



June 27, 2010 · Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, June 28** *Irenaeus*

8:15 am Mass

**Tuesday, June 29** *Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:15 am Mass

**Wednesday, June 30** *First Holy Martyrs*

8:15 am Communion Service

† Robin Lynn Singer (anniv.)

**Thursday, July 1** *Junípero Serra*

8:15 am Mass

**Friday, July 2**

8:15 am Mass

† Francesco Sanfilippo

**Saturday, July 3: 4:00 pm** *Thomas, Apostle*

11:00 am Reconciliation

**Sunday, July 4: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am**

† John Foley

† Richard Jeske

† Jack Thompson

When I picture a chain, I picture what holds up our baby swing in the back yard; it holds our grandkids when they are pushed back and forth while I usually hum a nursery rhyme. But Pete Seeger's admonition is gentle...much more profound: "*guard well our human chain; watch well you keep it strong, as long as sun will shine.*" The image goes deeper to a place of great respect for every living person.

The human chain implies that we all belong to one another. That diversity melds into unity, that we all walk upon the same earth and breathe the same air. There is something so Genesis about it, so incredibly creational. One can see the Divine Word breathing upon the chaos and there is earth, and sea, sky, and living things! There you and I are breathed in life by that same Divine Word! The lines invite us to take care of one another, to be gentle with one another, less judgmental, more forgiving, broadening our perspective, keeping our words kind, waiting for the rage to pass and the anger to quiet before we speak.

"*Guard well the human chain*". It means for me that we are connected: the newborn and the 90-year old who can barely see or walk anymore. It means that laborer, farmer, housewife, CEO, and every profession we can know, are somehow interconnected, interrelated and part of the human chain. It means there is no room for war, only peace. Henri Nouwen in his *Sabbatical Journey* said: "All is one: the heart of God, the hearts of all people, our own hearts."

I would like to leave you with the words of Pete Seeger's song...a kind of reflection for summer as we enjoy the earth and the creative acts of God found in blueberries, strawberries, melons and tomatoes, and in one another!

## Altar Servers/\*Cross Bearers

**Saturday, July 3**

4:00 pm \*Katie Freibergs, Kristi Freibergs, David Nowacki

**Sunday, July 4**

7:30 am \*Gino Mueller, Brittany Gathje, Casey Kotowski

9:00 am \*Stephanie Breunig, Matt Beilfuss, Rachel Beilfuss

11:00 am \*Benjamin Bartels, Madeleine Cieszynski, Dan Bartels

*From Mary's Desk:*

## Guard Well Our Human Chain

Several months ago there was a great PBS program on the life of Pete Seeger, the old balladeer who made songs like, "We Shall Overcome", and "Goodnight, Irene" and "This Land is Your Land" part of the fabric of American folk music. I think he is 94 now and lives off the land in upstate New York. His songs are still widely sung and sought after. At the end of the show, one of his classics was sung called "To My Old Brown Earth" and it just caught my imagination. Maybe because he calls the earth "my earth" and the sky "my sky", and in some ways he takes ownership for what so many take for granted.

The song is sung in church choir fashion so there is something very religious about it, like a hymn. The circumstances around the song are rather sad in that Pete was silenced for awhile in his early years during a time when actors and singers were under a vigilant siege making sure that orthodoxy was followed. It would last for seventeen years.

The line I love the most was "*Guard well our human chain*". It is an invitation, a warning, to take care of one another.

## To My Old Brown Earth

*To My Old Brown Earth*

*And to my old blue sky*

*I'll now give these last few molecules of "I"*

*And you who sing,*

*And you who stand nearby,*

*I do charge you not to cry.*

*Guard well our human chain,*

*Watch well you keep it strong,*

*As long as sun will shine.*

*And this our home,*

*Keep pure and sweet and green,*

*For now I'm yours*

*And you are also mine.*

*(Pete Seeger)*

*Blessings to all of you, always,*

Mary K. Matestic

## Follow Faithfully

When Elijah calls Elisha to follow him, Elisha goes back, momentarily, to finish some business at home. But note that he does not leave the work to be done by those at home, nor does he plan to come back and finish it himself. He recognizes in Elijah's call that he must follow faithfully and not look back.

Psalm 16 celebrates the loving protection of God for those who depend on God's love and mercy. God is our portion and cup, in a line seen by Christians as a poetic reference to Eucharist, and God will not abandon us to death and corruption, but will call us into the holy Presence forever. This could be seen as resurrection, something that was not universally believed in the days before Jesus. We are assured that if we go forth in confidence to follow God's daily call, we will not be shamed or abandoned, but will find the life we seek.

