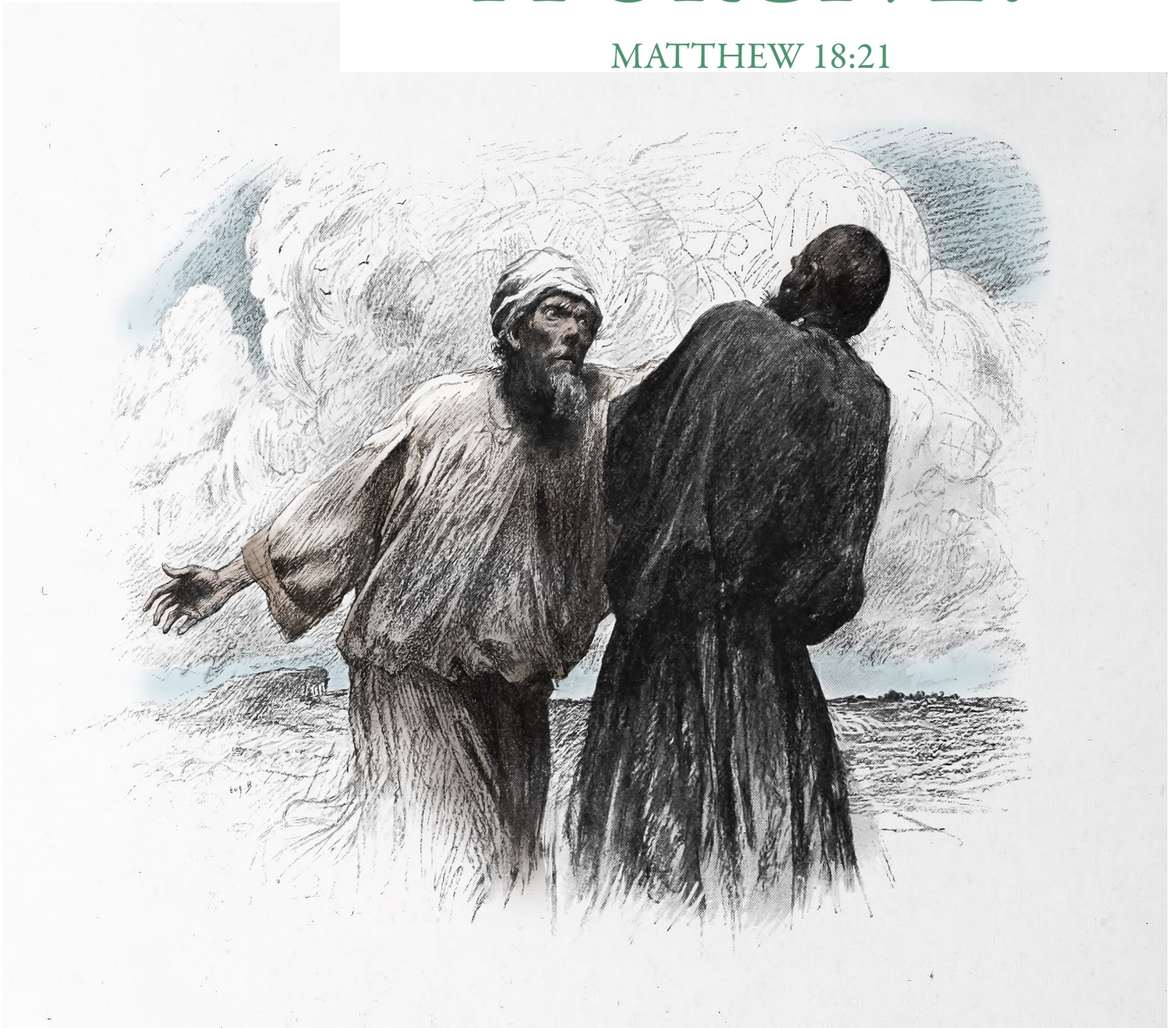


St. Mary + Magdalen



LORD, IF MY BROTHER SINS AGAINST ME, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?

