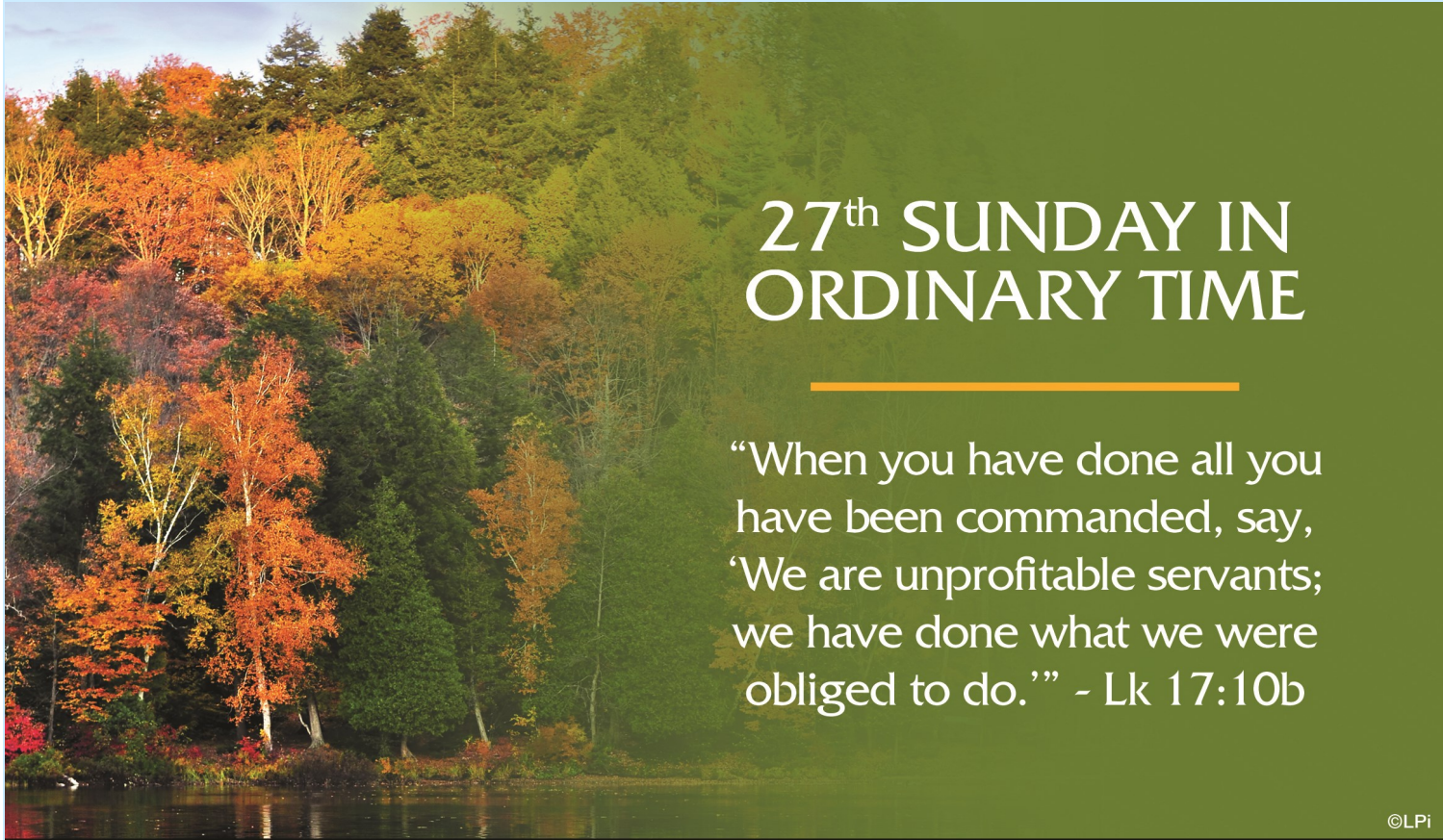




Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” - Lk 17:10b

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October 2, 2022 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 AM (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 AM (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the parish office regarding
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,
Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

October 4th is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. On October 4, 1965 Pope Paul VI visited the United States and spoke at the United Nations calling for an end to the rage of war. Pope Paul: "War, never again. Never again war!" This was the first time a Pope set foot on the soil of the USA.

