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Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate."

—Lk 13:30-35



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my travels I've visited cities like Washington, New York, and Chicago. And while I'm mostly a country person at heart, there is a certain vibrancy in city life. I like walking down the crowded streets of a shopping or entertainment district and watching the people. I suppose I enjoy it, because it is so different from the country road that I usually walk down in the early morning. If I'm taking an evening walk in the city, I'm always intrigued by the long lines that form outside certain clubs. You can hear the thumping of the music, and see the flashing of the lights. As I walk by, the waiting crowd is often trying to convince the bouncers guarding the doors that they know someone on the inside who would surely let them in if the person only knew they were out on the sidewalk. From my cursory observance, the pleading patrons are almost never admitted.

It is probably not fair to compare the kingdom of heaven to the big city club scene, even though people come from the east and the west, the north and the south, to get in on a Saturday night. Like the clubs, the kingdom of God does have an exclusive clientele, and you do have to know someone to get in-and he has to know you.

We get to know Jesus by spending time with him through prayer and by reading the Bible. We get to know him even better by our communion with him when we receive the Eucharist. And we get to know Jesus when we discover him in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. There's not a line stretching around the corner to meet these kinds of people. But maybe there should be. If we want to get in to the best place ever, then we're going to have to line up to help these least ones.

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Week-end Schedule

Saturday Mass, 4:00 PM, St. Michael Church, Lyons

Sunday Mass, 8:30 AM, St. Patrick Church, Savannah

Sunday Mass, 10:30 AM, St. John Church, Clyde

Reconciliation: Anytime by appointment;

Baptism? Congratulations! Call the Parish Office and leave a message for Sister Diane. Sister will return your call and set up a time to meet with you about your child's Baptism.

Marriage? Congratulations! Call the parish office and leave a message for Father Augustine. Call at least six months before the wedding date, to allow the time necessary for preparation. Father will return your call and help you prepare for this wonderful sacrament. If you prefer a Catholic marriage without a Mass, Deacon Greg will help you prepare and preside at the wedding ceremony.

Are you visiting? Thank you for celebrating with us today. You are always welcome. Introduce yourself to Sister Diane and Father Augustine after Mass. If you would like to become a member of our parish, mention this after Mass, or call Sister Diane. She will be happy to meet with you, to answer your questions, and to find out how we can serve you - and how you might want to be involved in our parish community.

