:00 am	STM	+ Olivero Families
Wednesday	9/7	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	+ Daisy Kopek
Thursday	9/8	9:00 am	HT	+ Pete Fiocchi
Friday	9/9	8:00 am	STM	+ Janice Rynkewicz

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 10-11, 2022

Saturday	9/10	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ John & Mary Micheli
Sunday	9/11	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Bob Lehn
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	+ Jerry Simkins
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners

St Gregory the Great ~ Feast Day September 3

- Two of his ancestors were pope
- Turned his family's estate into a monastery
- Became pope at age 50
- Penned over 800 letters and authorized accounts of the lives of saints
- Wrote many songs and hymns, most notably the Gregorian Chant
- Canonized immediately after his death
- One of the few saints granted the title of "Great"



Sunday, Sept 11th
9:30 am — 10:30 am
Cherry Church Hall

Returning Students -Forms will be emailed to print
New Students - Parents can call the church, email holytrinitycherry@gmail.com, or pick one up in the back of each church.

Program dates will be:
Sun, Sept 18th for K-4th grade
Sun Sept 25th for 5th-8th grades

Classes are alternating Sundays at
Cherry Church Hall from 9:30am—10:30 am.

Chicken Dinner

St Thomas More is having a Chicken and Spaghetti Fundraiser on Sept 11th from 11:00 am — 2:00 pm. Adults \$12 Children 10 & under \$6.

Carry-outs of baked or fried chicken available.

Limited amount of Ravioli/Tortellini will be available to purchase.



Annual Diocesan Appeal

Watch for mailing to arrive soon!

Our ADA will begin in a few weeks. NEW THIS YEAR: Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church. By the end of August, each household will receive a mailing from Bishop Tylka inviting them to participate in the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus with others. The mailing will include a newsletter, a prayer request, a personalized pledge card, and a return envelope. Fill out the pledge card and a prayer request if you wish and mail it directly to the Diocese of Peoria.

Please prayerfully consider supporting various diocesan ministries with your financial gift. Our parish depends on your generosity to reach our assigned goal.

To learn more about the appeal and to watch appeal videos, please visit cdop.org/ada.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND AUG 28TH

HT— \$805.00
SP— \$557.00
STM— \$844.00



\$10 per mass
Contact the office, send envelope in the mail, or drop in collection basket marked mass intention

CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. SEPT 10TH
10:30-11:15 AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early

Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.

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Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Cor 5:1–8
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1–4a
or Rom 8:28–30
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23
or 1:18–23

Friday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
1 Cor 10:14–22
Lk 6:43–49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 11
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14
1 Tm 1:12–17
Lk 15:1–32
or 15:1–10

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

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