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## Let the Dead Bury Their Dead

"Let the dead bury their dead" is not a polite thing to say to someone who just wants to provide a simple, human service to his father - a service, it needs to be said, that was required under Jewish law. Burying the dead and honoring one's parents were both mandates, not suggestions.

But time is short, and Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and his death. The shortcut across Samaria leads to shunning this time, as the Samaritans are not keen on a prophet destined for Jerusalem. The disciples would like to see them punished, but Jesus is not going to dignify that request with anything more than a curt reprimand. There is no time to lose.

To those who want to follow him, Jesus points out that the way he is going holds no glamour. Those who hesitate, Jesus rejects. The only disciples Jesus can use are those who put their hand to God's plow and do not look back. You can only plow a straight line if you keep your focus on what you are doing - like Jesus, who is making a beeline for Jerusalem and the cross.

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## Readings for the Week of June 27, 2010

**Sunday** - 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

**Monday** - Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday** - Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday** - Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16b-17; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday** - Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday** - Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday** - Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

**Next Sunday** - Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

## In Preparation for Next Week:

### Questions of the Week



Describe a time when someone was "Jerusalem" for you, lightening your burden and offering you comfort. Which two evils do you feel personally addressed to challenge in your family, parish, or greater community? How can you and a friend begin your testimony against them?

### Action Response

Actions speak louder than discussion groups. Become an official member of the "seventy-two club" today. With a friend or group of friends, pledge to personally and visibly confront at least one circumstance of evil. *God's Word is Alive* by Alice Camille, ACTA Publications, 5559 W. Howard St., Skokie, IL 60077, www.actapublications.com

### July 4, 2010 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** - Rejoice and be glad for I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing torrent (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

**Psalm** - Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** - May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

**Gospel** - Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs to bring his peace and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20) [1-9].

## "exploring the Sunday Readings"

Copies of "exploring the Sunday Readings" are available in the Communications Center before and after all Masses.



Gloria Hatta

Carrie Anne Knitter

Tom Bindas

David A. Christensen

Jan Dankert

Don and Ellen

Archie Dunbar

Margaret Inhoff

Mary Lownik

Gerdi Machnitzky

Joli Stewart

Joshua Stewart

Judy Strucel

Carol Anne Werkowski



## Wedding Banns

| Reinder Oost and Amy Janiszewski

| Charles Stack and Theresa Berte

| Orlando Garcia and Kathryn Brennan

**Pastoral Care** - Past and present members please join us for our last meeting with Mary Matestic on **June 28 at 11:30 am** in the Board Room. Call Diane Gilles for details at 414-427-1291.

### At a Loss

*When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;*

*When health is lost, something is lost;*

*When character is lost, all is lost.*

- German proverb

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## St. Mary's Parish Festival



### **Call for Action – Festival Donations for Raffle Booth**

Now is the time! We are looking for our generous parishioners to make donations of prizes to be raffled off at the Main Raffle Booth during the festival. If you have any **new** toys, clothes, sportswear, arts or crafts, quilts, sports memorabilia, appliances, kitchenware, etc. we would gratefully accept and display them as prizes for our raffle. **Please bring these items to the Parish Office between now and July 7, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.** Please ask one of the office workers to help us identify and label the gift and give them an estimated value of the piece. If you need someone to pick up your gift, please call Shirley at 414-281-0654.

### **Festival Games Chairperson Needed**

The festival is quickly approaching, and we are still seeking someone to run the games booth. We were unable to get a volunteer to chair the Games Committee last year and as a result, the only games we had for the children were video games. Our goal this year is to include *some* video games and several of the more traditional games such as nickel toss, football throw, etc. **Keep in mind that you may get several people to chair this committee with you;** it spreads out the work and can increase the fun. Please consider taking on this responsibility as it is very important for the overall success of our festival. Contact Bob Coleman at 414-510-1869 or Dave Lownik at 414-702-1253.

