



September 4, 2010  
Twenty Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

# St. Matthew Catholic Parish

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### Parish Office

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Hours...Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
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### Parish Staff

**Pastor**, Rev. Patrick O'Loughlin .....

**Deacon**, John Stodola

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**Youth Ministry Director**,

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Office ..... 762-6820

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**Secretary**, Michael Hofmann .(h) 762-3735

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### Parish Council

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*“If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”*

— Lk 14:26-27

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# Welcome!

You may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in his name we bid you "welcome," praying that you find peace, inspiration and friendship in this parish.

## Parish Council

Chris Adams, Steve Anderson, Alan Bronikowski, Troy Fields, Karen Franckowiak, Larisa Knorr, Mike Kuick, Michael Hofmann, Blanche McQuitty, Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin, Cliff Shelton

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 and 9:30am

## Sacramental Life

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4pm or call for an appointment.

### Marriage

Registered, practicing members, call the Pastor as soon as you are engaged and at least six months in advance of the marriage.

## Baptism

We welcome children of registered members, practicing Catholic parent(s)/guardian(s). Please call Deacon John Stodola for more information at (414) 570-9508.

## First Communion

Preparation begins in first grade. Please call Child Formation Office for more information.

## Anointing of the Sick

First Fridays at Mass or weekends after Masses. Please call Parish Office to register.

## Parish Services

### Sick/Communion Outreach

Requests for visitation of the homebound should be made to the Parish Office.

## Hospital Visitation

If you are hospitalized and wish a visit, please call the Parish Office.

## Prayer Network

Prays for personal intentions daily. To add intentions, call Nikki Sunn at 414-762-8145 or e-mail wolfsunn@hotmail.com by Thursday morning each week unless emergency.

## Parish Membership

All Catholic adults living in the parish area and regularly participating in Liturgy should register with the Parish. Registration and participation is required for reduced rates in Parish School, Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs. To join St. Matthew's, call 762-4200 ext. 20 for an appointment.



## Question of the Week—September 5, 2010

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33

On first hearing, today's Gospel passage, with its demands for discipleship, seems very harsh. Is Jesus **really** asking us to hate family and one's own life and to renounce all one's possessions? Luke uses hyperbole to make his point about the cost of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus demands everything we have, everything we are! Our relationship with Jesus must be the **core** relationship of our life – all other relationships flow from it. The choices we make in life define us as disciples, or not. Jesus must come first before any other person, before any possession or life plan, even before one's own life. Jesus is telling us that being a true disciple comes with a cost, but the reward is beyond our imagining – a share in the very life of God.

**QUESTION:** How have I experienced the cost of discipleship in my life?  
Have I placed anything at all ahead of my relationship with God?

## Your Gift of Treasure

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

## Financial Stewardship

	Last Week	12 month Totals	Budget Needs	Previous Year
Envelope	\$7,803	596,030	650,310	613,728
Basket	\$ 494	31,169	26,520	33,706
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,297.</b>	<b>627,199</b>	<b>676,830</b>	<b>647,734</b>

**We are \$ 20,235 below last year and \$ 49,631 below budget.**

## Reminder

Have you have had a change of address or phone number recently? Or perhaps your family status has changed, please call the parish office at 762-4200 ext. 20. It would be helpful in keeping are records up to date.

## Spiritual Adoption Program - Month 8

“Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I’ve got long fingernails and I’m busy getting ready for my birthday. I can’t wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I’ll see them soon.” Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby’s mother and father. During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them. If you would like to get involved in this program please contact Dorothy Parzych - 764-0962.



## Adult Choir Begins/Interested?



The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals again on Thursday September 9 at 7pm. The choir will begin singing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 12th. We need more singers in all voices: Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Basses. We especially need altos and basses. If interested in giving choir a try, come to the first rehearsal on September 9 at 7pm in the church, or call Judy Wargin (762-4200 ext. 16).

## Reaching Out

During September we will be helping an organization very close to our community. **South Milwaukee Human Concerns** is in need of laundry detergent, bar soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shaving cream, band aids, deodorant, diapers, and baby wipes (all sizes). Cash donations are also greatly appreciated.

## Some Help For Those Pained By Divorce

Many families are touched by the pain caused by divorce. Fr. Bernie Sippel, Assisting priest at St. James, is a specialist in the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal that deals with annulments. He will talk on and answer questions about annulments at St. James Church Hall, 7219 S. 27th St., Franklin on Thursday evening, **October 28th** at 7pm. Light refreshments. **FREE**. Invite your Catholic friends and neighbors who may be interested in hearing about this. Need directions? Call St. James office at 761-0480. Brought to you by the Evangelization Consortium of St. Charles Borromeo (Milwaukee), St. James (Franklin), St. Louis (Caledonia), St. Mary by the Lake (Racine), St. Matthew (Oak Creek), St. Roman (Milwaukee), and St. Stephen (Oak Creek).

## Save the Date

This is a reminder for the St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor coming up Saturday, **September 25th** at St. Francis Seminary. The walk begins at 10:30am with Mass preceding for those interested. The proceeds benefit the poorest of our local conferences. To sign up or get further information, go to [www.svdpmilw.org](http://www.svdpmilw.org), or call 414-462-7837. There are flyers available on the desk in the gathering space as well. Invite friends and family for a beautiful walk...and a good cause. There will be free hot dogs/soda available at noon.

## Bereavement Ministry Book Cart

Bereavement Books are available for those difficult periods of your life. A Bereavement Book Cart will be located in the Gathering Space Hallway each month. When taking one of our books to read, be sure to provide your information in the Bereavement Binder. When you are finished reading, return the book to the cart and take another. Also available are the Care Notes for you to take for yourself, family, friends or co-workers

### Monday, September 6 Labor Day Tuesday, September 7

5:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	
	Meal Program	
6:00 pm	Stewardship Cmt	Matt
6:00 pm	Scouts-Wolves	Mark
6:00 pm	Scouts-Bears	Luke
6:00 pm	Scouts-Webelos	Cafe
6:30 pm	Scouts-Tigers	SR

### Wednesday, September 8

6:00 pm	Gr. 8 DC Trip Mtg	Rm 23
6:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul	John
7:00pm	Home and School	Cafe

### Thursday, September 9

6:30 pm	Respect Life Cmt	Matt
7:00 pm	Adult Choir	CH

### Friday, September 10

6:00 pm	Scrapbooking	Cafe
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### Saturday, September 11

**Respect Life Mum Sale**

### Sunday, September 12

**Respect Life Mum Sale**

8:00 am	Gr. 8 Car Wash	
8:30 am	Holy Name Society	GS
10:30 am	Sandwich Sunday	Kit

CH-Church • CR-Conference Room • GS-Good Shepherd • MP Multi Purpose Rms • SR-Scout Room • SW-South Wing

## Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mi 5:1-4a /Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

## Interfaith Mum Sale

Be sure to stop and get your mums after Masses **September 11th and 12th**. Not only will they beautify your yard, but you will be helping the Interfaith Neighborhood Program at the same time, since all proceeds go to them. Cost is 1 plant - \$8; 2 plants - \$15; 3 plants - \$20. Checks should be made out to South Milwaukee/Oak Creek Interfaith. Thank you.



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