**The Introductory Rites**

**Opening Hymn**

Lauda anima

**First Reading**

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord has sworn by his holy temple that the poor of the land will not be forgotten.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

*Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.*

**Prayer of the Day**

For the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. A-men.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

944 Amos 8:4-7

The Lord has sworn by his holy temple that the poor of the land will not be forgotten. When the new moon is over, you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat! We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

**Responsorial Psalm**

USCCB/NAB

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

*Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.*

**Second Reading**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

I have had many things, but I have learned to receive whatever I have. I have learned to be satisfied whether I have enough or not. I have learned not to be puffed up, but to look on the humble things of earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Te Deum, adapted

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account for me, for I must go on a journey, and commission you with a large sum of money. Whoever receives more will be given more, and those who receive little shall be deprived of even that little that they have.' Then the master said to his steward, 'You are a wise steward. So shall you be made ruler over ten cities.' And the master said to the other steward, 'You wicked steward! Give an account of your dishonesty to your master.' And he said, 'Your master has commanded that you return the promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended him. And he said to the other, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare an account for me, so that I may return what is mine to me.' And they said to him, 'Lord, we are not able to dig, and we are ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when my master comes, all my things shall be ready, both the tithes and the fruits of the earth.' He said, 'Truly, I say to you, if you were to be steward of your master's household, you would have been made ruler over all his possessions. But you, as you are not able to manage your household, go you to the king and be made a steward. Then the king will say to you, 'You dishonest servant! I was not asking you to manage great affairs, but to be a servant, and you have not been trustworthy in the small matters. So I will assign you a place among the unbelievers. And you also, all of you, give an account of the good you have received, for you likewise shall receive, and shall be governers for the world to come.' Therefore the first shall be last, and the last shall be first."
CATHEDRAL HOURS

CHURCH HOURS
Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Please enter through Selby Avenue side, handicap entrance)
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS
Anticipatory (Saturday) 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. | Noon | 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday - Friday: 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS (RECTORY AT 239 SELBY AVE.)
Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WELCOME CENTER HOURS
1st and 3rd Sundays: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GUIDED TOURS
Offered Tuesday-Friday at 1:00 p.m. (except on holy days and national holidays). Please call 651.357.1327 for more information.

MUSEUM HOURS – (Subject to volunteer availability)
The Museum is currently open the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. For inquiries, please call 651.357.1327.

GIFT KIOSK
Main church: Tuesdays - Fridays, 12:30 to 2:30; Lower Level, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
For inquiries, please call 651.357.1320 or check out our Online Store at www.cathedralsaintpaul.org. Hours are subject to change.

VIRTUAL TOURS
Visit www.stpaulcathedraltour.com for a mobile app tour and to virtually “walk through” the Cathedral.

RELEVANT RADIO® BROADCAST 1330 AM
The 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass is recorded and aired on Relevant Radio 1330 AM Sundays; 9:00 a.m.
Weekday Masses are recorded and broadcast at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CAMPUS
Twin Cities Hmong Catholic Community
Located at 651 Virginia Street, Saint Paul
Sunday Mass (Hmong and English) 9:00 a.m.

“STAYING IN YOUR LANE”:
EXPERTISE AND THE CHURCH

More than 40 years ago, then Presidential advisor Edwin Meese disclaimed any notion of him being an expert, stating: “You know what an expert is? That’s somebody who is more than 50 miles away from home, has no responsibility for implementing the advice he gives and shows slides.” I have been pondering, perhaps admittedly “too much” about expertise as it relates to the Church. Being a firm believer in “say what you know and know what you say;” I intentionally stray from opining on matters about which I have insufficient knowledge or expertise. Why proffer an opinion beyond my area of knowledge or responsibility? Why risk looking foolish? People look to the Church for sure guidance in spiritual and theological matters. I’ll cite just one recent example.

At the end of the 2022 U.S. Supreme Court term—missed amid the attention given to the Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade—the Court ruled 6-3 in a case (West Virginia v. EPA) that limits the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its power to regulate greenhouse gases. The incredibly complicated case (at least from my perspective) asks whether the EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions in virtually any industry, so long as it considers cost, non-air impacts, and energy requirements? The salient point has to do with the degree of authority Congress granted to the agency. As a most helpful summary of the case explains: “The EPA has admitted that issues of electricity transmission, distribution, and storage are not within its traditional expertise, yet it claims that Congress implicitly tasked it with the regulation of how Americans get their energy.” While the Supreme Court disagreed, its ruling took no side on the merits of greenhouse gas regulation. It merely ruled that it belonged to Congress, not a federal agency, to do so.

