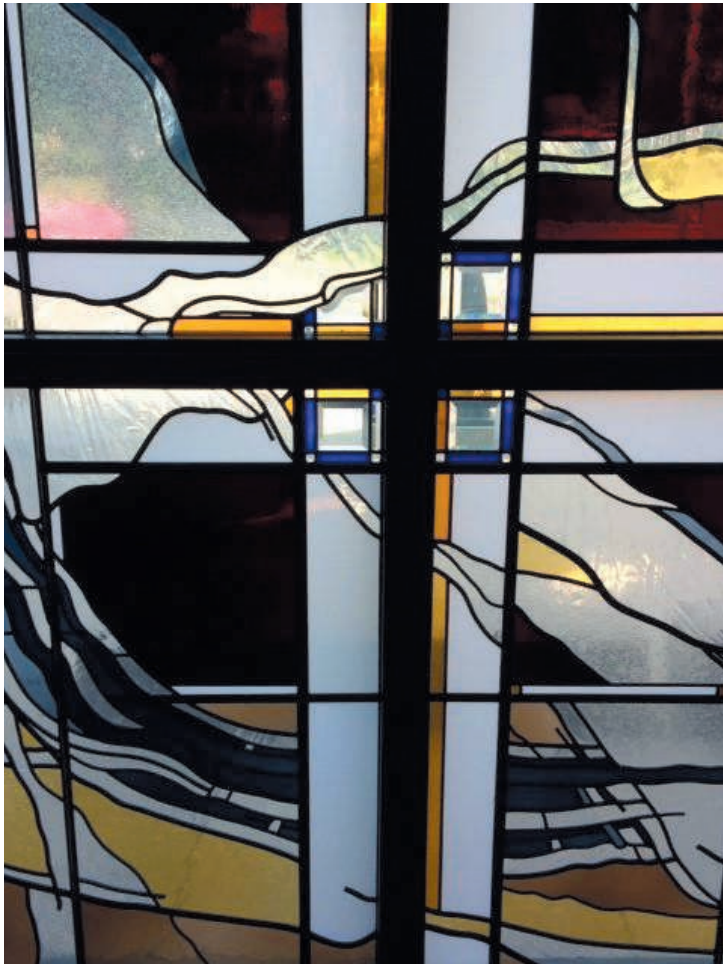




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Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

September 10, 2017

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

REDEMPTIVE RESPONSIBILITY



After World War II, Simon Wiesenthal, who was a prisoner in a German concentration camp and who after the war became a Nazi hunter, wrote a book he called, *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness* (Schocken Books, 1976). The book begins with a true experience he had while he was in a German concentration camp.

One day he was taken from a work detail and guided up a back stairway to a dark hospital room. A nurse led him into the room, then left him alone with a figure wrapped in white, lying on a bed. The figure was a badly wounded German soldier, whose entire face was covered with bandages. With a trembling voice, the German made a confession to Wiesenthal. He told him about the brutal measures his S.S. unit had taken against Jewish prisoners. And then he told of the terrible atrocities that he himself had committed against them. Several times Wiesenthal tried to leave the room, but each time the ghost-like figure clutched his hand and begged him to stay. Finally, after two hours, the soldier told Wiesenthal why he had been summoned. He then said, "I know that what I am asking is almost too much from you. But without your answer I cannot die in peace." The German soldier asked for forgiveness from all the Jewish prisoners he had killed. Wiesenthal sat in silence for some time. He stared at the man's bandaged face. At last, he stood up and left the room without saying a word. He left the soldier in torment, unforgiven.

This true story about Wiesenthal might be considered by some to be an extreme case, but if you think about it for a moment, the story is not unfamiliar to most of us. To forgive someone the hurt they have caused us can be one of the toughest things that we are called to do.

I believe that blaming is instinctive. Children, without being taught, are always ready to point a finger at someone or something that has caused a hurt or an injustice. "It's not fair!" are the words often spoken.

I believe forgiveness is an acquired virtue and can only be extended to others with help from God's grace. This is because forgiveness goes against what is practiced in our society. Watch television, read billboards, listen to the radio and you will find that we live in a culture that believes in monetary compensation when an injustice or wrongdoing is committed.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they have a special responsibility when there is a falling out between them and someone else. It is the duty of the one who has been offended to renew the relationship that has been damaged. And this is where it gets hard. It is illogical and unfair to expect the one who has been the victim to make the first move to restore a friendship.