### **Wanted! A few good men and women with strong backs, weak minds and a little extra time on their hands.**

Actually we need all the people we can get and you don't have to have a weak mind, but it helps. **We need folks to help with festival set-up and tear-down.** It is a lot of work but we have a lot of fun doing it. It's also rewarding to watch a parking lot become a festival before your eyes. **We start at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 6 and work all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Sunday night and Monday we reverse the process and recreate a parking lot.** Any amount of time that you can spare will be greatly appreciated. You can sign up on-line at [www.stmaryhc.com](http://www.stmaryhc.com), or contact Tom Warner (Set-Up Chairman) at [tmwccs@wi.rr.com](mailto:tmwccs@wi.rr.com), [twarner@ah.com](mailto:twarner@ah.com) or 414-421-5941.

### **Healthcare Professionals Needed at Festival**

Help is needed in First Aid to provide basic first aid during the Parish Festival. **EMT, MD, RN, LPN, First Responder, etc. - CPR certified.** Non-parishioners are welcome, so sign up a friend or co-worker! 3.5 - 4.5 hour shifts requested but accommodations will be made to meet your needs. Call Linda Jaeschke, RN, (and First Aid Chairperson) at 414-217-3525. Provide your name, title and phone number. Or, sign up on St. Mary's website - [www.stmaryhc.org](http://www.stmaryhc.org).

### **Co-Chair for Pizza Booth Desperately Needed**

Contact Helen Janz at 414-529-1010 or [hjanz@firstweber.com](mailto:hjanz@firstweber.com)

# BE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER

## Coming and Going

*Welcome Fr. Matthew!*

*We hope your presence in our midst will help us grow together in compassion and care.*

*Farewell, Wendy Rappe!*

*Your presence has helped us become more;  
as we watched your gentle guiding hand walk so many through RCIA, you took us all with them.  
Thank you and abundant blessings as you "go forth to love and serve".*

## A Reflection

The scriptures today address issues of liberty and freedom - the freedom to give up everything and follow Jesus on the Way  
- the freedom that allows us the ability to "serve one another through love"  
- the freedom to give oneself unconditionally and completely to something that is most important and bigger than ourselves.

**Just-FAITH**  
*St Mary Catholic Faith Community*  
*Fall 2010 - Spring 2011*

**Come and find out if one of the many of these transformational programs may be right for you...**

JustFaith programs offer a transformational journey into our authentic Gospel call to "act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God". To learn more about the JustFaith, Justice Walking, JustMatters and Engaging Spirituality groups forming for the fall, please attend our information session on **Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 pm in Room 312**. All seekers age 15 and up are welcome. Contact Pam Lownik at [lownikp@stmaryhc.org](mailto:lownikp@stmaryhc.org) with any questions.

## Lumen Christi Employment Network South

This network which assists those laid-off, unemployed, underemployed, and those proactively searching for a new position, is now available to help you "jump start to employment".

- **Network Services** - Weekly meetings providing Christian support, advice and resources to help people cope with and overcome employment-related challenges. Advice on networking, resume writing and interview techniques.
- **Who Should Attend?** - Anyone, regardless of faith or employment background, experiencing or concerned about job loss, underemployment, or thinking about changing their career path.

On **Tuesday June 29**, the employment networking group will meet at **St. Mary in Room 312 at 7:30 am**. Contact Timothy Pappas at 414-271-1975 or [tpappas@pappasdelaney.com](mailto:tpappas@pappasdelaney.com).

## From Edith DeBrue - St. Mary Haiti Committee Raffle

Marcellus Matthieu and his wife are well-known artists whose work could be seen in Port au Prince. When the earthquake struck they lost everything - almost all of their paintings, their home and sadly, even their two-year old child. They both sustained injuries and were being treated at Matthew 25 Guest House in Port au Prince when our frequent translator, Nancy Hibbard met them. Through emails she asked for help in replacing their art supplies so they could again make a living. Money was allocated and supplies collected and shipped down to Port au Prince. They are now working again. In gratitude Marcellus sent back a painting. This lustrous still life depicts tropical fruit with rich tones and reminds us of the richness of Haiti in her people and in her produce.



