



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 22, 2024**

## *St. James Catholic Church*

*3909 Harrison \* Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

*"Small enough to know your name, big enough to make a difference."*

### *Reflection from Theo and Oliver Goss*

What Jesus tells the disciples after they were arguing about who is greatest, says a lot about humility and the importance of humbling yourself before others. As many people want to be number one or the most important; hearing about being a "servant to all" reminded me of when He had also said to deny yourself. "You will achieve the greatest things when you become the least of all." Serving people with any sort of need and putting others first will always be greater than anything you could ever achieve for yourself. - **Theo Goss**

The Gospel Mark 9:30-37 shows Jesus' focus on preparing his disciples for the events that were to unfold; His death and then resurrection. He foretells his death and resurrection which confuses His disciples but they are afraid of questioning. This confusion reminds us that faith sometimes involves grappling with uncertainty yet Jesus invites us to trust his plan, and I like to remind myself of that on my journey of faith. Also in this Gospel, Jesus calls upon the mission of Christian service when He says "Whoever welcomes one of my children in my name welcomes me." This reminds us that love should guide our interactions with others. This Gospel in my opinion is a well-rounded way to remind us that our faith and love for others should guide us in our lives just as Jesus taught. - **Oliver Goss**

