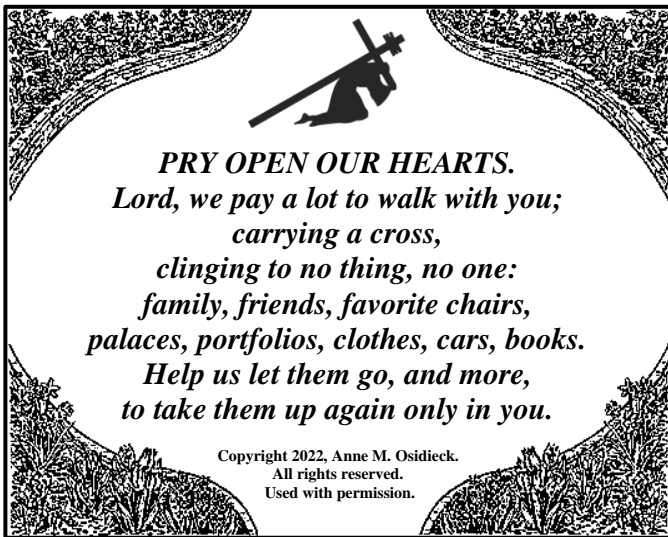


# September 4 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## A Love of First Preference

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking about his first preference for love. When Jesus says his disciples should “hate,” he means only that we should place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: “In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should, then, love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them” (Evangelia homiliae, 37, 3).

Jesus’ words mean we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first. The first “other” is God himself.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits, or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation.

There are many ways to love God and neighbor. And everyone, regardless of job or title, vocation or station in life, can love. This Labor Day weekend, consider thinking about how you can better love those with whom you spend your workday: employees or supervisors, colleagues and customers, those who serve you and those you serve.

+ (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 4 – Paul Schroeder  
September 11 – Walter and Annabelle Busch  
September 18 – Ernie Clemans

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 3 – Lucille Simon  
September 4 – Phil Gehl  
September 10 – Walter and Annabelle Busch  
September 11 – Angie and George Stars

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – September 10 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Tara Ricke  
*Gifts:* Mike and Cathy Wagner  
*NO Eucharist Minister*

### Sunday – September 11 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* David Hardesty, Grace Truesdell  
*Gifts:* Ron and Donna Harlemert  
*Eucharist Minister:* Leslie Hicks

### Saturday – September 17 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Gifts:* Brian and Karen Horan  
*NO Eucharist Minister*

### Sunday – September 18 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Julie Stephens, Ron Bauerle  
*Gifts:* Paul and Arlene Gehl  
*Eucharist Minister:* Vicki Wagner

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2818.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 21.12
Loose Collection	\$ 572.00
Total Collection	\$3411.12
Capital Improvement	\$481.00
Assumption	\$10.00

## WE SPEAK THOSE SACRED WORDS

“THANK YOU.”

“Every injustice inflicted on a person who works tramples on human dignity and the dignity of the one who does this injustice... Today, join with many men and women...who fight for justice in the world of work, for those...who manage their businesses fairly, even if they themselves lose as a result.” ~ Pope Francis

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST** – Congratulations to **Thad Matthew Hicks**, the son of Matt and Leslie Hicks, who received the Sacrament of Baptism Sunday, August 28. May he, with his parents' help, walk always in the ways of God!

**WELCOME** – We welcome **Bob and Nancy Obermeyer** to St. Maurice Church and Parish! Thank you for becoming a part of our faith community! We are better together in God's love!

**BLOOD PRESSURE** – Remember that blood pressure checks are being offered this weekend in the St. Anne Room.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** – Tara Ricke and Kyle Johannigman will receive the Sacrament of Marriage this coming Saturday, September 10, 1:30 PM. The rehearsal is on Friday, the 9th, at 6:30 PM.

**REMEMBER** – Since our hall is being rented on Saturday, September 10 and 17, Mass will not be seen in the hall.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 begin Wednesday, September 14, 6:45 PM.

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL** – Religious Education classes for this age group begin on Sunday, September 11, 8:30–9:45 AM.

**MEETING** – The Mary and Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 PM, to discuss the Fall Dinner. All ladies are invited to come and share their thoughts and ideas! For those unable to attend, your input is still welcome: please call Judy Steuri or Arlene Gehl before the 13th.

**CREATION** – Every year, Pope Francis asks us to observe the Season of Creation from September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." We give thanks to God for the gift of creation in all its forms.

**WORDS TO PONDER** – "Don't waste your suffering." ~ St. John Paul II to a priest with a broken leg who came to him for a blessing

## ***Time to Celebrate!***

The Feast of St. Maurice is Thursday, September 22. Our Faith Formation Committee is planning a festive meal following Mass on Saturday, September 24. Look for more details in next week's bulletin. We are definitely better together, so let's celebrate!

### **GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS**

September 10 – Brian Horan and Ken Hellmich  
September 17 – Joe Wagner and Ken Harmeyer  
September 24 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner

### **GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS**

September 11 – Paul and Arlene Gehl  
September 18 – George and Mary Bultman  
September 25 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny




**PICK POCKETERS** – Last year, our young parishioners collected your change for our Capital Improvement Fund. For the next four months, the children will present this change to a local food pantry. Our theme "Together in His Love, We're Better Together" challenges us to reach out to all our brothers and sisters who may be in need of our assistance.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – The second collection next weekend is for the Catholic University of America. Place your envelope in the regular collection basket.

**LABOR DAY LAUGHS** – Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- I was a banker until I lost interest.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- Finally I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded the dough!

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
 <p><b>THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</b>            For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.</p>					 <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon</p>	Mass 4:00 PM  Blood Pressure Checks
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mass – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM  Blood Pressure Checks	Labor Day			<i>Birthday of the Blessed Mother</i>	Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 PM	Wedding – Ricke & Johannigman 1:30 PM  Mass 4:00 PM  NO Mass in Hall – Rented
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Junior High & High School Religious Ed. 8:30 – 9:45 AM  Mass – 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts	<i>Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>		Preschool – Grade 5 Religious Ed. 6:45 – 8:00 PM  <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i>	 <p><i>Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows</i></p>		Mass 4:00 PM  NO Mass in Hall – Rented
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Religious Ed. 8:30 – 9:45 AM  Mass – 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time			Religious Ed. 6:45 – 8:00 PM  <i>Feast of St. Matthew – Apostle</i>	<i>Feast of St. Maurice</i>		Mass 4:00 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Religious Ed. 8:30 – 9:45 AM  Mass – 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts				<i>Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel, &amp; Raphael</i>  