

# 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2017

## A Day of Prayer for Creation ~ September 1

Pope Francis has declared a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

### A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,

that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace.



*From Laudato Si": On Care for Our Common Home*

*"I invoke upon this initiative the intercession of Mary, mother of God, and of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of the Creatures inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation."*

*Pope Francis*

## **NEW PRAGUE AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** *Three Sites of Worship, One Faith Community*

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The Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica**

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**We welcome you...**

Welcome to the greater New Prague Area Catholic Community which includes the Church of St. Wenceslaus and the Western Catholic Community of St. John the Evangelist and St. Scholastica. We are happy you are here. Should you be visiting just for today, WELCOME! If you are seeking a church home, we would be honored to have you consider joining our faith community. If you are interested in a membership, please phone the parish office for assistance and registration. If you are over the age of 21, we ask that you register. Please feel free to stop by the parish office during office hours to register or you may do so online. Again, we are happy you are here.

**At the Church of St. Wenceslaus****PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**MASS SCHEDULE****Weekend Masses**

Saturday..... 5:00 pm  
 Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Morning Word & Communion**

Monday &amp; Tuesday ..... 8:00 am

**Weekday Masses**

Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday ..... 8:00 am

**SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION****Anointing of the Sick**

Available to those who are seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Call 952-758-3225

**Confirmation**

Preparation required. Call 952-758-5131

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays at 4 pm in the church.

**Baptism**

Preparation required. Call 952-758-3225

**Marriage**

Six months to one year preparation time required.  
 Call 952-758-3225

**Rosary**

Monday – Friday 7:30 am &amp; Saturday 8:00 am in the church.

**Fatima Prayer Cell**

Monday – Wednesday after 8 am service in the chapel.

**Adoration**

Friday 9:00 am to midnight in the chapel

**Early Morning Scripture Study**

Wednesday 6:45 to 7:50 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

**Fr. Kevin's Bible Study**

Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am - Pius X Room in church basement.

**Prayer Chain**

Judy: 952-758-2220 or Arnita: 952-758-4943

**From the Desk of Father Kevin****Summer is Eclipsed by a Fall Start of Many Programs**

Over the last few months, we have enjoyed summer and its rhythms of relaxation. Starting Monday the rhythm will change and the activity level will definitely increase in the New Prague Area Catholic Community. The new school year marks the beginning of our program year. Soon other faith development and enrichment programs will begin and continue shaping the faith lives of all ages among our parish members.

Over 230 students will be welcomed into St. Wenceslaus School on Monday, August 28th. Kim Doyle, our principal, and faculty have done a fantastic job of getting prepared for the new school year. The C-STEM program promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math from a Catholic perspective will be further integrated into the curriculum of our school. Her connections with the Catholic School's Center for Excellence and their generous grants to us have made a real improvement in what we are able to offer. I am looking forward to celebrating school Masses with the students as a visible sign of our Catholic identity centered in a personal relationship with Jesus. Families make a real sacrifice to send their children to our school, and I thank them for choosing and trusting us during this formative period in your children's lives.

The middle of September marks the beginning of our Faith Formation ministry for our members who attend public school. Over 300 students in preschool through high school will learn about our faith, grow in their relationship with Jesus, learn what it means to be disciples, and experience the sacraments of First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. Laura Schoenecker, Director of Faith Formation, and her staff have done a great deal of work to integrate all of the young people of the parish into one program. I am grateful to all of the many volunteers who will make this ministry happen. Your commitment over the year is vital to our parish community.

Adults will be invited to participate in a variety of activities that will nurture your faith and deepen your connection to Jesus. Mary Higgins, Laura Schoenecker, Fr. Dave Barrett, and volunteers will give you more information on these offerings through the year. I am personally encouraging you to participate in these opportunities for spiritual and personal growth.

Of course we will continue to celebrate six masses each weekend at three sites along with all of these offerings. Mass is the essential way we connect to our faith and we hope you are able to participate in our worship each week. While summer is ending, there is much to look forward to in the New Prague Area Catholic Community.

**Fr. Kevin Clinton***Pastor***New Prague Area Catholic Community**

# Western Catholic Community

## From the Desk of Father Dave

### Feed the Hungry

Often when we think of feeding the hungry we think of far off places. When there is famine in Africa and India that can really grab at our heart strings. We, at times, must act globally. Donating to Catholic Relief Services and Peter's Pence and praying helps those people in need.