MATTHEW 18:21



September 17th, 2023

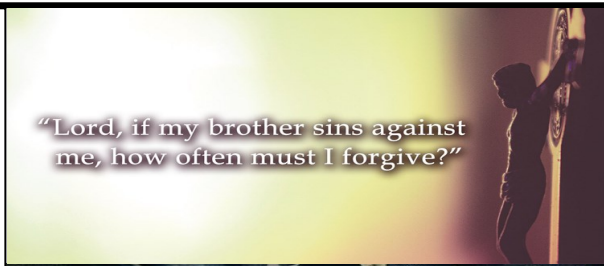
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week



For the Week of September 17, 2023, Year A, Cycle I

Saturday September 16 5:00pm	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49 †Ed Thomas by Linda Thomas & family †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen †Hope Rachel Obado by her family To give thanks to God
Sunday September 17 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 †Oswaldo Gutierrez by St Mary Magdalen Parish †Lawrence Jasira by Bob & Anne Click †Lois Jean Levan by St Mary Magdalen Parish The People of our Parish
Monday September 18 8:00am	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10 †Tim Dwyer by Carol Dwyer
Tuesday September 19	Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday September 20 8:00am	Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday September 21 8:00am	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13 John Ott by Mike & Carol Wood
Friday September 22 8:00am	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday September 23 5:00pm	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15 †John Ninh Tran by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Peter Quan by Hoa & Muoi Nguyen †Jacques Nguyen by Elizabeth Nguyen To give thanks to God
Sunday September 24 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a Family Simic by Anita Sime Family Juric by Anita Simic Family Ivicovic by Anita Simic †Brandon Micheal White by Craig family †Ben Rich by Margo Rich



Josh Lemke, Alex Beauchamp, Thomas Church,
Egan Simmons, Lindsey Garrett,
Paul Beauchamp, John Beauchamp,
Steve Jacobs, Sean Branagan, Jon Fraher,
Daniel Yonker, Carl Simmons, Devon Roche
Louis Carlson II, Major Andrea Shefferly,
Gage Dionne, Larry P. Meeusen, Stephen Galdys,
Zachary Ralston

If you have a need for prayer, please use our website, www.stmmagdalen.org, under Christian Services, or call the office at 616-455-9310 to submit a prayer for either the bulletin or the prayer chain.

If you have any questions or are in need of assistance, please call the office so we can help.

Note: Names will stay on the list until the end of the month, if you are still in need of prayer, please let the office know.

Alters, Jamie
Arby, Christopher
Asplund, Diane
Barber, Carol & Jim
Bristol, Howard
Bristol, Anna
Bristol, Beth
Bunker-Lloyd, Lynda
Campione, Dolores
Church, Robert
Crowley, Robert
DeLing, Richard
Downey, Sally
Drelles Family
England, Christine
Fraher, Kathy

Gabourie, Tom
Galic, Slava
Glennie, Paula
Gorkowski, Henry
Gwizdak, Micheal
Haring, Stephen Paul
Hekman-Terpstra, Nelly
Hermann, Jerimiah
Herrmann, Benny
Herrmann, Marilyn
Hojnacki, Jim
Ivos, Zdravko
Jacobs, Ed & Peggy
Jelens, Dan
Kaiser, Marvin
Kastenholz, Jean & Mark

Kaminski, Marilyn
Knight, India
Kulikowski, Joseph
Kulczyk, Ray
Lawson, Norma
Le, Bao Tien
Lovell, Laura
McCormick, Davis
Minerva, Antonina
Nawrocki, Barbara
Nelson, Dorothy
Nguyen, Truc
Oliver-Schauer, Mary
Partridge, Therese
Pelletier, Tim
Petrlich, Alice

Reynolds, Sue
Rhoades, Michelle
Ringelsen, Richard
Roberts, Sandra
Scott, Jennifer
Sobczak, Ed & Bobbie
Stephan, Janet & Ron
Terpak, Dorothy
Toohey, Paul
Waldron, Karen
Walker, Fran
Wedge, Matthew
Wilson, Henry
Wingeier, Pat
Wittkowski, Michael
Young, Sharon

For if we live,
we live for the Lord
Romans 14:8

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MASSES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE**Mass**

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
 Last Sunday of the month 1:00pm in Vietnamese
 Mon, Wed - Fri 8:00 am

Adoration

1st Friday of the month
 8:30am to 6:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday
 3:30-4:45 pm
 Or by appointment if necessary

Baptism

1st Sunday of the month
 12:00 pm
 Call Parish Office,
 prep necessary

Wedding

6 months preparation necessary.
 Call Parish Office

Funeral

Call Parish Office

LỊCH THÁNH LỄ VÀ BÍ TÍCH**Thánh Lễ**

Thứ Bảy 5:00 chiều
 Chủ nhật 9:00, 11:00 sáng và 5:00 chiều
 Chủ nhật cuối cùng của tháng 1:00 chiều bằng Tiếng Việt
 Thứ Hai, Thứ Tư-Thứ Sáu 8:00 sáng