So, what’s my beef here, you say? In short—“Stay in your lane!” I’d be hard pressed to cite an issue about which I have less to contribute as a Catholic priest than this. And yet, the chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development released a statement saying: “We are, therefore, disappointed today that following the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the Clean Air Act the EPA will have significantly restricted authority to regulate greenhouse gases from power plants.” Ought the Church be concerned about the care of the environment? “You betcha!” No doubt about that. Yet, I honestly believe the statement misses the mark by equating general principles about caring for the environment with the specific limits of the statutory authority granted to federal agencies. Talk about getting tangled in the legal weeds!

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines an expert as “one with the special skill or knowledge representing mastery of a particular subject.” That seems quite reasonable. The word derives from the Latin verb expertor meaning “to put to the test.” Experts are those who, when put to the test, stand out for their experience and knowledge. Though it has been more than 33 years, I cannot recall a single seminary class in which we discussed the scope of the Environmental Protection Agency vis-à-vis individual states. Okay, I am being a bit facetious. But I do so respectfully and out of concern for what I believe is wasted moral capital on the part of Church leadership. We lose credibility when we delve into certain issues beyond our competence. Even more importantly, I sense that the “people in the pews” are thinking to themselves: “Aren’t there other issues that need their attention?” “Does the Church have its own house in order?”

Irrespective of one’s view with respect to aspects of climate change, there are key principles about which we ought to be able to agree. Our Sunday

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
Cathedral Envelope  $ 5,694.00
Cathedral Plate  $ 4,158.00
EFT  $ 10,194.00
Total Sunday Contributions  $ 20,046.00
Safety & Security Contributions  $ 7,534.00
Thank you for your tremendous generosity!
Creed professes that God is “creator of heaven and earth,” of all that is “seen and unseen.” The Catechism (para. #340) states: “God wills the interdependence of creatures. The sun and the moon, the cedar and the little flower, the eagle and the sparrow: the spectacle of their countless diversities and inequalities tells us that no creature is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the service of each other.” Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical Laudato Si’ echoes this ideal: “All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.” (#14) The Church is on solid foundation when teaching about our role in protecting God’s creation. We’re on much shakier ground when opining on the precise scope of an agency’s regulatory authority.

Today, most people instinctively recycle. Our recycling bin often fills up more quickly than our trash bin, reflecting just how second nature recycling has become. I recall when the environmental movement picked up steam in the mid-1970’s. Curbside-recycling began in earnest, people stopped burning their trash in the alley, etc. More recently, in 2012 McDonalds finally replaced their Styrofoam cups with paper ones. (But I still abhor paper straws, sorry!) Our National Park system is the envy of the world. Locally, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area is counted among the most pristine places I have ever visited in Minnesota. May it remain that way! The Church is strongest when teaching general moral principles, leaving the minutia of complex legal statutes to the real experts!

• Speaking of experts and “50 miles away.” All three finalists for Minneapolis Police Chief are outsiders. Hailing from Southfield, MI (suburban Detroit), Charlottesville, VA and Newark, NJ, respectively, the candidates reside 693, 1,151 and 1,187 miles from Minneapolis City Hall. No local candidates made the final cut. Police officers today perform difficult and thankless tasks. May St. Michael the Archangel guard them and guide their daily interactions.

• Geography aficionados may be interested in a project to map all the geographic center points of the nations of the world. Which state in the contiguous United States do you believe is closest to the geographic center? Bonus question: Which city (>50,000 pop.) is closest to our nation’s center? See the answers below.

• Unsurpassed dignity and grace. The world lost a remarkable woman in the person of Queen Elizabeth II. It is unfathomable to me that a monarch could reign for seventy years. I am not an expert on royalty, but in Europe, only Louis XIV’s (the “Sun King”) reign of 72 years as King of France was longer. But hers was much less controversial than his! Just days before her death, she received Liz Truss, her 15th Prime Minister! Her first was Winston Churchill!

• Check your grandpa’s attic! The sales record for a baseball card was shattered when a pristine Topps 1952 Mickey Mantle baseball card sold for $12.6 million. That is not a misprint. Rated a MINT 9.5 on a scale of 1 to 10, it is the finest Mantle rookie ever put up for sale. Economics 101—“things are worth what people will pay for them.”