What about something closer to home? When I make my donation, I want to do things that benefit the poor right in our community. Sometimes it is really comforting to know you are making a difference in your own community. I always feel like I'm living in the land of plenty, but that might not be the case in some communities. I found this quote through Catholic Rural Life:

*Many of the people who work the land that feeds the world and provides low-cost, wholesome food for American consumers can't afford a meal for their own families. All the while, we see legislators that are threatening the very programs that help feed our most vulnerable citizens.*

Local food shelves are excellent ways of supporting those in need. Being politically active is also a way to help change a system so the rural poor climb out of poverty. Why as Catholics should we care? The Catechism and many other sources talk about the dignity of the human person. Caring for someone's needs is a personal way to show someone the dignity they deserve. We as Catholics are profoundly pro-life. Feeding the hungry is another way to be pro-life. It is solidifying a system of life by being actively involved in the well-being of another. If someone's temporal needs are met, then we can begin to meet their spiritual needs. Feeding the world is a form of evangelization and it can start right here at home. If we help others, we make Jesus Christ known and loved right here.

**Fr. Dave Barrett**  
Regional Associate Pastor  
New Prague Area Catholic Community

## Important Information

- Weekend Masses**  
 Saturday..... 8:15 pm      St. Scholastica  
 Sunday..... 8:00 am      St. Scholastica  
 Sunday..... 10:00 am      St. John's
- Weekday Masses**  
 Wednesday..... 5:00 pm      St. John's  
 Thursday..... 5:00 pm      St. Scholastica

### SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

- Reconciliation**  
 Wednesday..... 5:30 pm      St. John's  
 Thursday..... 5:30 pm      St. Scholastica
- Baptism & Confirmation**  
 Preparation required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett
- Anointing of the Sick**  
 Call Fr. Dave Barrett
- Marriage**  
 Prep required. Call Fr. Dave Barrett
- Adoration**  
 Fridays 9:00 am to midnight at St. Wenceslaus Daily Chapel

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## Mass Schedule Volunteers - St. John's & St. Scholastica

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2017	Saturday St. Scholastica 8:15 PM	Sunday St. Scholastica 8:00 AM	Sunday St. John's 10:00 AM
<b>Lector</b>	MaryCarol Wolf	Megan Odenthal	Kaylynn Solheid
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kevin Giesen	Rose Rynda, Geraldine Odenthal & Millie Odenthal	Amy Lemke, Jill Holden & Jonila Weiers
<b>Servers</b>	Leo Pexa & Brad Kubes	Leo Pexa & Mathew Schoenecker	Danielle, Brenna, & Samantha Solheid, Anna Holden
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## PARISH AND AREA NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There will be no Word and Communion Service on Labor Day, September 4th. Also, the Parish Office will be closed.*

### 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions

On Sat., Sept. 9th, the New Prague Area Catholic Community will observe the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. To prepare for this celebration we ask the community to pray this novena to Our Lady of Fatima: *Most Holy Virgin, who deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, so that by meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of the world, and this favor which I so earnestly seek, (Your Intention) which I ask of thee in this novena, for the greater Glory of God, for thine own honor and for the good of all people. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be x3.* The Sat., Sept. 9th celebration will start with an 8 am Mass at St. Wenceslaus followed by breakfast and a speaker. Afterwards, we will proceed to the St. Scholastica site to pray the Rosary by the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. RSVPs to the parish office by Sept. 7th would be appreciated. What a great way to end the summer vacation and to begin the start of a new school year; a spiritual Saturday morning with the whole family. Our Lady's appeals from Fatima are still relevant today.

### Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service

Sat., Sept. 9, 7 am-1 pm.

Early drop off Fri. Sept. 8, 6-8 pm.

St. Wenceslaus Parish Activities Center

Feather pillows cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed. Mobile unit ~ same day service. Custom-made NEW pillows and comforters for sale. **Why clean your feather pillows?** A good feather pillow should last anywhere between 60 and 100 years and still be in good usable condition. Here is why most of them aren't. A feather depends on its oil for its life and softness. Every time a pillow is washed or steam cleaned, the feathers lose between 10 and 15 years of usefulness because they are stripped of oil. Carlson Pillow Cleaning uses a machine that will clean and deodorize the feathers without removing any of their oil. It will also kill germs using ultraviolet light. The feathers you receive back will be your own, cased in a new ticking cover of your choice. Call (952) 758-0477 for more information. Proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Guatemala Mission Trip.

