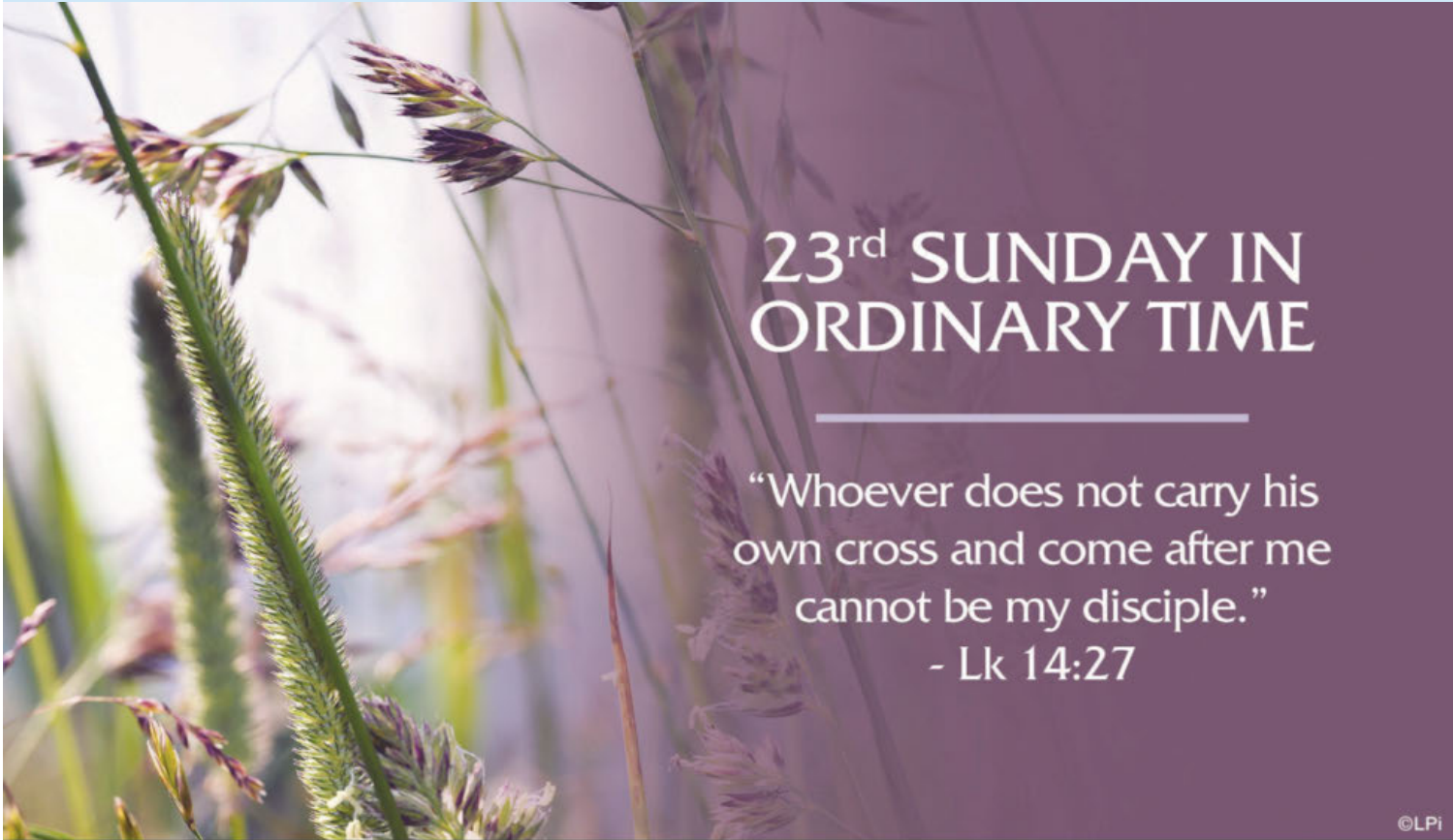




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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

- Lk 14:27

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September 4, 2022 **23rd 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

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Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Thursday, September 1st was the beginning of meteorological Fall; and this weekend – Labor Day weekend – is the beginning of the Fall routine.

Labor Day is time to recognize the power and work of organized labor in the betterment of social life. Since 1891 the Catholic Church has affirmed the value of collective bargaining and the right of workers to organize.

In the late 1800s a handful of captains of industry (known as “Robber Barons”) held the reigns of economic life in the United States. One such “Robber Baron” was our own James J. Hill – The Empire Builder.

Today, 131 years later, the condition is much the same. Income inequality grows exponentially. While average workers have seen little or no growth in their income, the people at the top rake in obscene salaries in the hundreds of millions annually – and thus the gulf between the rich and the poor grows.

Today there is a resurgence of the Labor Movement as more and more work sites are unionizing – Starbucks, Walmart, Amazon, etc.

The function of unions is to even the playing field – the worker can corporately negotiate salary, benefits, working conditions, healthcare benefits with their employer. The employer can collectively negotiate work productivity with labor.

The balance in this relationship between worker and employer is always found in justice. The laborer is committed to a high quality product and the employer is committed to rewarding the laborer for a good day's work.

