



SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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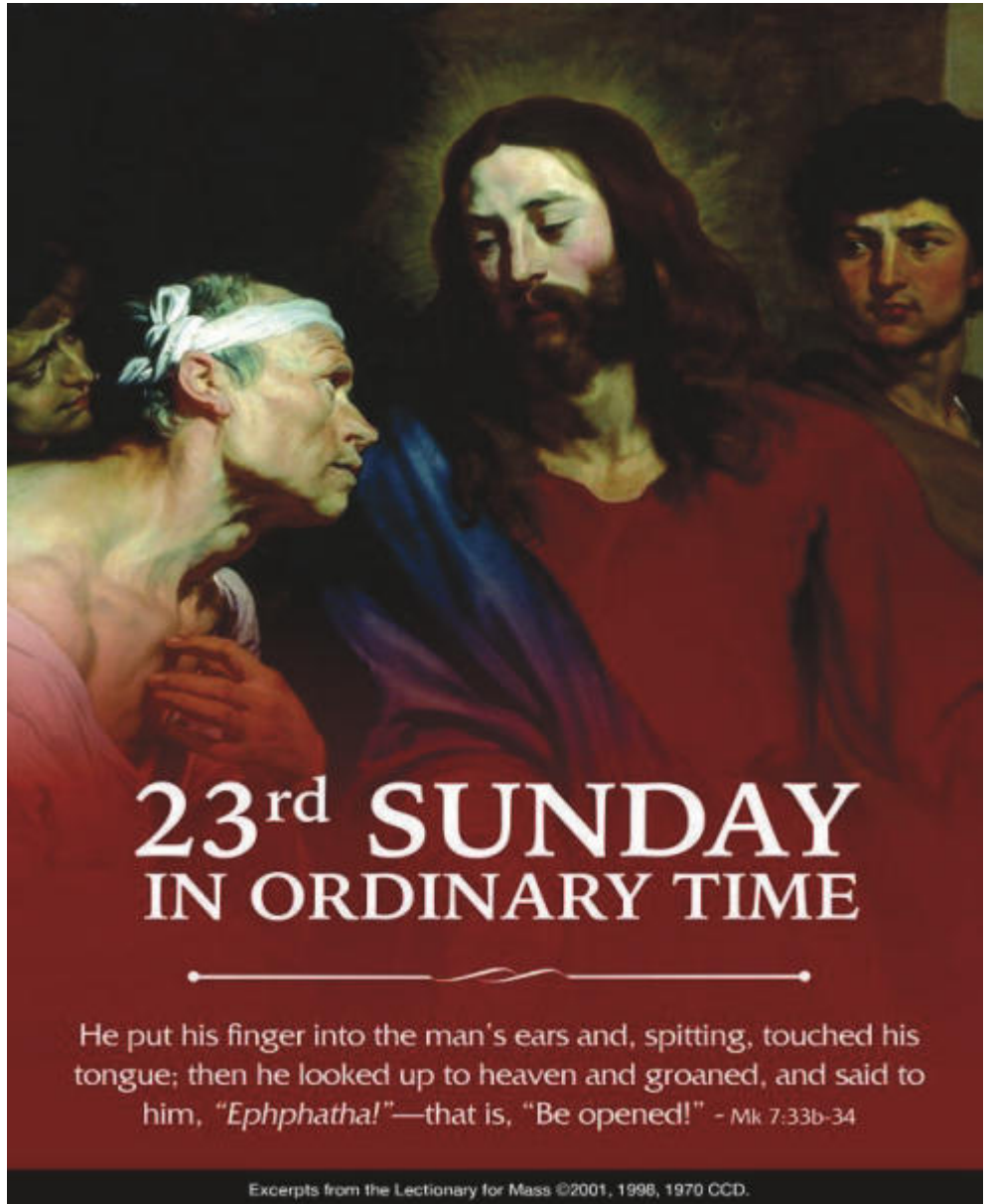
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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday 9/4/2021 5:30pm Ben & Cecilia Keil

Sunday 9/5/2021 8:30am Craig Cesarz

Next Week

Saturday 9/11/2021 5:30pm Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

Sunday 9/12/2021 8:30am Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. **There are still some dates available in 2021!** Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.



ATTENTION LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!



