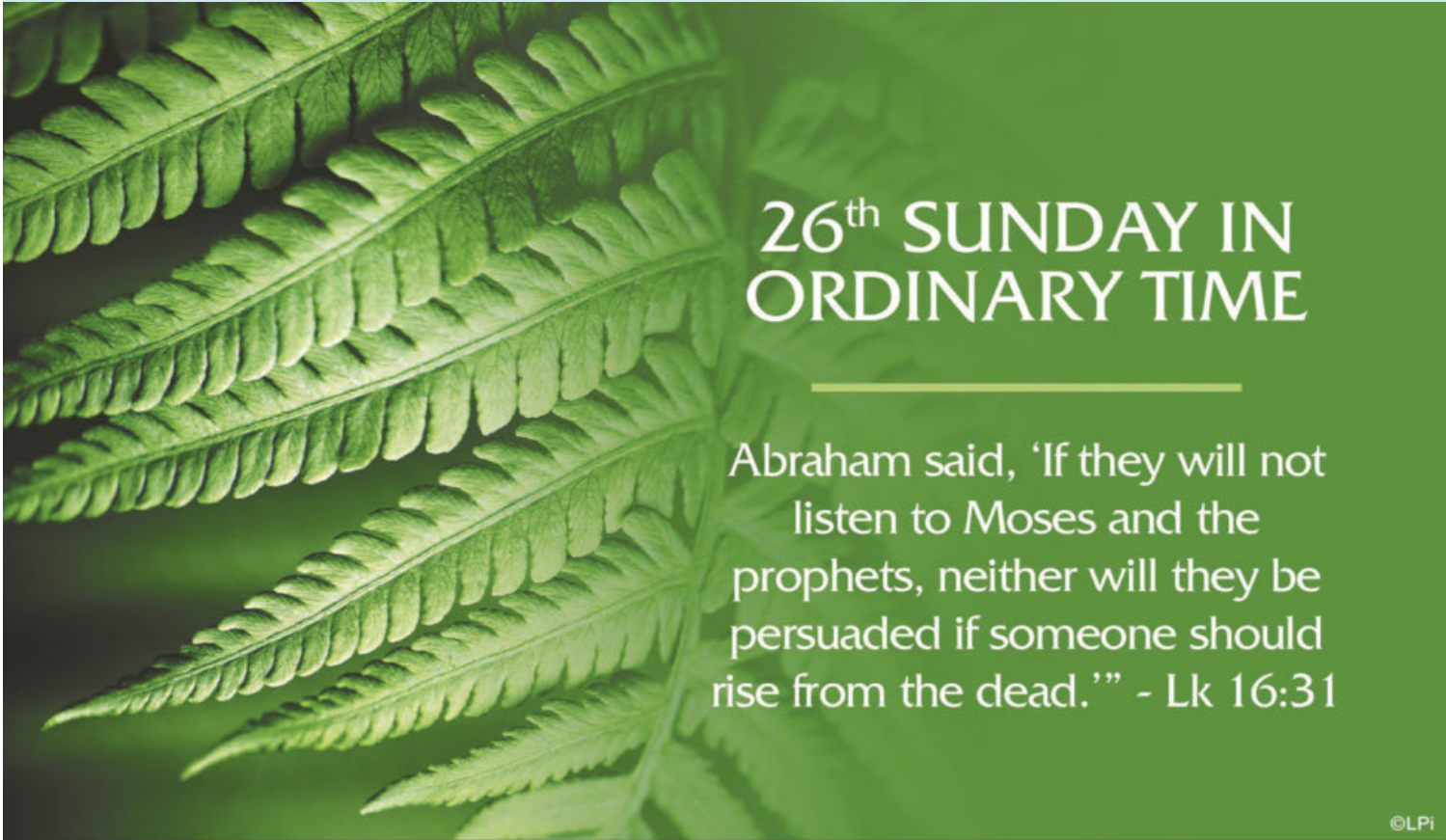




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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

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September 25, 2022 26th 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,
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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

Next Saturday, October 1st, following the 4:15 PM Mass, a blessing of animals will take place in the square outside the church, around the Saint Matthew statue.

This blessing has been a practice here and is being re-established in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi – whose feast is October 4th.

Pope Francis has called us to see the care for creation as an essential part of being a human being – the realization that you and I are part of the creation of God, along with the land and sea, the fish and wild life, the flora and fauna, etc.

Francis challenges all people to set as a priority the care for and treasuring of creation. He calls us to take seriously the devastating climate change that now places the existence of all in jeopardy.

Household animals are an expression of the creative love of God. We take them into our home and in so doing we commit to their care. The number of assisted living and hospice residences in which I find cats and dogs present impresses me. These “household” animals are a source of comfort and help reduce the anxiety of residents.

In honor of Saint Francis, I invite all to bring their family pets to the animal blessing following the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, October 1st at 5:30 PM in front of the church.

Father Steve Adrian



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 additional “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. We thank **Josiah** who has been our Sunday Mass greeter!