This Labor Day let us not forget the debt we owe to the Labor Movement and the resultant level playing field it has generated.

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!

SOCIAL HALL KITCHEN CLEANING: During the weekend of September 10 and 11, the Social Hall kitchen will be cleaned by a professional cleaning crew. In preparation for this cleaning, we need volunteers on the **evening of Friday, September 9** to move kitchen equipment so that cleaners can access all the necessary areas. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Leibl or the parish office.



FOOD SHELF: Thank you to all who contributed to Neighborhood House food shelf last month. In addition to cash offerings, **150 pounds of food** were delivered. Thank you to all who contributed to this monthly collection. As a parish, we monthly practice the Corporal Work of Mercy – **To Feed the Hungry**. Thank you for your generosity. The next Neighborhood House collection will take place the weekend of **September 17 – 18**.

STRAWBERRY CLEANING: Thank you to the 40+ volunteers who, since August 24, have gathered daily in the Social Hall to clean strawberries for a booth at the State Fair. They have worked hard and even kept their sense of humor when the berries arrived 3 hours late. Even though they cleaned anywhere from 700 – 1,100 pounds of berries each day, the job was still completed in 2 - 3 hours. In doing so they helped earn much needed income for the parish!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Faith Formation News

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION

Families with students in Grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2022-2023 school year. The registration form and COVID-19 safety plan are available at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in winter and spring 2023. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes that run from September 21 through May 3. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. ¿Habla español? Text Myrna, 651-285-8112.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 8, 2022 for **Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society**.

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.

Parish Administrator's Note

HOW'S YOUR PRAYER LIFE?

I recall being asked that question a lot, back in my college and seminary days. I found it a challenging question. I still find it challenging. Yes, I know prayer is important. We have the testimony of the Bible, countless saints, and people in our lives. I get it. And I pray daily, in various ways. It's all good, and yet I need more.

Fortunately, we're not on our own when it comes to prayer. We have our fellow St. Matt's faith community members to support us in prayer—individually and collectively. In fact, one of the features of our Catholic faith is our emphasis on community. We are not alone.

One of the ways we pray together, of course, is at Mass. And in the Mass, we name people we're praying for as a community, during the Prayers of the Faithful.

I've noticed lately that the list of names has grown, to the point of unbalancing the flow of worship. (Five or six names is OK; 15 names, less so.) What might we do to rebalance that part of the Mass?

First of all, note that we're including a line in the Prayers of the Faithful, "For all persons listed in our Book of Intentions and for requests left on our Prayer Line, we pray to the Lord."

Therefore, I encourage everyone to make use of the Book of Intentions, found in the back of church.

As for the Prayer Line, that volunteer ministry is currently open. If you're interested in managing the Prayer Line, let Volunteer Coordinator Mary Leibl know. Your phone number would be published in the bulletin, without your name.

You can also call the office and leave information about the person you'd like to have prayers for. Please indicate if you'd like the person's name read at Mass, or simply added to the prayer list in the bulletin. We want to know how your loved ones are doing.

Our plan is to include names in the Prayers of the Faithful for a month or so. After a month, the names will be included in the weekly bulletin's prayer list, unless you call back.

If we find that we still have too many names to read, we'll try subdividing into groups. For example, group A names would be read one weekend, and group B names the next weekend.

I realize this is all a bit complicated. That's because we want to keep reading names, rather than just end the practice completely.

As always, 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, Ann Myran, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, Virgil Roethler, Marie Scanlan, Alice Schletty and Chris Stevens.

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

LABOR DAY MASS

Labor Day Mass is scheduled for **Monday, September 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**

ROSARY SOCIETY

All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which will be held **Tuesday, September 13 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** in the lower level of the Parish Center. You can park in and enter the lower level from the parking lot. This will be the first meeting of our program year. The focus of this meeting will be getting to know one another, discussing the programs for our Fall meetings and discussing upcoming Fall activities. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings. Come, enjoy refreshments and find out what the Rosary Society is all about.

ST. MARY'S HEALTH CLINIC CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

On July 29, 1992, the first St. Mary's Clinic was held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in St. Paul. Sr. Mary Madonna led the planning and implementation for the clinics and we now celebrate thirty years of providing health services to those in need. This vision and ministry, started long ago, lives on through the continued support and commitment from the Sisters of St. Joseph, many volunteers, employees, and supporters. In recognition, St. Mary's Health Clinics is holding an Open House on **Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at 1890 Randolph Avenue in St. Paul. Thanks to St. Matthew and Father Steve Adrian for partnering with St. Mary's from its beginnings through today.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection is in support of Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

HAPPY
LABOR DAY

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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 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-1

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Leo Kegler
+Mary Scanlan
Living and Deceased Members of Rosary Society

Sunday, September 4

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Glenn and Jean Bauman
+Arthur Geis

Monday, September 5

9:00 AM Our Parish

Tuesday, September 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, September 10

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman

Sunday, September 11

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 6 - Friday, September 9

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

Monday, September 5

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

Tuesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, September 7

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

7:00 PM Social Hall Kitchen Cleaning Preparation

Saturday, September 10

All Day Social Hall Kitchen Cleaning
4:30 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

Sunday, September 11

All Day Social Hall Kitchen Cleaning
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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