

Sisters and Brothers, together we place our trust in the Lord. 10/17/2021

### **Covenant Life**

- Our next in-person Community Gathering will be a week from today on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the MSMCS gym (we are meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays).
- We had a blessed prayer meeting last Sunday. If you were unable to attend you can listen to the audio [here](#). When completed the Word Gift summary will be loaded [here](#) and the transcript [here](#).
- This year we will celebrate Veterans Day on November 14<sup>th</sup> and will honor Community family members who are veterans or currently serve our country. Please send updates to Sue Wagner at [s.wagner@msmcatholic.org](mailto:s.wagner@msmcatholic.org)
- Your ongoing financial support is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

**Reflection** - In praying through the readings today the Holy Spirit led me to the Gospel ([Mk 10:35-45](#)) where the disciples are arguing for position. It is such a normal habit of life to desire honor and recognition. We want it for ourselves and our children. We want success in life and to have the things that enable us to have an easier time with life's challenges. This is all very normal, and we see it every day. We also witness the extremes where people make their focus on power, prestige, and possessions their whole focus and neglect God and their families.

I think this story presents us the opportunity to consider our focus, our priorities, and where we spend our time.

Living in Community I witness men and women, very successful in the eyes of the world, set aside their focus on power, prestige, and possessions and really love and serve their Community sisters and brothers. What inspired me was seeing the joy of those who served. Being a servant was not an attractive calling, but it was the joy of seeing service in action that caught my attention. Jesus stated clearly in the Gospel that He "*did not come to be served but to serve*". I was changed by the witness of those within Community living it out.

As we pray and reflect on this, I am confident that, as is the case most of the time, this is not a new revelation. One of the blessings of Community is that we have been exposed to the Word of God and the teachings of the Church and blessed by the witness of those really living it. What I offer today for prayerful consideration is the suggestion that we ask God to show us a new way to live out this calling. Our covenant commits us to serve God and one another. What new way could I make myself available for God's service today? What new way could I build Community by loving and serving a covenant sister or brother? How can I practice selfless love and serving in my home with my family or those that I live in proximity to?

Our response to these questions will be unique but a simple practical way to respond to this is to pause, all throughout our day, and ask God to show a way to serve another. When you feel thirsty offer a drink to someone else. When you feel hungry, offer to fix someone else a meal. If you feel lonely, call a sister or brother to check on them. Let us commit to live what Jesus asks of us in simple practical ways today.

*"My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, help me to follow Your example of love and service. Show me little practical ways throughout my day to serve You by serving those You have put into my life. Prompt me to look for opportunities. Give me the strength to follow through. Do not allow me to grow prideful or arrogant but to see every selfless act as a chance to love You, to return just a little of the great love You have shown me. I love You Lord."*

God bless,  
David