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September 1, 2013 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

Yes, it's only Labor Day, but stores are already in full Halloween mode with plenty of costumes and candy on display. I grew up in St. Louis, where tradition requires costumed children to tell a joke at each door on Halloween before receiving the candy "treat." As children, we'd pore over joke books for a month to discern the highest-quality riddle to spring on the neighbors.

I now realize this tradition is unique to St. Louis (and Des Moines). In most locales you don't have to do *anything* just say "trick or treat," and you get free, undeserved candy. What? Free candy for no work? The injustice! I tease that St. Louis has it right—you ought to have to *earn* your Snickers and Starbursts.

Thank goodness God doesn't follow St. Louis in his distribution of gifts. What if we were required to perform a song and dance of deservedness to receive God's abundant generosity? We're undeserving of God's extraordinary goodness, yet he showers us with his grace.

So we ought to hear, with humble hearts, the same challenge from today's gospel. We can be stingy with our money, our time, our patience—seeking first to determine whether the recipient is deserving, has done something for us lately, will use our gifts well.

What if God applied those same standards to us? Would we be worthy? I doubt it, Jesus challenges us to be generous—especially to those who are undeserving, cannot repay us, and seem unworthy of our love and time. We are those people in God's eyes, yet God gives without need of return. What will we do?

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#### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

#### WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please call the r-ectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

#### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:**

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

#### VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

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#### THIS WEEK

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUG. 31 – SEPT. 1, 2013 USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 -

**5:00 P.M.** Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Mau-

rice Church

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1 -

**7:30 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

**10:00 A.M.** – Mass offered for +Julie Riddlesworth request of

Mark & Barbara Fiano

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPT. 2 -

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

Happy Labor Day—NO BINGO

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 -

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis request of

the Dean & Bloznalis Family

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 -

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

NO FAIR WORKSHOP

3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 - No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 - No Mass

7:00 P.M. Senior & Junior Youth Groups—Bonfire

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 -

4:30 P.M. - ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – August 25 – \$2,588 Last year's Offertory – August 26 – \$2,756

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,

the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

# 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SEPT. 7 – SEPT. 8, 2013** 

THE NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

<u>Coffee Social After Sunday Masses in the Parish Center</u> USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 -

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

Church

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea Lector: Georgette Pelletier Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

Coffee Social after 5 P.M. Mass in the Church Basement

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 -

7:30 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Henry Leonard</u>

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

**10:00 A.M.** – Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice

Church

Altar Servers: Lee & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

FAITH FORMATION BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND

REGISTRATION AT 10 A.M. MASS

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** after Mass

5:30 P.M. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, SEPT. 9 -

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino</u>

**5:00 P.M.**— Parish **BINGO**—Food available from 5 P.M. Games begin

at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 -

9:00 A.M. <u>Mass offered for +James P. Bloznalis</u> request of the

Dean & Bloznalis Family

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 -

**9:00 A.M.** Mass offered for +Samuel Guglielmino

9:00 A.M.—FAIR WORKSHOP

3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 - No Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 - No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 -

**4:30 P.M.** – ROSARY BEFORE 5 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of September 1, 2013

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk

14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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#### **2013 NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION PROGRAM**

Next weekend is the National Combined Collection which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communications Campaign, and Catholic University of America. You will receive a mailing about this important collection. (Gift envelopes and an informational brochure are also available at the church.) Please read the material and if you are so inclined, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, September 7/8, 2013. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

#### Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat Weekend

September 19-22, 2013 - (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service): presented by local Catholic women and sponsored by St Matthew's Church. Open to all women from the CT area, to be held at the Immaculate Conception Retreat House in Putnam The main purpose of the retreat is to help renew the Parish and deepen your relationship with God. For more information or an application contact Director, Monica Barrett at 860-707-3648. Applications are also available in the church and at <a href="https://www.actsct.org">www.actsct.org</a>.

For every man,

moreover,

to eat and drink

and enjoy the

fruit of all his labor

is a gift of God.

HAVE A SAFE

AND

HAPPY

LABOR DAY!

#### SAINT MAURICE PARISH

#### **UPCOMING CCD REMINDERS**

- CCD registration forms should be returned as soon as possible. Classes begin on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 in the Parish Center. There will be a short meeting on the first day of classes for parents, please plan to attend.
- The Senior Youth Group and the junior "Disciples" will meet together on Friday evening September 6<sup>th</sup> for a bonfire from 7-9pm to kick off a new year of fun. All youth in grades 5 through 12 are welcome to join us. All future meetings will be on the first Friday of each month.
- On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 mass children should bring their backpacks to church and place them on the altar near the Tabernacle before mass. They will receive a special blessing and the children will receive an item for their backpack from the servers after mass.
- Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Catechists will receive a special blessing at the 10:00 mass.
- Students in the confirmation class will be required to attend the Diocese of Norwich Youth Explosion V, called *Declare the Victory*, on Sunday, 9/22/13 at St. Bernard School in Uncasville, CT. Please save the date and time as this is a daylong event. Students should attend their first CCD class at 9:00, but will attend mass as part of the retreat. Please visit their website for further information at <a href="https://www.youthexplosionct.com">www.youthexplosionct.com</a>. There will be more information to come on this important event!

#### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS**

The month of September has been delegated as Safe Environments Month here at Saint Maurice. As part of strategies in creating a safe, faith environment for children, a double-sided insert will be included in each Sunday bulletin in September. This meets our Diocesan requirement to provide this material into the bulletin on a yearly basis. Parents are asked to review the brochures that focus on what they can do to help assure safety and welfare, as well as sensitively review the brochures that center on young children/teenagers with their own children.

#### **Defending Our Religious Liberty**

The Catholic Church's stand against the federal health care mandate isn't about access to contraception, which is widely available. It is about a government regulation that is forcing the Church to act against our moral principles, thereby, violating religious freedom.

To voice your opposition to the mandate, please call the Capitol switchboard in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-3121 and urge your Congressmen or Congresswoman and/or U.S. Senators to support legislation that will overturn the mandate. You can also write to the White House at: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500.



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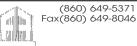
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