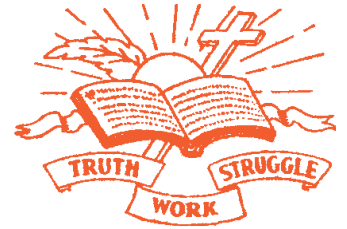


# ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis*

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*September 19, 2010 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN -

“Hymn of Faith”

MASS BOOK - page 63

READING I - Am 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! “When will the new moon be over,” you ask, “that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?

We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever.

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people.

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

READING II - 1 Tm 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the

testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle – I am speaking the truth, I am not lying –, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Priest or Cantor: Alleluia (3x)

R./ Alleluia (3x). Verse R./ Alleluia (3x).

GOSPEL - Luke 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

This the gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN - “Amazing Grace”

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COMMUNION - “Hail Mary, Gentle Woman”

RECESSIONAL HYMN - “How Great Thou Art”

*Today is Our  
Fall Fundraiser Dinner!*

*Are you helping?*

*Are you attending?*

*RSVP 794-5189*

*Be here at 3 p.m.*

*to break bread with us*

*and maybe win*

*a fabulous raffle prize!!*

# St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

## SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010**

Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010**

Christening of Robert Koterba

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010**

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010**

Choir Concert Fundraiser

## ST. MATTHEW (first century) - September 21

The call of St. Matthew, the tax collector, to be one of the twelve apostles of Jesus is described in the Gospel which bears his name. "Jesus saw a man named Matthew at his post where taxes were collected. He said to him, 'Follow me!' And Matthew got up and followed him."

It is hard to imagine a more unlikely person for Jesus to call as a companion than Matthew. Tax collectors, as agents of a hated Roman government and members of a profession known for unfairness and greed, were despised by the Jewish people. They were excluded from the synagogue and the temple. No good Jew would have anything to do with them.

When Jesus invited Matthew to follow him and then ate at his house where Matthew's friends, outsiders like himself, were gathered, he heard the outraged comments of Capernaum's local leaders "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered simply, "Those who are well have no need of a doctor, sick people do."

By calling Matthew, Jesus invited an outcast to enjoy the healing friendship of God. In a lesson of love, he showed that God wants all, no matter who they are, to share his life.

According to tradition, Matthew wrote down the stories and words of Jesus in Aramaic, the ancient language of Palestine. The first Gospel had its origin in him. Among the evangelists he is symbolized by the figure of a man, because Matthew's Gospel begins with the human origins of Jesus. There are reports that Matthew left Judea and preached in the East, where he was martyred in Ethiopia.



## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY - Henri Nouwen STANDING UNDER THE CROSS

Standing erect, holding our heads high, is the attitude of spiritually mature people in the face of the calamities of our world. The facts of everyday life are a rich source for doomsday thinking and feeling. But it is possible for us to resist this temptation and to stand with self-confidence in this world, never losing our spiritual ground, always aware that "sky and earth will pass away" but the words of Jesus will never pass away (see Luke 21:33).

Let us be like Mary, the mother of Jesus, who stood under the cross, trusting in God's faithfulness notwithstanding the death of his beloved child.

## ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice I HAVE SOUGHT MY GOD

I have worshipped in churches and chapels, I have prayed in the busy street, I have sought my God and have found Him where the waves of the ocean beat.

'Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.' – Psalm 95:6

Today, oceanside, countryside, or mountainside, in a cottage or in a chapel, know that God is present when you pray!

## ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

- OUR FALL DINNER is today at 3 p.m. It's never too late! Please ask how you can help...invite your family and friends! Let's make this another "successful fundraiser" for St. Francis Parish. Thank you and God Bless!
- SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: Anyone interested in becoming a lector for Sunday Mass (reading only Scripture, Psalms and Prayers)? Please see Fr. Andrew. Our Sunday Breakfasts are hosted by parishioners on a monthly rotation. Again, if interested, please see Louise Kuzniewski.
- BLESSING OF ANIMALS will be held on Saturday, October 2nd at 1 p.m. Once again the doors of St. Francis Church will be opened to all pets and their owners for this special blessing, honoring the Feast of Our Patron Saint... St. Francis of Assisi.
- COME AND GET THEM! Our 'good old-fashioned pierogies' are on sale again. Potato, sauerkraut & mushroom and spinach. \$5 for a tasty dozen. Please see Monika for your order...