Chầu Thánh Thể

Thứ sáu đầu tiên của tháng
 8:30-6:30 chiều

Giải tội

Thứ Bảy 3: 30-4: 45 chiều
 Hoặc lấy hẹn nếu cần thiết

Rửa tội

Chủ nhật đầu tiên của tháng
 12 giờ trưa
 Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ, để chuẩn bị trước

Lễ cưới

6 tháng để chuẩn bị trước
 Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ

Lễ an táng

Gọi Văn phòng Giáo xứ

Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, xin liên lạc với Sơ Mai Do

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 Patricia Snyder Financial Council

For prayer requests, you may submit them online on our website, www.stmmagdalen.org, or call the office, **616-455-9310**.

Lectors for the Week of September 17th

Saturday, 5pm Laurie Emelander
 Sunday, 9am Chris Maday, Maria Saenz
 Sunday, 11am Michelle Martin, Arlette Uwargira
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Roberts

Lectors for the Week of September 24th

Saturday, 5pm Judy Haisma
 Sunday, 9am Chris Maday, Laura Moore
 Sunday, 11am Marie Abner, Arlette Uwarugira
 Sunday, 5pm Mark O'Gorman

Cantors for September 17th

Saturday, 5pm Emily Rushmore
 Sunday, 9am Emily Rushmore
 Sunday, 11am Bedi Komera
 Sunday, 5pm Emily Rushmore

Cantors for September 24th

Saturday, 5pm Kathy Miller
 Sunday, 9am Barbara Kozachik
 Sunday, 11am Sandy Soresi
 Sunday, 5pm Mary Thompson





A Note from Our Knights of Columbus

Thanks to generous donations by Parishioners and Council members, Knights of Columbus Council 16223 recently donated over \$1,500 of School Supplies to Kentwood Public Schools and San Juan Diego Academy in Wyoming. Both schools were very grateful for the donation.

From an email received from Kentwood Public Schools: "We work with students and families who are in a tough position. Being able to take away the burden and cost of purchasing school supplies means so much! It relieves some pressure and allows kids to feel like their peers with new items to start the year. I appreciate you and your generous hearts so much! Thank you for caring about your community!".

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending September 10th	Fiscal YTD 7/1/23—6/30/24
Offertory Regular \$ 9,375	Offertory Actual \$ 113,575
<u>Electronic Giving \$ 1,425</u>	<u>Offertory Budget \$ 115,000</u>
Total Collection \$ 10,800	Over/(Under) \$ (1,425)
Benevolent Fund: \$ 157	Maintenance Fund: \$ 300

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of treasure and for sharing a portion of the financial gifts that God has blessed you with in support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

To donate online please visit: stmmagdalen.org/donate

Diocese of Grand Rapids—Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

# of households that have returned a pledge card:	220
St. Mary Magdalen 2023 CSA Goal:	\$104,094
Total pledges thru September 11, 2023:	\$84,105
Goal achieved: 81%	Participation percentage: 22%

Your donations to the Maintenance Fund support the costs to repair and maintain all of our campus facilities. As good stewards, we are called to be caretakers of these facilities that allow us to accomplish our mission of sharing the Gospel message with all in our local faith community. Thank you for your continued stewardship of treasure in support of St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

FACILITIES UPDATE

Family Center Kitchen Floor—Thank you to all who have so generously contributed \$5,935 to help cover the cost of installing new ceramic tile in the Family Center kitchen. Please prayerfully consider giving to support this next phase of the kitchen and family center renovation. The cost of the tiles was \$3,500 alone and does not include the labor costs for installation.

Thank you to several parishioners who helped with the removal of the old tiles (members of the Men’s Group and the Knights of Columbus). Since all of the old floor tiles were removed and the majority of the kitchen furniture and supplies were taken out, it gave us an opportunity to paint the walls a fresh coat of blue. The hope is to have the kitchen and pantry floor finished just in time for the beginning of parish dinners and faith formation on September 13th.

BAC HVAC Units—Unfortunately, as our buildings continue to show their age and wear and tear, one of the two furnace/AC units has failed. After 21 years of service, Unit #1 is no longer operational. The replacement cost is around \$9,600.