It was decided to hold a raffle of the painting at various venues. Tickets will sell 1 for \$2.00 and 3 for \$5.00, cash or check only. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Haiti Committee. All proceeds benefit our sister parish in Latiboliere. The winner of this painting and all entrants not only can enjoy a beautiful work of art but can know they contributed to our sister parish.  
**The raffle will begin in June and end on Mission Sunday in October.**



## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 27

7:30am	**Fr. Widder Reception	Gathering Space
4:00pm	The Barose Duo Piano Concert	Gathering Space
5:00pm	6th-, 7th-, 8th-Grade Girl's Open Volleyball	Community Centre

### Monday, June 28

12:00pm	Pastoral Care Potluck	Board Room
3:00pm	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	

### Tuesday, June 29

7:30am	Lumen Christi Employment	Room 312
6:30pm	*Fr. Chuck's Scripture Study	Room 312
8:00pm	Men's Basketball	Community Centre

### Wednesday, June 30

6:30pm	Mission Trip Shareholder Thank You	Gathering Space
7:00pm	JustFaith Information Session	Room 312

### Thursday, July 1

9:00am	Church Cleaning	Church
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### Friday, July 2

### Saturday, July 3

### Sunday, July 4

- \* Approved for 1.0 Scripture, .5 Theology and 1.5 Maintenance Clock Hours at the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels.
- \*\* After all Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

## YOUNG AT HEART

### Milwaukee Brewers vs. San Francisco Giants

#### Baseball Game and Tailgate Party, Thursday, July 8

Our motor coach will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 10:00 am and proceed to one of the pavilions adjacent to Miller Park for an all-you-can-eat tailgate party and baseball game. Handicap assistance is available from the pavilion to the stadium if requested. \$70.00 per person. Invite your grandkids or some of your friends - all are welcome! To register, please mail the bottom portion of the flyer in our April newsletter or call Jo at 414-422-1123.

### Rogers and Hammerstein's Musical "Carousel"

#### Wednesday, August 18

#### Cahn Theater

Rogers and Hammerstein's love story set to music that everyone knows. Lunch at an Evanston, Illinois restaurant and then off to the Cahn Theater to watch the show that originally appeared on Broadway and was later made into a movie. Our motor coach will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 9:30 am and will return at about 5:30 pm. \$75.00 for members and \$78.00 for non-members. To register, complete the flyer in our April newsletter or call Jo at 414-422-1123.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Food Pantry** - Our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is open twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Our food pantry will be open this coming **Monday, June 28**.

The pantry is open to all parishioners and to all families that live in our parish area. If you cannot make the time the pantry is open, SVdP keeps pre-packed bags of groceries in the Parish Office that can be picked up during Parish Office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Because of the heavy use of our pantry, we quickly run out of food despite generous donations of food by our St. Mary parishioners and by our local merchants, such as Sentry Food, Culvers, Holz Motors and Associated Bank. We are currently low or out of the following items: juices, coffee, granulated sugar, canned frosting mix, mustard, pickles, clothes soap, dish soap, and shampoo. Donation of any food item is appreciated.

**Help Beyond Food** - If your family needs emergency help beyond food, SVdP may be able to help. Give us a call at 414-425-2174, ext. 210 and leave a message with your return phone number. A SVdP member will call you back and discuss your situation in total confidentiality. If help by SVdP is possible, a home visit by two members of SVdP will be set up.

### First Friday Men's Club



All parish men are invited to attend the First Friday Men's Club. Each first Friday of the month, the club meets at 8:00 am for Mass, followed by breakfast and a talk by Fr. Dominic at Klemmers on Oklahoma Avenue. Come join us and grow spiritually and socially. If interested, contact Tom Cyganek at 414-281-0526.

## THANKS

**It's a Wrap!** - Festival 2010 is almost here; preparations have already started.

On Monday, June 14, a team of volunteers lead by Joe Mesec wrapped 2000 forks and knives for the Friday Fish Fry, Saturday Mostaccioli Dinner and the Sunday Chicken Dinner. Thanks to the following volunteers for helping:

Joan Barnes, Marilyn Brault, Audrey Gavin, Dick and Jane Heuberger, Ray and Virginia Klosiewski, Helen Lobue, Lora Marek, Connie Murphy, Howard and Dorothy Murphy, Fred Neuenfeldt, Rosemary Selep, Barbara Shea, Tom Singer, and Sandy Szalacinski.

### Parish Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work in the Parish Office, greeting people and directing them to meeting locations, answering phones and working on special projects. Generally the hours are Monday through Thursday, 5:30 to 8:00 pm and Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:00-noon. Help is especially needed Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you would be interested in **helping one day per month**, call Shari at 414-425-2174.

### Theology-on-Tap

#### July 12 - August 5 - All Sessions Begin at 7:00 pm

#### Various locations throughout Southeastern Wisconsin

A four-week summer speaker series for young adults, married and single, in their 20s and 30s, and of all denominations. For a complete listing of locations, topics, and presenters, please visit [www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org) or call 414-758-2213.