**Thank You** to the many who made donations to the St. Wenceslaus Soup Kitchen Project in memory of Sarah Henry. Your generosity and concern allows us to continue to reach out to many. We will continue to prepare and serve a Saturday evening meal at the new temporary sites. Volunteers who continue to assist in this meal process give the NPACC opportunity to continue this outreach ministry. Thank you. Interested in

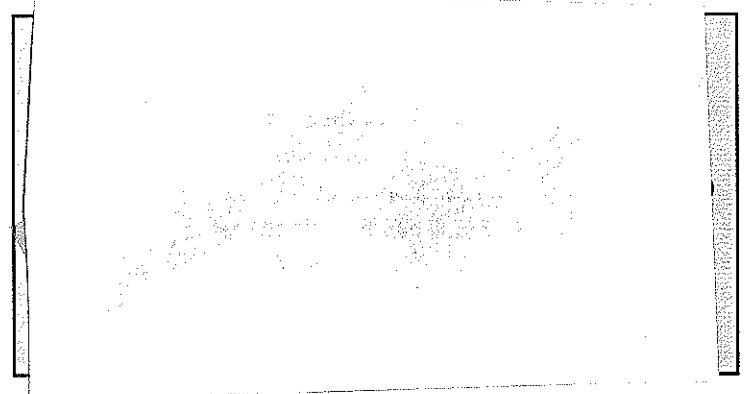
volunteering, call Norb Sticha at 758-3888 or email [norsticha@gmail.com](mailto:norsticha@gmail.com).

### What's all this talk about discipleship?

The new mission statement for the NPACC focuses on discipleship. A lot will be happening in our faith community to help us grow as disciples of Jesus. If you would like more information, call the parish office to sign up for the newsletter. (952) 758-3225

### PEACE CENTER HARVEST CAMPAIGN

For many food shelves and those who use their services regularly, finding fresh produce can be a challenge. Please join Peace Center during August and September to collect fresh produce from your garden for those who need it most. Peace Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am-12:30 pm and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 pm. Monetary donations can also be dropped off or mailed to Peace Center, 313 Columbus Ave. N, New Prague.



### Our Lady of the Prairie Fall Festival/Block Party

**When:** Sat., Sept. 9th 2-11 pm

**Where:** Our Lady of the Prairie Church, Belle Plaine  
Festival Mass at 4:15 pm. Chicken dinner serving from 5-7 pm ~ Adults \$12, Children 3-12 \$6, Under 3 Free. Takeout orders available \$12. Silent Auction, Kids' games, food stands, Bingo, live music, and more!

### Women's Mid-Week Retreats at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, Prior Lake

**Tuesday September 12 ~ Thursday September 14th or Tuesday October 3 ~ Thursday October 5th**

Enjoy these lovely late summer days in a space designed precisely for prayer, contemplation, reflection and growth of faith. Experience the beauty of God's creation during the ample scheduled open times by exploring our colorful gardens and inviting pathways. 2017 Retreat Theme: **Find the Missing Peace ~ Pathways to Prayer** Experience four thought provoking retreat conferences, the peaceful Chapel setting, free time to contemplate on your priorities, and Chef Judy's home cooking. To register call (952) 447-2182. [www.franciscanretreats.net/register](http://www.franciscanretreats.net/register)

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**You're Invited to Project Community Connect!**

A free community event for individuals and families living on little in Scott and Carver Counties. Wed., Sept. 13th from 10 am-6 pm at Canterbury Park Expo Center, 1100 Canterbury Rd, Shakopee. Free transportation to PCC, childcare and lunches provided, Job Fair, Fare For All food packages 11:30-1:30 pm. Scott-Carver Project Community Connect (PCC) provides a wide variety of services and hospitality to people struggling to meet basic needs, those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This event is free and open to the public. Free Services include: Health Care Services & Info, Employment/Education Resources, Legal Assistance, Veterans Services, Housing Resources, Children & Youth Services, IDs, Birth Certificates, Licenses, Free Haircuts, and more. Please bring all identification, medical, housing, and income records with you to assist in applying for services. Bring cash, EBT cards, and credit cards to purchase Fare For All food packages. [www.ScottCarverPCC.org](http://www.ScottCarverPCC.org)

**Divine Mercy's Spirit Fest**

*When:* Sept. 16th & 17th

*Where:* Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Faribault  
Soccer tournament on Saturday from 9 am-3 pm. Sunday 10 am Polka Mass, Spanish Mass at noon. Many food options, entertainment, raffles, kids' games, farmers market, and much more. Call (507) 334-2266 for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY****First Night of Disciples of Christ; September 13**

