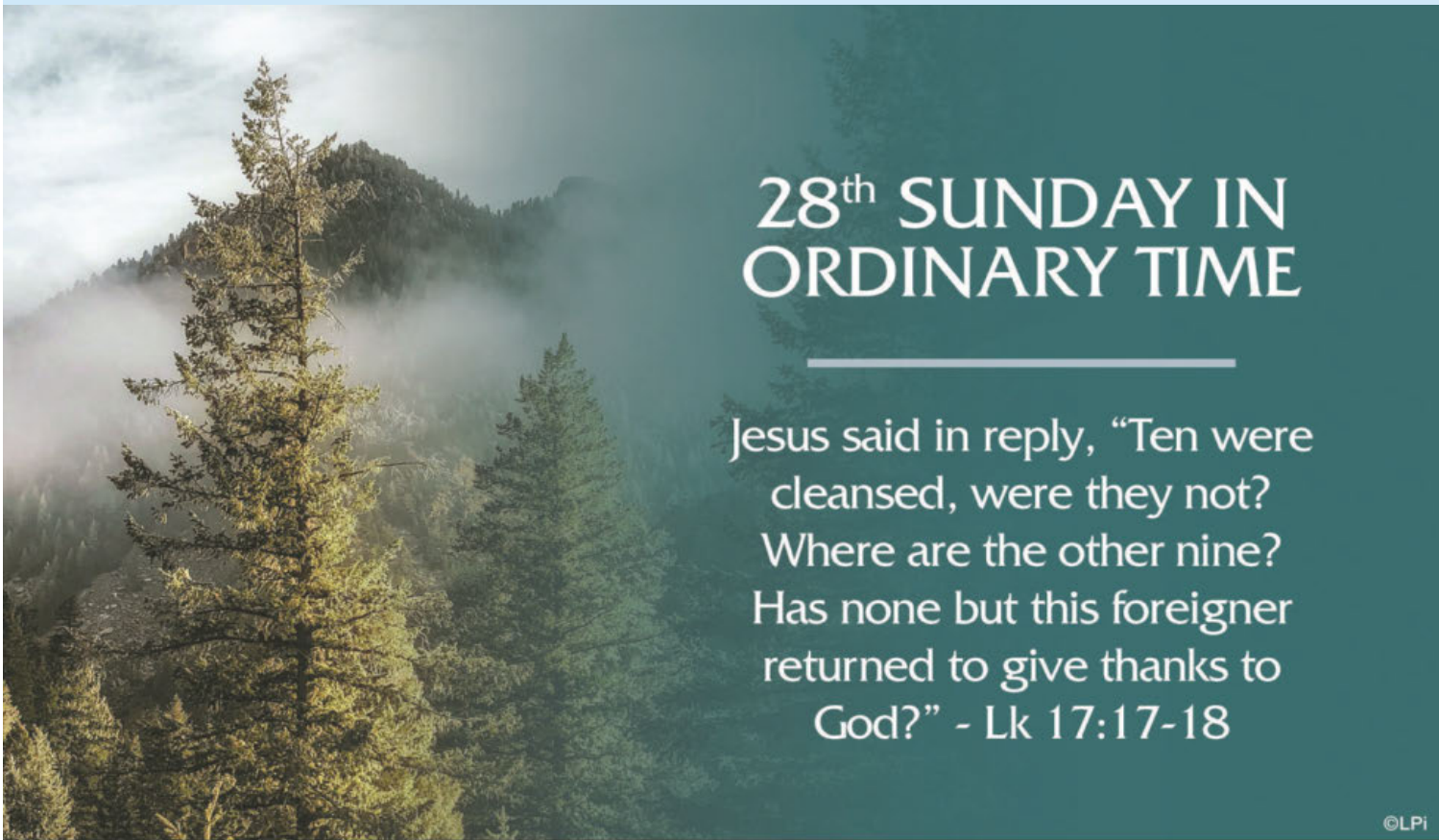




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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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October 9, 2022 **28th 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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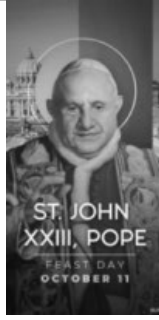
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

October 11th is the Feast of Saint John XXIII. This grandfatherly figure was a revolutionary. He desired to see the Church become a significant presence and voice in a rapidly changing world. On the evening of January 25, 1959, following the Solemn Vespers on the Feast of Saint Paul, he simply announced that it was his intention to convene an ecumenical (universal) church council – something that had not been done since 1870.



The purpose of the Council was not to condemn a heresy (as so often was the case with Church councils) but to explore new avenues, new approaches, a new voice to proclaim the truth of the Gospel, one that could be received and understood by a growing secular 20th century.

I was a seminary student (college and graduate school) during the time of the II Vatican Council. The discussion and the spirit of that Council, more than anything else, formed my conception of the Church and what the role of a pastor might be.

Apart from the Scriptures, it is the documents – the teaching – of the Council that have been part of my daily reading and prayer each day since 1965. The Word and Spirit of the Council marks the most significant event in the life of the Church over the past 100 years.

Pope Francis seeks to model the Council teaching about being a disciple of Christ in today's world: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in anyway afflicted, are too the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the followers of Christ" (*Church in the World Today*, paragraph 1).

John was filled with great optimism and faith that the power of the Holy Spirit would create in the Church a new Pentecost. That work is ongoing.

