

This coming Sunday we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. We read from the Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16 Another parable from Jesus continues last week's theme of God's extreme generosity. In this story, Jesus touches on another unfortunate human behavior: We are often jealous when God is kind to people we think do not deserve it. In the Parable of the Vineyard Workers, the landowner hired workers throughout the day some at 9am, some at noon, some at 3pm, and some as late as 5pm. When evening comes, he paid them all the same daily wage! What a strange thing to do! And how unfair! Of course the landowner offered a piercing rebuttal "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" These words require little commentary. Lit it or not, we know exactly what they mean. God can do as he pleases with his blessing, his mercy, and his graces. And the more we are like God, the less this will bother us. **Prayer: Lord Jesus, your teaching cuts to my heart. Free me from the crippling limitations of my own judgment so I may live in the freedom of your generosity. In your name we pray..... Amen**

Last Week, class schedules, safe environment pamphlets and religious education handbook were handed out to each child. If you did not receive one, Please call the CCD office 632-7163 and request one



CCD Office Hours are Monday – Friday 1-5pm and by appointment. When calling Please remember to leave a message with your phone number if no one personally answers, so your call CAN and WILL be returned .

Bazaar items are being sought for the Our Lady of the Rosary Festa which will take place Oct. 21 & 22. If you have items you would like to donate drop them off at the Parish Office. Bazaar items can be toys, wreaths, tea sets, towel sets, nick knacks, coffee mugs, and much more.

1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Contracts were handed out tonight. If there are any questions please call Dina at 632-7163.

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Students Prayer testing needs to be completed by November 29<sup>th</sup>. Make your appointments now. You can schedule by calling 632-7163.

RCIA the process for becoming Catholic, enables people to learn about the Catholic faith to join, or rejoin the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held at our parish for those interested in Being Baptized, receiving Communion and or Confirmation, or rejoining the Church after an absence of some years or just to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Join us for the following Inquiry Meeting: Sunday, September 24 at 8:40am. All meetings will be held in the Parish Center, If you have any questions please call Dina 632-7163 or the parish office at 667-8961. Mr. Christopher Freeberg will be leading this ministry.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Retreat

When: Sunday, October 29

Where: Reedley High School

Who: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Students

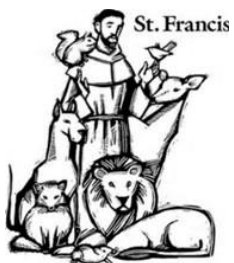
Time: 7:00AM return 9:00PM

Permission Slips and your non refundable \$40.00 is due Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited.



Do you need ministry hours? Sign up in the CCD Office to help at the 10:00AM Mass starting Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> with Children's Liturgy. What is Children's Liturgy, it is a program where children ages 3-7 will be escorted out of Mass and into the Chapel in order to learn about the readings of the day, participate in activities to their age level. Extra hands are needed to help the little children of our parish. If you are in Jr. High and High School we need your help for this program. Sign up today....

Hilmar Helping Hands Sunday, is this weekend. We really need peanut butter and jam, any non perishable items are accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



On Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. In honor of St. Francis we will have the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets for a special Blessing at 6pm. Meet in front of the CCD Building.