

# September 1 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“RATHER, WHEN YOU HOLD A  
BANQUET, INVITE THE POOR, THE  
CRIPPLED, THE LAME, THE BLIND.”**

*Jesus,  
at times, we hobble.  
We are frozen.  
We see through a fog.*

*We forget.*

*But please, let us come to your banquet.  
Hold us up, teach us the way to walk.  
Tell us how to love one another.  
and how to help others.*

*Give us a taste of your feast,  
every time we meet you,  
in Mass, communion,  
and every time with love.*

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## LABORS OF LOVE

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end, but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter.

We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable, practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Sept. 4	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Sept. 6	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug. 31	4 PM	Anthony Hilbert
Sun., Sept. 1	10 AM	Dale Tunny
Sat., Sept. 7	4 PM	Dale Young
Sun., Sept. 8	10 AM	Gary Stier

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – September 7 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Gary Wagner

Ken and Terry Harmeyer

*Servers:* Cloey Simon, Sam Simon

*Cantors:* Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

*Lectors:* Dottie Hellmich, Jack Ferkinhoff

*Euch. Ministers:* Arlene Gehl, Terry Harmeyer  
Janet Wagner, Katy Schmidt

### Sunday – September 8 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* Jason and Lauren Wagner

Bob and Shirley Schwartz

*Servers:* Seth Weisenbach, Brady Borgman

*Cantor:* Scott Simon

*Lectors:* Ron Bauerle, Julie Stephens

*Euch. Ministers:* Jodi Muckerheide, Vicki Wagner  
John Muckerheide, Amanda Schutte

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3585.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 34.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 354.25</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3973.25

**\$3,193.00 needed weekly to meet budget.**

Special Collections	\$1020.00
+ Capital Improvement - \$815.00	
+ Assumption - \$180.00	
+ Cemetery - \$25.00	

## **God Bless Your Generosity!**

*"...every person must freely accept the truth of God's love.  
He is Love and Truth, and neither Love nor Truth are  
ever imposed: they come knocking at the doors of the  
heart and the mind, and where they can enter, they bring  
peace and joy." ~ Pope Benedict XVI*

**STEWARDSHIP** – In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give openly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn September 1 through September 8 for Henry Schwering.

**THANK YOU** – A huge thank you to all our raffle donors! We couldn't do it without you.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT** – There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.

**BAKE SALE** – Next weekend, September 7-8, the Mary and Martha Circle will have a bake sale following the Masses. Sale items will be set up outside both church entrances, weather permitting. Otherwise, the sale will be held in the church hall. All proceeds will go to our students who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference trip in November.

We ask for your help in making this a success. Any baked goods should be brought to the church hall before both Masses. If you have any questions, please call Susan Schutte or Arlene Gehl.

**ST. MAURICE CELEBRATION** – **Sunday, September 15, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. More details will be in next week's bulletin. Our meal menu will be subway sandwiches and veggie trays. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert. Stay as long as you'd like.**

**RELIGIOUS ED** – First class for Preschool through Grade 5, next Wednesday, September 11, 6:45 PM. Please meet in church for a Prayer Service. All are invited to attend.


Grades 6 through 11 will meet next Sunday, September 8, 8:30 AM. Students will meet in church before class. Grade 12 will meet on Sunday, October 6.

**MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE** – The Mary & Martha Circle will meet this Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 PM. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Laurie Husted and Brooke Payne will be there to assist you.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – A second collection will be taken up next weekend for our Religious Ed Program. Monies from this collection help buy books, paper, and other supplies for the youth. Your donation is very much appreciated!

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – I always advise people never to give advice. (P.G. Wodehouse)



In words attributed to Mother Teresa, “Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.” As we celebrate Labor Day, what does such a distinction mean?

Vocation comes from Latin for “calling.” Christians understand vocation as that for which God created you, involving activities you do well, enjoy and feel good about doing, and that serve others. If you’re blessed to earn a paycheck doing something that fits those categories, then your profession or occupation — your work — likely is your vocation.

Other people work a paying job because an opportunity presents itself and the income is needed, even if it isn’t their favorite thing to do. Perhaps they live out their truest vocation during non-employment hours: singing with a choir, raising children, building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Christians in any capacity, paid or not, can live out Jesus’ calling to love God and neighbor with our whole being (Luke 10:27). When God is “CEO” of our lives, it shows in how we treat our fellow laborers.

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