Church/Family Center HVAC System—We continue to have challenges with the heating, cooling and ventilation system in the church/family center building. Even though the church was rebuilt and dedicated in 2014, we are already seeing signs of aging and obsolescence. Issues with the HVAC control systems have continued to plague us over the last couple of years. For this reason, we are doing a Control Commissioning of the HVAC systems. This will cost around \$4,000 and will include the following:

- Site survey
- Onsite equipment and sensor functional testing
- Graphic review and verification
- Retro-Commissioning Report
- Distributed issue log for review
- Sequencing and programming verification

Once completed, we will have a baseline of our system and have a starting point to troubleshoot and hopefully identify the root causes of our HVAC system.

Homebound Ministry

Music Ministry

Hello everyone,

Last week, I discussed the first of the four words spoken during the consecration at Mass: taken, blessed, broken, and given. In this week's article, I would like to share some reflective questions and suggestions from Father Paul Shelton to guide us in living a Eucharistic life through these words.

1. TAKEN

What do I offer to God?

- Daily offering
- Prayer lists

How has God saved me?

- Tell stories of salvation
- Ordinary things used for divine purposes

2. BLESSED

How do I see the world as blessed?

- Blessed spaces at home and at school
- Blessings before meals, class, games
- Practicing gratitude
- Religious objects
- Adoration

3. BROKEN

How do I let God heal me?

- Sacrament of reconciliation
- Forgiving self, others
- Identifying/ fixing structures of sin

4. GIVEN

How do I bring Jesus to the world?

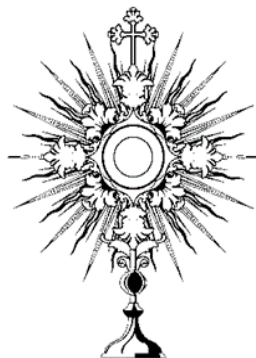
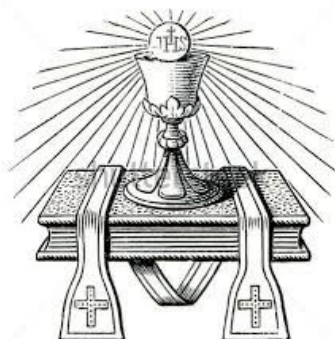
- Service
- Evangelization
- Be saints - old and new
- Fire that kindles other fires

In Christ,
Sr. Mai Do

Vietnamese Mass

Join us for the Vietnamese Mass September 24th, 2023 at 1:00pm

Kính mời quý vị tham dự **Thánh Lễ Tiếng Việt** vào Chúa Nhật cuối tháng ngày 24 tháng 09 năm 2023, lúc 1 giờ chiều .



Dear St. Mary Magdalen Community,

For the past six years I've had the pleasure of being your Music Director.

Thank you for allowing me the joy of playing at your weddings, the solemn responsibility of playing for your loved one's funerals. Thank you for singing and worshipping God with me, in and out, every weekend.

I've grown personally and professionally during my time here, but just as important to me are the relationships I've built with the staff, music volunteers, and parishioners. You have enriched my life in innumerable, wonderful ways. I am so grateful for the six years of worshipping and working alongside this beautiful community.

My gratitude goes out to the volunteers in music ministry. So many of you have been serving for *years*, serving when the choir was in feast or famine, so to speak! I appreciate you sticking it out, especially rebuilding after COVID. I also appreciate those who came back to try choir or hand bells or responded to the call and stepped up even though it was brand new to them!

I am also so grateful to my coworkers and Father Peter. Not everyone can say they enjoy spending time at work. I did. You cared for me not just as your music director, but as Emily. Thank you for all for your listening ears, encouragement, and help through the years. I'm so grateful for you all. Even Phil. I'll miss you all.

The decision to change jobs was a very difficult one. However, I've learned that when you ask God to provide, you need to trust the doors he opens for you to walk through. The parish I will be working at- Holy Redeemer- was the parish I was baptized at and still have family active in. Even more so, I just found out the first Mass I will play there next weekend- the Mass intentions are for my deceased grandfather- a Mass intention my mom placed over a year ago. These consolations sometimes. . .

I have been praying and will continue to pray for the right spirit-filled person to lead this church in song. I have no doubt that God will provide for your needs as he does so kindly for each one of us when we ask. Once again, thank you for the past six years of love, support, and beautiful song. The people of St. Mary Magdalen will always hold a special place in my heart. May God's blessings be on you all.