At noon on October 4th Pope Paul called on President Johnson at the Waldorf Astoria. They spent an hour together. Many of Johnson's advisors urged him to seek the help of Paul VI in brokering a negotiated end to the Vietnam War. Johnson was stubborn and would not enlist the Pope's assistance. Pope Paul warned LBJ that time was running out.

In preparation for the meeting between LBJ and Pope Paul, Jack Valenti – advisor to LBJ and speaking for many in the administration – sent the following memo to the President.

"The facts seem to be: Viet Nam is almost an un-solvable problem. The risks are too great for any President to long endure."

"The possibility of a catastrophic conflict in Southeast Asia grows each day."

"It isn't enough NOT to want war there—events, mistakes, and pride that causes reaction to an action are enough to start the explosion. After that, the deluge."

The memo's author finishes with a rationale for the Pope's involvement:

"The really pointed question is HOW to get this mess to the United Nations without losing face, without giving ground on our basic policies, and finding these same answers for the North Vietnamese."

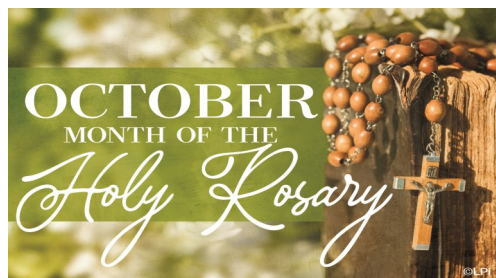
"One answer: The Pope."

"He is the only respected figure in the world, the only voice that could be raised to which heed could be given without giving up face."

By March 31, 1968 the Vietnam situation was truly "unsolvable". LBJ announced that we would not run for re-election and would devote his time and energy to beginning the peace process, which began in May of 1968.

On the Feast of Saint Francis, we might also remember Saint Paul VI – the 20th century Pope of Peace.

Father Steve Adrian



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Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8



GREETERS: St. Matthew parish seeks "Greeters" for Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. We welcome people who are able to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew are all that is needed. To volunteer contact: jill.kilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

PRAYER LINE: We are seeking a volunteer to monitor the Parish Prayer Line. In this role, your phone number would be published, without your name, in the parish bulletin under **Prayer Line**. People will call, asking to have the names of people in need of prayers placed on the Prayer Line. You will then call volunteers who have offered their time to pray for those requests. Having an answering system will be helpful. If willing to volunteer, please contact Mary Leibl or the parish office.



THANK YOU: To all the volunteers who spent 12 days from August 25 to September 4, cleaning strawberries for the booth at the State Fair. In addition to enjoying wonderful socializing, we recently received a check for **\$4,472.00** as payment for our endeavor! If you enjoy visiting with fellow parishioners and friends of the parish – mark your calendars for August 24 to September 4, 2023 for our next Great St Matthew Get-Together!

THANK YOU: To the **96** people who attended the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass and **79** who attended the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. Thank You to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To **Zach** who served as the lector on Saturday and to **Becky** on Sunday. To **Phil** who read the announcements on Saturday and to **John** on Sunday. Thank you to **Maggie Lee, Kathy, Tom** and **Tim** who served as eucharistic ministers on Saturday; to **Jerold, Florida** and **Joe** on Sunday. To cantor **Christina** on Saturday and **John** with singer **Andy** Sunday. Thank you to pianist **Brian** and trumpeter **Phil** on Saturday; to pianist **Jill** and guitarist **Chris** on Sunday. To ushers **Tom, Kevin** and **Tim** on Saturday; to **Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. Thank you to **Patty** and **Katie** who brought up the gifts on Saturday and to **Kathy** who carried the Book of Intentions to the Sanctuary. Thanks to our Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; to **Ginny** and **Joanne** on Sunday. Thank you to Saturday greeters – **Tom, Chris, Doris** and **Tim**. Thank you to **Dave, Tom** and **Tim** who brought the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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Parish Administrator's Note

CAPITAL NEEDS

Many thanks to all who attended last Saturday's Fix-It Dinner! Together, we raised \$2,000 towards installing safety equipment such as cameras. It was also a great social event for our community. Special thanks to chefs **Greg, Steve** and **Greg** for the delicious food!