• This Thursday (September 22) marks the 160th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation, marking an official close to one of our nation’s darkest chapters. But slavery still exists across the globe in the form of forced labor, human and sex trafficking, even forced early marriage.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. John L. Ubel, A: Kansas;
Rector B: Manhattan, KS (home of Kansas State University)

Protocols

Stewardship Protocols
Located at the four main doors (two on Selby Ave. and two on Dayton Ave.) you will find gold colored metal drop boxes. Please distribute your Sunday Stewardship envelopes or cash in those slots, preferably before Mass. Otherwise, you may deposit them when leaving.

Receipt of Holy Communion

Distribution of Holy Communion Protocols
Holy Communion is distributed by individual sections of pews. Please wait until a Communion distributor arrives at your section before proceeding. Please consume the host immediately upon reception.

Holy Communion in the Hand- please extend your hands, one directly over the other, as the Sacred Host is deposited. If possible, keep your hands flat and wait until the priest/deacon/EMHC deposits the host before reaching for it. Please do not reach for the Host. This will greatly minimize potential contact. Avoid holding your hands up too high, as it is more difficult to gently deposit a host.

Holy Communion on the Tongue- This option is available in all sections except the front portion of the section directly in front of the High Pulpit. That is reserved for those who prefer to receive only from those distributing in the hand, out of safety and hygienic concerns. We have also marked off with golden ropes the entire section closest to the Selby Ave. door for the purpose of providing additional social distancing. Fr. Ubel

On the Cover

In the early 1960s, the monumental statues of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were placed in the niches under the four piers supporting the dome. According to Msgr. Lawrence Ryan, the placement was not without thoughtful symbolism. In his memoir Ryan wrote, “The placement was not coincidental . . . for as the piers hold up the church of stone, so the Word recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John sustains that Church not made by human hands.” The statue of Saint Matthew set in the Southwestern Pier shows a powerful image holding the scroll of his writings. At his feet is set a winged man, the traditional representation of Matthew, whose Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Jesus. The feast of Saint Matthew is September 21.
Observances for the week of September 18, 2022

Saturday & Sunday, September 17 & 18
5:15 p.m. Mike & Marisa Guarino
8:00 a.m. Stephen Lauinger
9:00 a.m. SVDP Campus ~ For the People
10:00 a.m. Cathedral Parish ~ For the People
12:00 p.m. Dahlia Hoffman †
5:00 p.m. Cora Anderson †

Monday, September 19
7:30 a.m. Michael N Hough †

Tuesday, September 20
7:30 a.m. John Floeder †

Wednesday, September 21
7:30 a.m. Rodelio Hernandez †

Thursday, September 22
7:30 a.m. Cathedral Benefactors

Friday, September 23
7:30 a.m. Tom & Renee Schwind

Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Ecc 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Ecc 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecc 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Cathedral News

COFFEE & DONUT SUNDAY, TODAY!
Join us in Hayden Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Mass today for coffee, donuts and great company. The third Sunday of each month, coffee & donuts is hosted by the Cathedral Young Adults. All are welcome!

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN, SEPTEMBER 18
The Cathedral Choir begins its 2022-2023 season on Sunday, September 18. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings, and the choir sings regularly at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, as well as on Holy Days and at Archdiocesan liturgies. There are openings in all sections. Anyone interested in joining the Cathedral Choir is encouraged to contact Dr. Chris Ganza, Cathedral Choir Director and Organist, at cganza@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 21
We look forward to welcoming all registered families and students to this new year of religious education! Please be on the lookout for an email from Jennifer Love, the new Coordinator of Religious Education, with details of class times and calendar of events. We are still in need of a 3rd grade teacher – our first communicants from last year are eager and waiting to continue growing in their faith, so if you feel called to serve our parish in this way, please contact Jennifer Love.

We are excited that Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS, Level I) will again be offered at the Cathedral. CGS classes begin September 28. If you are still interested in participating in either of these programs, please fill out the online form found on the parish website or contact her directly and she can send you the link: jlove@cathedralsaintpaul.org, or call her at 651.357.1340.