Love,

Emily Rushmore
September 12, 2023

Faith Formation



THANK YOU! Asante! Cảm ơn! Salamat!

We would like to recognize and thank all the catechists that offer their time, talent, and treasure to our parish!

Please keep them in your prayers as we begin our new Faith Formation year!

- Monica Dean*
- Karen Hanson*
- Ketri Herrmann*
- Lynie Huynh*
- Jamie Johnson*
- Mary Kennedy*
- Jasmine Kuennen*
- Kim Levesque*
- Phil Martin*
- Kathi Mels*
- Laura Moore*
- Hue Nguyen*
- Mark O’Gorman*
- Dan Seyffert*



**Come to Night at the Races!
Dinner Tickets on Sale Now!
September 30th, 6-10 p.m.
\$20 in advance/\$25 at the door**

This is an action packed evening which begins with a delicious dinner and features exciting horse races that are shown on a big screen and called by an MC. You can sponsor races and horses, place wagers, and cheer horses onto victory! Check out the booth in Gathering Area to learn more about the event!

You can join us for dinner, the races, or BOTH!

Faith Formation News!

Wednesday, September 20th, 6:15 pm- 8th Grade Parent Information Meeting regarding preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Christian Services

The St Mary Magdalen bowling league will be starting September 17th and runs through May. This league plays every other week at 3:00pm at Spectrum Lanes on Clyde Park Ave. Please contact Ruth at rbush@stmmagdalen.org or 616-455-9310, if you would like more information or to sign up. All skill levels are welcome.

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During coffee and donuts last week many people had the opportunity to stop by and looked at the new kitchen floor. A big ‘Thank you’ to Tom of LaTerra flooring for all of his hard work. The kitchen looks great!



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The Men’s Group fall scrap metal drive will be October 7th from 9am to 1pm. So bring in that old grill you have been trying to get rid of, that lawn mower that’s been taking up space in your garage, or the exercise equipment you no longer use. They accept all types of metal. Sorry they cannot provide pickups at this time.

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For week 2 of our Wednesday Night Family Dinners, we will be having spaghetti. Both a white sauce and red sauce will be available along with your choice of meatballs and chicken.

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Do you do wood working and use pallets? We have accumulated a number of pallets that are looking for a new home. They are located by the electrical box on the north side of the garage. Please help yourself.



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October is the month of Mary. Please join us October 15th at 12:30pm when Kevin Mathews will be here to tell the story of how he discovered “The Broken Mary” and how She has changed his life. Come for coffee and donuts and stay to hear Kevin. Encourage your friends and family to come and remember everyone is invited to attend.

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Upcoming events:

- ◆ Men’s Group Scrap Metal Drive– October 7th 9am-1pm
- ◆ Blood Drive– October 15th 8am-12:30pm
- ◆ The Broken Mary by Kevin Mathews– October 15th 12:30pm
- ◆ Women’s Guild Craft Show– November 18th 10am-3pm
- ◆ Veterans Lunch– November 19th 12pm



Interested in helping to keep our Church Campus Looking Good?

If you are interested and available to help with the many outdoor tasks, please let us know! We need people to mow, to shovel (in the winter), to fill cracks in the parking lot, to spray weed killer, and many more items. Please give Phil a call in the parish office, 616-455-9310.

Thank you



Women's Guild Meeting

At 11 am on Thursday, September 21st, the Women's Guild will be meeting at Russ' Restaurant Located at 6444 Division Ave S. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events for the Week of 9/17 to 9/23

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am Mass w/ CLW 10:00am Coffee & Donuts 11:00am Mass w/CLW 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts 5:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	3:00pm GreifShare Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8:00am Mass 9:00am Scripture Study 5:15pm Family Dinner 6:15pm Faith Formation 6:15pm 8th Grade Parent mtg	8:00am Mass 11:00am Women's Guild	8:00am Mass 4:00pm Bowl Painting Party	9:00am Baptism Prep class 3:30pm Confession 5:00pm Mass



Annual Adult Bowl Painting Party
 Friday, September 22nd, 2023 4-8pm
 We are so excited that so many people signed up!

- Just a few reminders for that night:
- Painting and snacks are available from 4pm until 8pm, stop in anytime between those hours
- The cost is \$10 per bowl or \$15 if you would like to keep one and donate one. If you are keeping both they are still \$10 each



• Please pay with cash or check. Checks should be payable to God's Kitchen
 Thank you!

