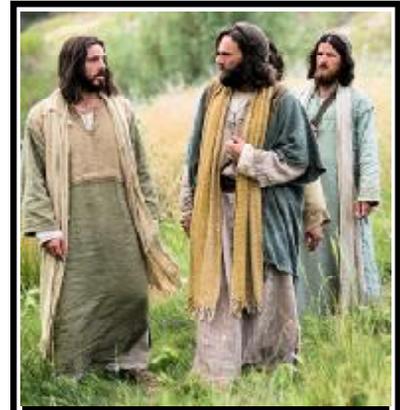


September 20, 2020 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon., Sept. 21 st	No Mass on Monday
Tues., Sept. 22 nd 9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Wed., Sept. 23 rd 9:00 am	Weekday Mass (<i>St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina</i>)
Thurs., Sept. 24 th 9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Fri., Sept. 25 th 9:00 am	Weekday Mass
Sat., Sept. 26 th 5:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Day
Sun., Sept. 27 th	Masses of the Lord's Day: 8:30 & 10:30 am



**"The last will be first and the first will be last."
(Matthew 20:16)**

First Communion Date Set for October 18th



We are happy to announce to the children of this year's First Communion class, and to their parents, that our date for First Communion has been set!

Our celebration will take place on Sunday, October 18th at a special Mass celebrated at 1:00 pm. To ensure physical distancing requirements, the children are asked to sit together with their own families at Mass instead of as a class and, to receive Communion with their families instead of as a group. Beautiful individual gifts, hand-made by Pam Brusadin and Theresa Matijasic will be distributed to them on their special day and the crowning of the statue of Mary at the beginning of the ceremony will also take place as usual. However, due to the pandemic precautions, First Confessions have been postponed to a later date.



**Bishop's Schedule
Sept. 19/20:
Cathedral Masses**



Our Thanks and Best Wishes!

After many years of faithful service in the training of our Eucharistic Ministers, Pauline Glena recently decided to pass this Ministry on to someone else in our Parish. On behalf of all of us, I express our many thanks and our affectionate best wishes and blessings to her. *Msgr. Pat*

R.C.I.A. Celebration on October 3rd at 5:00 pm

As was announced last weekend, this year's R.C.I.A. initiation celebrations will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2020, during the 5 pm Mass in the Cathedral. One adult will be baptized and two others will be formally received into the Catholic Church. All three will then be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist. All are welcome!



**Bishop's
Ministry
Campaign**

Our Cathedral's 2020 Diocesan Campaign will begin this Sunday! Pledge cards were mailed to you this past week. *Let's reach our \$34,000. goal (same as last year's), by December 31, 2020!*

THUNDER BAY LIFE CHAIN
October 3rd and 4th
2:00 to 3:00 pm, corner of
Central & Memorial Ave.

~~ R.C.I.A. 2021 ~~
If you are an adult and have never been baptized or if you wish to join the Church in 2021, call 622-5389 NOW to register.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 3, 278.00
Online Donations (<i>week of Sept.6-13</i>)	470.00
Donations for Sacraments	250.00
Votive Candles	252.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	89.55
Friends of the Cathedral (<i>Funeral Memorial</i>)....	25.00



Q. Of His disciples, why were only 12 chosen by Christ to be Apostles?

A. The number 12 is very significant in Biblical history. In the Jewish Faith it symbolized "completion".

Twelve Tribes of Israel
When God first formed

a Covenant with His People through Abraham, the Book of Genesis

records that the Israelites were divided into 12 tribes, with each named after one of Jacob's sons. They were the Tribes of *Reuben, Levi, Simeon, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Dan, Gad, Benjamin, Naphthali and Asher.*

12 Apostles
Many centuries after this first Covenant was established, God's Son, Jesus, formed a New Coven-

ant between the Father and His People. This time, however, the Covenant would include not only the Jewish People but peoples of all nations and cultures. To emphasize that this new Covenant was

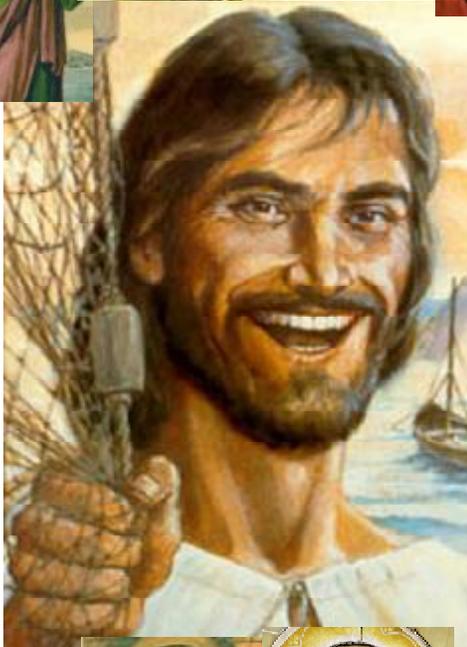
still rooted in the Old Testament, Jesus purposely chose 12 from His many disciples, to replace the original twelve tribes of Israel and He named them 'the Twelve Apostles'.

These 12 men who were directly called by Christ were: *Peter and his brother, Andrew, James and his brother, John, Phillip, James (the younger) Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, Jude and Judas Iscariot.*

They were mandated to be leaders of the new Community of God's chosen people, the followers of Christ.

The 12th After Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and later, committed suicide, the remaining 11 knew that it was imperative to replace him in order to restore the Apostles' original number to twelve.

So, after Jesus' Ascension, they gathered and chose a disciple of Jesus named, *Matthias*, to be the 12th Apostle. (*The Book of Acts 1:15-26*).



Catholic Women's League

Our League's "Phone Tree"

To ensure that all our members are kept up to date with the latest information and to be able to organize mini projects or requests for assistance, we wish to set up a "phone tree". We need 15 to 20 members to volunteer to be team leaders and to be responsible for contacting up to 10 members each, when requested to do so. These leaders will share information with their 10 phone "buddies". This could involve reminding members to renew memberships or sharing good news. If you would like to be a team leader, please contact Joleene at 622-2531 or at: jody@tbaytel.net

E-Mail Addresses Needed
Updates will begin shortly. Information will be sent to members who have provided their email addresses and will be placed on the Parish Website. If you wish to be added to the email group and have not yet provided your email address, please send it to Joleene: jody@tbaytel.net

FORMS FOR SACRAMENTS

In preparation for next year's First Communions and Confirmations, registration forms were sent this week to all the Catholic Schools in the City. Children in Gr. 2 (*for First Communion*) and youths in Gr. 8 (*for Confirmation*) are asked to complete the forms and to return them to their homeroom teachers by October 16th. These forms are also available in our Parish Office for Children who don't attend Catholic Schools.