October 11th was chosen as the feast day for Saint John XXIII because it was on October 11th, 1962 that the II Vatican Council met for the first time. I pray that John's hope may continue to animate our Church.

Father Steve Adrian

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8

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 who helped with the **Fix-It Dinner**. Special thanks to our exceptional chefs: **Stephen, Greg A. and Greg S.** and **Josie** who also helped in the kitchen. To **Karen** who chaired the event. To **Becky, Ginny, Michael, Linda, Chris, Maggie Lee, Angela** and **Mary** who helped in multiple ways to make this event a success! Thank you to the following for their various donations to the event: **Captain Ken's, Rosary Society, Men's Club, Karen Thompson, John Del Vecchio, Steve** and **Josie Mike**. Special thanks to **ALL** who came to the Social Hall to enjoy a wonderful dinner and help the parish obtain security cameras to increase the safety on our property!

THANK YOU: To **ALL** who attended the discussion of the beautiful paintings in our church. To **Fr. Steve** who explained how the idea for the paintings came to be. To **Richard Schletty** and **Craig David**, our talented artists, who described each of their paintings and how they decided what to include in the pictures. To **Alan** and **Becky** who filmed the presentation for future enjoyment! To **Joanne** who took charge of refreshments and **Becky, Jan, Kathleen** and **Suzanne** who helped with set-up and serving. All who attended enjoyed an informative and fun afternoon!

THANK YOU: To the **117** people who attended the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass and **91** 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 **Tim** who served as the lector on Saturday and **Mooreen** on Sunday. To **Karen** who read the announcements on Saturday and **John** on Sunday. Thank you to **Karen, Wanda, Mary** and **Tim** who served as eucharistic ministers on Saturday; **Dave, Joanne** and **Janelle** on Sunday. To cantor **Shelly** on Saturday and **John** Sunday. To pianist **Brian** and **Phil** on trombone Saturday; pianist **Phil** and guitarist **Chris** on Sunday. To ushers **Tom, Kevin, Doris** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. Thank you to **Kathy** and **Jan** who brought up the gifts on Saturday and **Chris** who carried the **Book of Intentions** to the Sanctuary. Thanks to our Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday and **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to Saturday greeters – **Tom, Chris, Doris** and **Tim**. Thank you to **Ginny, Tom** and **Tim** who brought the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass.

Mary Leibl
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit October 8-15, 2022 in memory of **Maxine Girgen Dohmen**.

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

A CREATIVE CHURCH?

A few weekends ago (September 18), Fr. Steve explained the story of the so-called "bad steward." (If you missed it or want to review, visit our website, www.st-matts.org, where you can find recordings of our online masses. The homily begins at about 18 minutes into the recording.)

I was struck by Fr. Steve's emphasis on the steward's creativity in relieving local peasant farmers from crushing debt. He wasn't a bad steward, who cheated his master. Rather, he was an entrepreneur, seeking opportunities for everyone to win: his master, the indebted peasants, and even himself. (He got to keep his job.)

Fast forward to today: how can we creatively address today's issues? I believe all of us are called to be a creative church. Figuring out our path forward isn't simply a job for staff members, or just for priests, archbishops, and the pope. We're one body, with many parts.

If I asked you what your part is, what would come to mind? Discuss. Be creative.

CONTRIBUTIONS

October is often a month when parishes send out stewardship letters, asking everyone to do what they can to increase their general contributions.

Rather than send out an extra mailing, let me just ask you here to support our parish: pray for each other, volunteer when you can, and contribute what you can. If you're able to bump up your contributions by a few bucks, great! Your financial support allows us to continue partnering with Loaves and Fishes, Casa Guadalupana, St. Mary's Health Clinic, and other missions here at St. Matt's.

In addition to general operating contributions, we do have special appeals now and then. In our next mailing, coming soon, you'll receive information about our November Giving Thanks Fundraiser. As was the case last year, you'll have a 100% chance to support the parish financially. Some participants will also win cash prizes. All proceeds are designated for security systems and cameras.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and 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

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting on **Tuesday, October 11 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. Parishioner Marge Blenkush will discuss her novel, *The Doctor of Bellechester*. The book will be available for purchase. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings. Come, enjoy refreshments and the book discussion.

GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING AT ST. MATTHEW

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 16 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall and we will be celebrating our friends the Saints.

Our goal is to provide fellowship for Catholic young adults with and without disabilities and to give them a place where they can feel a sense of belonging within our beautiful Church. We meet once a month and take time for prayer, some teaching and socializing. We welcome disabilities of all levels and encourage caregivers and friends to attend as needed. We also invite young adults with a heart to befriend those with disabilities to join with us. For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

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 12** in the Parish Center. **Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM.** Registration for new public school students ends soon. To register, download the form from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ or fill out the form in person at the Parish Center on October 12 while your students are in class. During the Wednesday evening classes, students learn about our Catholic faith and are prepared for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Note there is **NO CLASS on October 19** due to the MEA Education Minnesota break. 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 9, 2022

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

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 9

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Veronica Roethler

Monday, October 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 15

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Matthew Brown
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, October 16

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Mary Ann Nelles
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 10 - Friday, October 14

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

Monday, October 10

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

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

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, October 13

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

Friday, October 14

Saturday, October 15

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Parish Fall Clean-up
4:30 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, October 16

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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