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 the **Minus Family** who hosted breakfast last Sunday in remembrance of Arthur Minus. It was a time to share good food and good company! We also thank everyone for their generous donation to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf.

THANK YOU: To **Jerry** who has taken on the **Ministry of Compassion**. Jerry contacts the people we pray for in the Prayers of the Faithful. He inquires as to how they are feeling and assures them of our continued prayers as they deal with health issues.

THANK YOU: To the **112** people who attended the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass and **124** 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 **Mary** who served as the lector on Saturday and **Ginny** on Sunday. To **Karen** who read the announcements on Saturday and **Linda** on Sunday. Thank you to **Maggie Lee, Kathy, Karen** and **Tim** who served as eucharistic ministers on Saturday; **Joanne, Mooreen** and **Dave** on Sunday. To cantors **Andy** on Saturday and **Linda** on Sunday. Thank you to pianist **Jill** on Saturday and Sunday and accompanist **Phil** on Sunday. To ushers **Tom, Kevin** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Steve** and **Pete** on Sunday. Thank you to **Janet** and **Ron** who brought up the gifts on Saturday and the **Penner Family** on Sunday. Thanks to our sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Joanne** on Sunday. Thank you to Saturday greeters – **Tom, Chris, Doris** and **Tim**; and Sunday greeter **Isabel**. Thank you to **Ginny, Tom** and **Tim** who brought the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE OPEN

Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes have begun for public school students. St. Matthew is still welcoming new registrations for students to join the program. Download the registration form and COVID-19 safety plan from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/. Then bring your student(s) to Faith Formation class on Wednesday, September 29. Students in Grades K to 7 begin class at 6:30 PM and students in Grades 8 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. Attendance at these classes is required for public school students who would like to make their First Communion or Confirmation in spring 2023. Children not in a sacrament year are also welcome to attend Faith Formation class. Questions? Email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. ¿Habla español? Text Myrna, 651-285-8112

Parish Administrator's Note

UP ON THE ROOFTOP

Last week, Englund Roofing began needed maintenance on the roofs of our Parish Center (PC). During the bidding process, their inspectors praised whoever installed the PC roof years ago. That was nice to hear. Because of that past work of good quality, Englund recommended only maintenance work, e.g., caulking and scupper repair. That saves us money, compared to replacing the roofs.

In addition to the PC roof work, Englund will replace the scupper on the sloped part of the church roof (on the parking lot side). They'll also install a new downspout there. That should stop the water damage to the brick in that area.

As for the occasional leaks in the main church roof—replaced in 2019—we've had inspection and repair techs from Fischer Roofing come out several times. I believe they've made progress in plugging leaks, but it's hard to know for sure until after the next heavy rain. If you see leaks, please let me know.

DOWN IN THE KITCHEN

Our Social Hall kitchen is clean now, thanks to Metro Cleaning Services during the week of September 12. (See pictures elsewhere in this bulletin.) We may now use the kitchen without fear of the grease-laden fan at one end. And it was good to get rid of non-functioning equipment and expired food.

Because of hours of volunteer work to move things out of the kitchen before cleaning started, the Metro crew was able to work more quickly. I want to thank helpers **Tom Kegler, Dave Haley, Becky Montgomery, two Casa residents, and two members of People of Praise**. Special thanks to **Tom** and **Dave** for helping move everything back into the kitchen after the Metro crew finished.

We'll now replace or update the old signs, and clean individual pieces of equipment. I'm looking for volunteers to help with these projects. (Anyone? Anyone? Bueller?)

Let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Louise Breidel, Carolina Gomez, Marilyn Gonsowki, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Reyes Ledesma, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pablo Munoz, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, 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!

BOOK SALE: OCTOBER 8 AND 9, 2022

St. Matthew's parishioner, Marge Blenkush, has published her first novel! Please see the insert for more information about the book and how you can purchase a copy. A portion of the proceed will benefit the Casa Guadalupana. Congratulations to Marge!



BOY SCOUT WREATH AND POPCORN SALE

Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by Community of Saints School, will be taking orders for their annual Wreath and Popcorn Sale from **now through Sunday, October 23, 2022**. Your order will be distributed during the weekend of November 19 and 20 at Mass. Please see the order form inside the bulletin for more details.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 24, 2022 in memory of 10th anniversary of **Ed Millerbernd's** passing.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the parish office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.

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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 September 25, 2022

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk
9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-
14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,
130/Lk 10:17-24

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 24

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, September 25

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Jean Bauman
+Mark Lund
+Joe Savard

Monday, September 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, September 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 2

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Esther Snaza
+Dorothy Williams

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 26 - Friday, September 30

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

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

Saturday, October 1

4:30 PM Mass (in-person)
5:30 PM Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2

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

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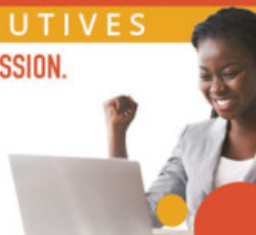
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