When Jesus tells us to go to the person who has offended us, this puts us in a unique and usually unwelcomed position. The responsibility is placed upon us to take to the offending person the healing redemptive word of God without gossiping, without malice, or with any other hidden motives and to forgive the fault of the other with love.

There is a story of two men who, after working together, commuting together to work, and arguing with each other for years, encountered tragedy when one man's wife died. His working companion of many years, wanting to console him, told how much strength and consolation he had found in his church. But his friend looked at him with anger and accusation in his eyes, and said, "We've been together all these years and never once, never once, did you invite me to your church." Today's gospel challenges us to take the redeeming Christ who saved us to all who are saved but may not know it.

"THANK-YOU" can never be said enough to the volunteers who gave their time, energy, and skill to raise money for replacing the clerestory windows. The expertise of Greg Lothenbach and his wife Diane made the project manageable and fun. A check for \$3,922.00 was received from Gail O'Regan of Strawberries and Cream. Our next money raising activity is the Fall Festival October 7-8.

Fr. Bob

News and Events

FAITH FORMATION First Communion, Confirmation Registration Now Open:



Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Registrations will be taken after the weekend Masses and forms are available in the back of church and from the Parish Center. New this year, you may also register online at www.st-matts.org. This is also the time to sign up

children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes held from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. **Our first evening of class is on September 20 and the classes run through April. September 20 will be family night—parents and guardians, please plan to stay that evening.**

ST MATTHEW MUSIC LITURGY WELCOMES YOU!

The St. Matthew choir and instrumentalist welcome and encourage you to join us for our first choir practice of the season, Sunday, September 10 at 9AM. We meet on alternate weeks and help lead the sung worship at the Sunday 10AM Mass. All are welcome! Especially needed are altos and sopranos, youth, and instrumentalists. Come and work with others who share your love of liturgy and music. Let us lift our voices joyfully to the Lord!



FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND

On September 16th and 17th we will collect food and non-perishable items for our area food shelf, Neighborhood House. Your monthly donations to Neighborhood House help to bring food those who are hungry and in need. Thank you for your generosity.



OKTOBERFEST MEETING



The Oktoberfest Committee is meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center, our next meeting is on September 11th. Plans are still underway and volunteers are needed to help us get the festival on its' way. Our annual Oktoberfest will be held October 7th & 8th this year. Volunteers make our Oktoberfest a success, come join the team, be a part of Oktoberfest this year!

Children's Corner



Jesus prayed for His friends.

Use the code to find some of His words.

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Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$3,468	School	\$265
Electronic Giving	\$202		
Vigil Lights	\$19.25		
Rental	\$700		
Stipend	\$100		
Windows	\$10,290		
Stole Fee	\$350		
Loaves & Fishes	\$500		
Wedding Donation	\$100		
Attorney Fee	\$15.00		
Rosary/CCW	\$76.25		
Total	\$	Total	\$265

Thank you!

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, September 9**
4:00 pm David Andrews†
- Sunday, September 10**
10:00 am Our Parish
Vern Achman †
- Monday, September 11**
8:00 am Paul Maslow†
- Wednesday, September 13**
8:00 am Jaden Baker & Ethan Andrew
Special Intention
- Friday, September 15**
8:00 am Bill Higginbotham†
- Saturday, September 16**
4:00 pm Art Fischer†
- Sunday, September 17**
10:00 am Our Parish
Pamela†, Lucille†, and
Robert Stickler, Sr.†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, September 9**
1:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting PC
4:00 pm Mass
Registration for Faith Formation after Mass
- Sunday, September 10**
9:00 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Mass
Registration for Faith Formation after Mass
- Monday Sept. 11 - Friday - Sept. 15**
5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH
- Monday, September 11**
12:00-5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC
- Tuesday, September 12**
6:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting SH
- Wednesday, September 13**
8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC
8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH
- Thursday, September 14**
- Friday, September 15**
- Saturday, September 16**
4:00 pm Mass
Registration for Faith Formation after Mass
- Sunday, September 17**
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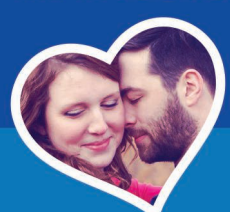
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