

### **‘WORD FOR THOUGHT**

What this Gospel confrontation is meant to do is urge each of us to recognize to whom we ultimately belong and in whose image we have been created. It’s reminding us that our allegiance, our fidelity is always to the one true Lord---not to any modern-day Caesar.

Consequently, there are not two separate worlds we live in, only one: “What belongs to God.”

This conviction is what should influence every dimension of how we live and permeate every choice we make. Perhaps the prophet Isaiah says it best in our first reading today when he reminds us of what truly “belongs to God”—“I am the Lord and there is no other.” Ted Wolgamot



### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus asks the Pharisees and Herodians why they are testing him? In the parable of Caesar’s coin, Jesus is quizzed on his views on the census tax. Be for it, make the people mad. Be against it, make Roman authorities mad. The hypocrisy of the questions angered Jesus as both parties began working together to discredit him, yet they were foiled again. Jesus is master of every situation we may find ourselves in. Jesus is Lord and the Good Shephard, regardless of how poorly His sheep behave.

**LEARN, ACT, CONNECT AND PRAY:** Every Catholic has dual citizenship with its own duties and benefits. Our birth makes us citizens of this country, but our baptism makes us citizens of Christ’s Kingdom. We must live out both roles with responsibility and justice. It is our obligation, then, to stand up for those who cannot stand for themselves; the weak, the powerless, the destitute, the unborn, the forgotten. We are called to put aside our selfish ways, our selfish agendas and look to God for guidance on what He would have us do to help the least of our brothers and sisters. Only then can we carry His Gospel message forward here on earth.

### **POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(Be Missionaries of God’s Mercy) Each individual Christian and every community is missionary to the extent that they bring to others and live the gospel and testify to God’s love for all especially those experiencing difficulties. Be missionaries of God’s love and tenderness! Be missionaries of God’s mercy, which always forgives us, always awaits us and love us dearly.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Today is World Mission Sunday—a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith—leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious, and lay leaders who share our faith with those most in need.

### **RECEIVING...GIVING...RECEIVING**

Because God gives, we receive, and then we can give. Interestingly, in giving, we receive even more. Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35). As fruitful stewards, we don’t give for the thought of receiving recognition or rewards, yet the result of our giving is that God pours out his blessings on us. Through our faithful giving, we will hear God’s Words, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21). As faithful, giving stewards, we will enjoy intimate fellowship with our Father and his Son, Jesus. Is there any greater reward than this?

### **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> following the 10AM Mass at St. John’s there will be a meeting in Church for those preparing for First Reconciliation. At least one parent must attend with the student. Make your reservation by calling 282-3222, extension 4.

Contact Deb Hahn at 282-3215 to order your script cards.

### **ITEMS SJB COLLECTS**

We have paper recycling and toner cartridge recycling. We collect Coke rewards points and Prairie Farms milk caps. Send them to school or to St. John’s rectory or you can go onto <https://us.coca-cola.com/offers> to enter the coke codes yourself or [prairiefarms.com](http://prairiefarms.com) to enter the codes on the milk caps.

### **SAINT PETER & PAUL**

Join us as we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SPPCS PTO pumpkin Run. This year the event will be held virtually, but please continue to help support the PTO by participating from a distance. You can sign up online at <http://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Waterloo/PumpkinFest5K/>

### **GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL**

Save the date for Gibault’s Roaring 2020’s Virtual Oktoberfest on October 24<sup>th</sup>! Event information available at [www.GCHSOktoberfest.givesmart.com](http://www.GCHSOktoberfest.givesmart.com).

### **PROJECT RACHEL**

Confidential help line: 618-722-5068.  
[diobelle.org/respectlife](http://diobelle.org/respectlife) [projectrachel@diobelle.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobelle.org).

***THE MEASURE OF THE GREATNESS OF A SOCIETY IS FOUND IN THE WAY IT TREATS THOSE MOST IN NEED.***

Pope Francis

## **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **First Reading**

**IS 45:1, 4-6**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**PS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10**

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

### **Second Reading**

**1 THES 1:1-5B**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

**PHIL 2:15D, 16A**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia**

### **Gospel**

**MT 22:15-21**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."