We have a wonderful night in store for our families! Nic Davidson, a wonderfully gifted speaker, will be here to talk to our families. Children and their parents will meet in the Parish Activities Center at 6:30. We will go over a couple items for the upcoming year and then be entertained and encouraged by Nic. At 7 pm, our Wednesday night DOC children will leave for a bit and Nic will continue his talk until the children return at 7:30. **ALL** parishioners are invited to hear Nic's talk from 6:30-7:30. He will give a wonderful message for parents and grandparents. We highly encourage our summer FF+ families, home school families, and SWS families to join us!

**Guatemala Mission Trip**

Are you in 10-12th grade and plan to join Youth Ministry on a mission trip to Guatemala? **Registration is due Sept. 1st!** For more information call Pamela at (952) 758-0477 or email [pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org](mailto:pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org).

**First Year Confirmation Unity Event:**

Join other 9th Graders on September 23rd for a day of service, faith, and team building. Learn about opportunities such as: Catholic Heart WorkCamp, Youth Ministry Events, Service options, and more! The day

begins with FMSC followed by a picnic and FUN! Call Pamela at (952) 758-0477 for more information or email [pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org](mailto:pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org). The link for online registration can be found on the parish website or here: <https://psherlock.wufoo.com/forms/w1wpopoi0tt8axp/>



Calling all 6, 7 & 8 graders! This year's NET Retreat will be Sept. 20th from 5-9 pm. For more information contact Pamela at (952) 758-0477 or email [pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org](mailto:pamela.sherlock@npcatholic.org).

**SCHOOL NEWS from SWS****School Kitchen Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help serve the children school lunches from 10:30 am-1 pm. Help is sought for some Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Contact Mary Wick at (952) 758-3935 and leave a message if you are interested.

**WESTERN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
St. John's & St. Scholastica****Our Lady of Good Help CCW Meeting**

will be Aug. 28th, 6:30 pm at St. John School basement. There will be a special presentation to our Blessed Mother, the Patroness of our nation.

President ~ Mary Nytes

Vice President ~ Cindy Jirak

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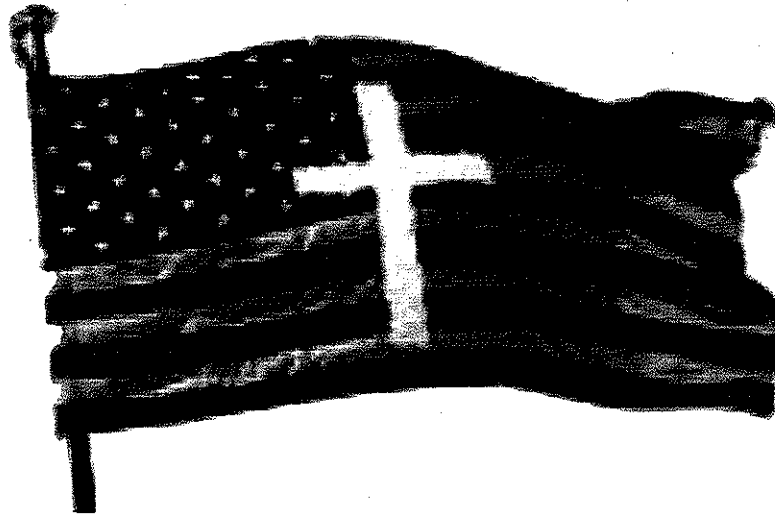
**Photo Sessions at St. John's**

Photo sessions will continue at St. John's Koenig Hall Sept. 5-9. All parishioners who haven't had their photos taken yet are invited to sign up. You can find a link on our parish webpage [www.npcatholic.org](http://www.npcatholic.org) or call the parish office. You will receive a free sitting and free 8 x 10 portrait and have an opportunity to purchase more photos if you wish. No obligation.