RCIA - CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22
“ ‘I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’” (John 10:10). Do you want a relationship with God that is a source of abundant life? Are you or any you know interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith? The Cathedral’s RCIA program is open to anyone looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, whether already Catholic, preparing to receive the Sacraments or just curious about the big questions in life. If you are interested in becoming a part of a community who seeks the heart of God, or for more information, send an email to mjenny@cathedralsaintpaul.org. Classes begin Thursday, September 22.

7TH ANNUAL MARY’S MEALS FUNDRAISER
DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Please join us on Thursday, September 22 at St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, 171 Elm St., Lino Lakes for a Fundraiser Pasta Buffet Dinner and Silent Auction for Mary’s Meals. The Silent Auction opens at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the program at 7:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be CEO and Founder of Mary’s Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow.

The cost is $21 Adult, $10 Children 4-11 years, 3 years and under are free. To make your reservation and with questions please call Debra and Wayne Waldner at 651.772.6935 or email marysmealsmn@gmail.com. Reservation deadline is September 15, 2022. For more information about Mary’s Meals visit www.marysmealsusa.org.

Using your smartphone to make a donation:

1. Scan this QR code with your phone.
2. Open the secure link.
3. Follow the prompts.
4. Thank you.
VOICES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Matthew ~ Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew, the son of Alpheus, known as Levi, was, according to the New Testament, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. He is also one of the four Evangelists, the author of the Gospel of Matthew; and thus is also known as Matthew the Evangelist. The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Ascension of Jesus. Later Church fathers Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries.

Among the early followers and apostles of Jesus, Matthew is mentioned as a publican or tax collector who, while sitting at the “receipt of customs” in Capernaum, was called to follow Jesus. He is also listed among the twelve, but without identification of his background. According to the Gospels, Matthew was a 1st-century Galilean, born in Galilee, which was not part of Judea or the Roman Judaea province. As a tax collector, he would probably not have been literate, and certainly could not write highly educated Greek. His fellow Jews would have despised him for what was seen as collaborating with the Roman occupation force.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Note: There are two images of St. Matthew in the Cathedral of St. Paul: a statue of St. Matthew stands at the south entrance to the Shrines of the Nations. He is holding a scroll of Scripture. St. Matthew is also among the apostles imaged in the center cross of the east rose window. ACSP.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 - POST ROE - WHAT NOW?

Join us at St. Agnes School, 530 Lafond Ave, St. Paul to learn how the reversal of Roe v. Wade will impact the pro-life cause in Minnesota. Join us as five top pro-life leaders share the latest information and opportunities for you to get involved and act on your pro-life beliefs. The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by the program from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Admission is free for the general public. RSVP at sjbusinessguild.com. This event is sponsored by the St. Joseph Business Guild. Contact Roger Vasko at Roger@sjbusinessguild.com with questions.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESION

Friday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul

Join in praying the rosary as we process from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gather at the Minnesota State Capitol approach at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Williams will lead the procession which will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will conclude with Marian prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction at the Cathedral.

See more information at minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.

RITES

BAPTISM

We welcome those who have been newly baptized. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

Heather Joy Tieden
Weston William Romano

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL MASS

Please remember in your prayers those who are in grief because of the loss of a loved one.

Mary Theresa Hill

MARRIAGE

Please join us in praying for all couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony.

Brandon Ollhoff
Kate Christiansen
Scott Steven Bruggeman
Catie Marie Linquist

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Parents must attend a preparation class. Please contact Sue Krutchen at 651.228.1766 or skrutchen@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

MATRIMONY

To be married at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, one or both persons of the engaged couple must be an active, registered Cathedral parishioner for six months prior to requesting a wedding date. For more information about wedding policies, please contact the Libby Mahowald at lmahowald@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION

Registered parishioners are encouraged to register for preparation for the sacraments. For more information regarding catechesis for children ages 3 through Confirmation, please contact Jennifer Love, Coordinator of Children’s Catechesis at 651.357.1340 or email her at jlove@cathedralsaintpaul.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Curious about Catholicism? Considering becoming Catholic? RCIA, a process of learning and formation, is modeled on how people were brought into the Church in the first centuries. Please contact Marc Jenny, Director of Religious Education at mjenny@cathedralsaintpaul.org for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Make plans for a get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up! A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life’s distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are October 7-9 in Buffalo and November 12-13 in Webster. Early registration is recommended. Visit twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent and Tracy at either 612.234.7440 or applications@twincitieswwme.org.