A schedule to sign up for September is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Eucharistic Ministers will only be needed on weeks when Deacons do not preach. All ministers are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you.

TRY WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WeShare is a form of Stewardship giving that is done online. It is easy and convenient. Go to <https://stmarybythelake.weshareonline.org/>.

Scroll down and click on "Donate Online" and follow the instructions. Call the Parish Office if you have any questions.



FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Jelly/Jam
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- **Saltine Crackers**
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

Additional Food Barrel: In addition to the barrel being out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is now a barrel in the vestibule of church. You can now drop off food on weekends when you come to church.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Registration is now underway for the 2021/2022 Faith Formation Program. You may register online at <https://www.stmarybythelake.org/faith-formation-2021-22-registration>.

Information about the program and calendars are available on the website under Faith Formation. Please call Heather Warner if you have additional questions. **Please register by September 29th.**

FALL BEREAVEMENT SERIES

St. Paul the Apostle is offering a six week Fall Bereavement Series. If you, a family member or friend is grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to participate in a six week Fall Bereavement Series. This series offers spiritual and emotional support through sharing with one another and is open to people of all faiths. The meetings will be held on Thursdays, September 16 - October 21; 5:30 - 7:00 pm. To register, call the St. Paul Parish office, 262-886-0530. Cost: \$25, for materials and program book.



2021 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



As of August 9, 2021, St. Mary by the Lake has raised \$10,830 towards our goal of \$14,280. We have 75 donors contributing out of 247 households. Overall, \$6,664,552 has been raised towards a goal of \$8.1 million with 26,454 donors. There is still time to contribute if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask Your guidance

for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that

You be with those whose faces

we might never see

but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all.

Amen.

— from Our Sunday Visitor

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST. MATTHEW 180th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Join the faith community of St. Matthew on the weekend of September 18-19 in commemorating this significant milestone. On both days, we will have display of many artifacts, documents, and photos from our rich parish history. Also, on both days we will have tours of the Little Brick Church led by long time parish members, and refreshments in the Gathering Space. On Saturday only, Bishop James Schuerman will be concelebrating the 4:00 pm Mass with Fr. Pat, and at 5:30 pm, we will have a guest speaker, Fr. Steven Avella (archdiocesan historian) who will give a short talk on the history of our great parish! On both days, you may be able to rub elbows with some of our former staff members who have been invited to join us that weekend. You won't want to miss it!



BEGINNING A NEW SCHOOL (& STEWARDSHIP YEAR)

It's hard to believe, but before we know it, the "back to school" ads will return. Although it seems that we just threw the backpacks in the closet for the summer, it will soon be time to dig them out again. During August, we will start thinking about scaling back bedtimes and getting the most out of the last few weeks of "freedom".

For many parents, it's a wistful time. "Can my baby possibly be in 4th grade?" "How could last year's gym shoes have gotten so tight?" But for many parents, a sigh of relief comes along with the school bell's first peal. Autumn brings back a welcome routine, a sense of order and discipline that summer lacks. "Thank goodness we're back on schedule!"

Christian stewards can take advantage of this "return to normal". Why not make a plan now to make a few resolutions for this "new" year to incorporate prayer and awareness of God into your kids' new schedule? For example, will you be driving your children to school? That morning journey can be a great time for a shared morning prayer. Even a walk together to the bus stop can be a time to pause and ask God to bless our day.

Perhaps a summer of eating on the fly is being replaced by more established family meal times. Why not start a tradition with a new blessing at the evening meal on the first day of school? Along with thanksgiving for our food, each member of the family could relate one person or event for which they were particularly grateful during the day.

At bedtime, each child can recall with a parent the best part of his or her day, and what was most challenging. How is God there through these events? This is a beautiful way to help your child become more conscious of the presence of God and a great way to learn more about your child's experiences.

By your own example, show your children that a sense of prayerfulness permeates your day, and that God has a special plan for each of us. Habits ingrained in a child's schedule can be retained for a lifetime.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 pm

in the Meet Your Neighbor Room.

All are welcome.



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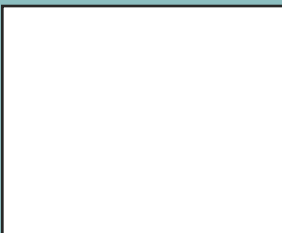
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