**Hosts/Hostesses Needed**

Greet and assist families when they come for their photo sessions for our pictorial directory at St. John's Koenig Hall. Call the parish office to sign up for a time Tues., Sept. 5th, to Sat., Sept 9th. The shifts run from 1:50-5:30 pm, and 5:20-9 pm on weekdays and 9:50 am-1:30 pm and 1:20-4:30 pm on Saturday. Ask a friend to join you, since there are two openings for each shift. You will receive on-the-job training from the friendly Lifetouch people. It's easy and a great way to welcome and meet people you may not know. (952) 758-3225

"Put an end to 'mental pollution.' Think deeply, live wisely, love generously." (47) ~ *Laudato Si'* Encyclical



All are invited to participate in the beautiful reciting of the

## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

Sunday, September 10th at St. John's Union Hill Church

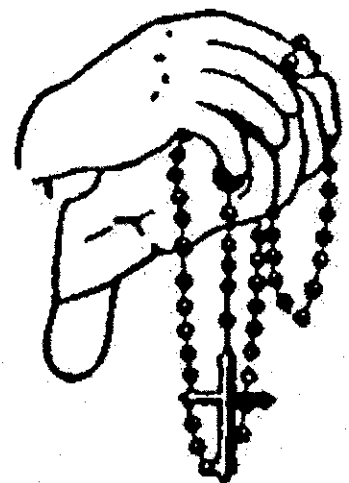
Come early to enjoy songs to our Blessed Mother

Rosary will begin at 6:30PM

Inspired by Our Lady of Medjugorje,  
the Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer  
and experience for divine protection and mercy  
for our Nation.

Our Lady beckons us, calling us to be a light for  
all nations, that peace may reign throughout the  
region, beyond all stately boundaries.

Join us for this united intercessory prayer event  
to our Holy Mother, Mary.



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WEEK OF AUGUST 28-SEPT. 3, 2017

**Rosary at St. Wenceslaus**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY at 7:30 am**

**SATURDAY at 8:00 am**

**Monday, August 28**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

**Tuesday, August 29**

8:00 am ..... Word & Communion – SW

**Wednesday, August 30**

8:00 am ..... Aaron Ambroze – Mass – SW

5:00 pm ..... Mass – SJ

5:30 pm ..... Confessions – SJ

**Thursday, August 31**

8:00 am ..... Rosella Riesgraf – Mass – SW

5:00 pm ..... Mass – SS

5:30 pm ..... Confessions – SS

**Friday, September 1**

8:00 am ..... Rose Pikal – Mass – SW

**Saturday, September 2**

4:00 pm ..... Confessions – SW

5:00 pm ..... Living & Deceased Members of FCCLA

..... Alice M. Schmitz – Mass – SW

8:15 pm ..... Mass – SS

**Sunday, September 3**

8:00 am ..... Bob Hauer – Mass – SS

8:30 am ..... Willis Loroway, Rosie Pikal – Mass – SW

10:00 am ..... Amy Cibuzar, Agnes Topil – Mass – SJ

10:30 am ..... Rosella Riesgraf, Ralph Bisek,

..... Arnie Schoenbauer – Mass – SW

11:45 am ..... Baptisms – SW

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**ST. WENCESLAUS MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR**

WEEK OF AUGUST 28-SEPT. 3, 2017

**Monday, August 28:**

*First Day of School!*

**Tuesday, August 29:**

*First Day of Kindergarten*

**Wednesday, August 30:**

Early Morning Scripture Study, 7-8 am

– Pius X Room, Church Basement

**Thursday, August 31:**

*No Events*

**Friday, September 1:**

Adoration, 9 am-midnight – PAC Chapel

**Saturday, September 2:**

Adult Scripture Study, 9:30-11 am

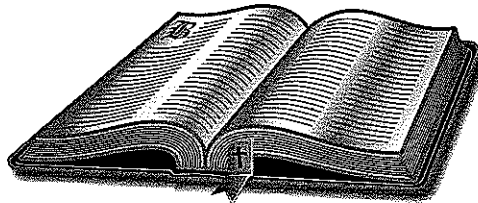
– Pius X Room

**Sunday, September 3:**

*No Events*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

WEEK OF AUGUST 28-SEPT. 3, 2017



**Monday, August 28:**

1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10 / MT 23:13-22

**Tuesday, August 29:**

1 THES 2:1-8 / MK 6:17-29

**Wednesday, August 30:**

1 THES 2:9-13 / MT 23:27-32

**Thursday, August 31:**

1 THES 3:7-13 / MT 24:42-51

**Friday, September 1:**

1 THES 4:1-8 / MT 25:1-13

**Saturday, September 2:**

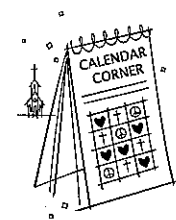
1 THES 4:9-11 / MT 25:14-30

**Sunday, September 3:**

JER 20:7-9 / ROM 12:1-2 / MT 16:21-27

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