Speaking of safety equipment and other capital needs, you might notice a change in the next batch of contribution envelopes you receive. We've replaced the Maintenance envelope with one called the St. Matthew Capital Needs Fund. It's a broader category, more useful for planning and accounting purposes.

Capital needs, security equipment, routine maintenance: none of those things is our mission. Rather, they support our mission to be a Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love. We take care of our buildings, so that we can continue to feed the hungry (Loaves & Fishes), shelter the homeless (Casa Guadalupana), and heal the sick (St. Mary's free clinic)—to name some of our specific missions.

I don't want to overlook the care shown for our church building. That was recently highlighted with **Craig David** and **Richard Schletty's** September 25 talk about their paintings in the church. Thank you, Craig and Richard!

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING

Ever since I began at St. Matt's last year, I've been impressed by how many volunteers we have. (Clean Up days come to mind, e.g., October 15.) It's easy to see that volunteerism is an integral part of our parish culture.

Put another way, we're not a "consumer church", i.e., one where people simply buy spiritual goods. (History shows that that never ends well!) It's better to be actively engaged, sharing our time, treasure and talent.

And speaking of active engagement, I want to highlight long-time St. Matt's volunteer **Marge Blenkush's** forthcoming "book release party". Her first novel, *The Doctor of Bellechester*, was recently published. Marge will be at both Masses next weekend (October 8-9), for those wanting to buy a copy. (I've heard great reviews!) Two weeks later, she'll lead book discussions after both Masses. I know I'm looking forward to reading and discussing her book!

Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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CORRECTION: Last week's bulletin mistakenly listed *Esther Snaza's* name under Mass Intentions for the Dead. As *Esther* herself put it, "Imagine my surprise.....I am still alive and kicking! Prayers for good health would be appreciated!"

We sincerely apologize for this error.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Louise Breidel, Carolina Gomez, Marilyn Gonsowki, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Sharon Knops, Reyes Ledesma, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pablo Munoz, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, Dennis Robinette, Virgil Roethler, Marie Scanlan, Alice Schletty, Chris Stevens and Joshua Viellieux.

If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

News and Events

COFFEE SUNDAY IS RETURNING!

Mark your calendar for the return of Coffee Sunday on **October 9, 2022**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday will be held on second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!



PARISH FALL CLEANING OF CHURCH AND GROUNDS: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM



It is time for the annual Fall church cleaning! We will dust and polish the furniture, vacuum the stairs, and wash windows. Outside we will get the gardens ready for winter. **This is also an excellent opportunity for Confirmation students who will be needing service hours!**

Cleaning supplies and some equipment will be available. Bring your own favorite cleaning supplies or tools and let's see how much we can accomplish in 2 hours. Sign up sheets are on the tables in the back of church.

Coffee and donuts will be ready for you!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION,

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Public school students in grades K-10 who are registered for Faith Formation have class on Wednesday, October 5, in the Parish Center. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. We will accept registrations for new students for a few more weeks. The registration form can be downloaded from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ or parents can complete the registration form when dropping off their students for class on Wednesday evening. During the Wednesday evening classes, students learn about our Catholic faith and are prepared for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. ¿Habla español? Text Myrna, 651-285-8112.

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Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 AM** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of October 2, 2022

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Marguerite Cybyske
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, October 2

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Dorothy Williams

Monday, October 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 8

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Arthur Geis
+John Sperl

Sunday, October 9

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Veronica Roethler

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 3 - Friday, October 7

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes
Meals are being served as take-out only at this time

Monday, October 3

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, October 6

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, October 7

Saturday, October 8

4:30 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass
Book Sale after Mass

Sunday, October 9

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
Book Sale after Mass
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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