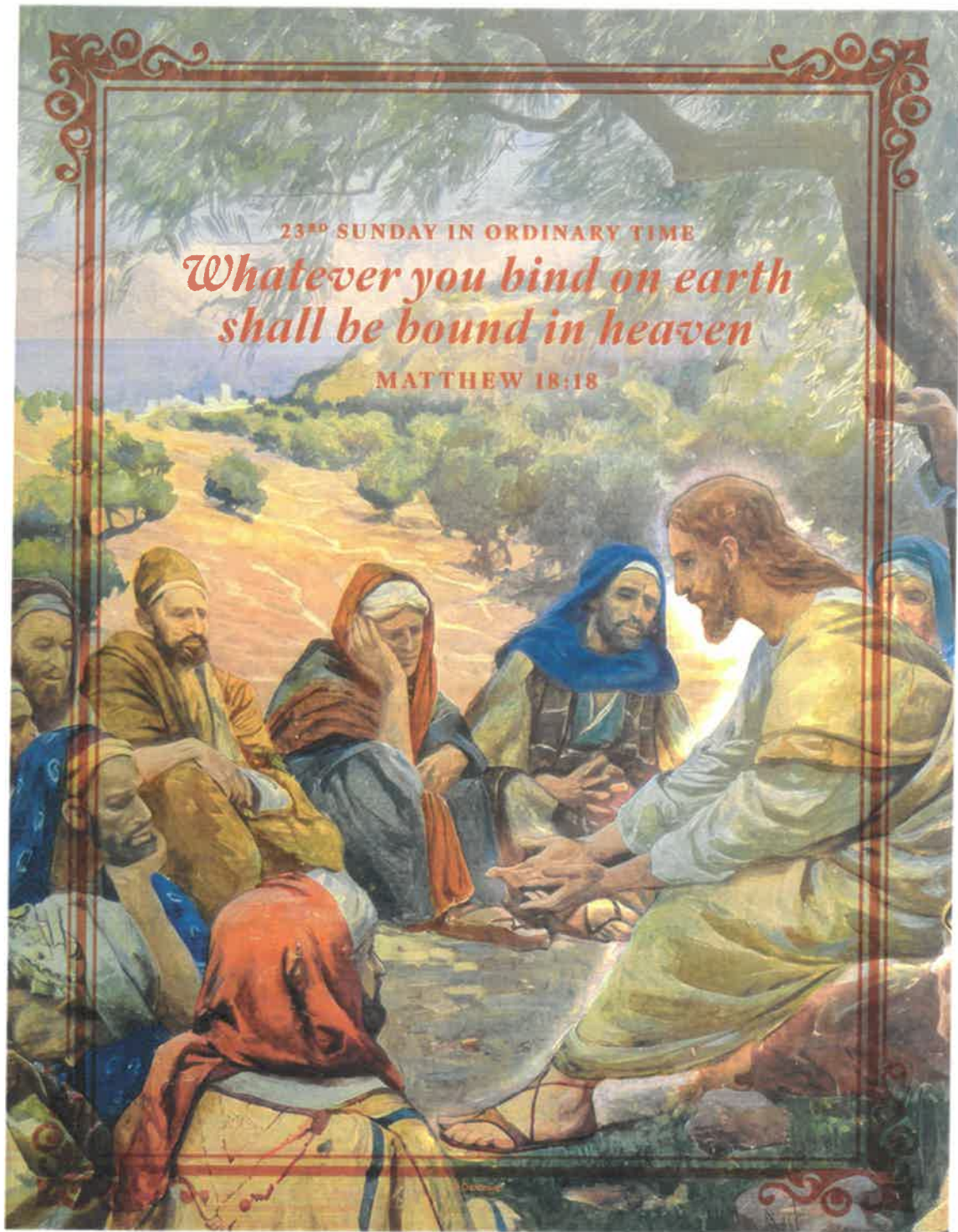


23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven*

MATTHEW 18:18





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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 September 6, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

September 5	5:45pm	Special Intention of Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
September 9	5:30pm	Deceased Members of Ulman Family +Dan Phelan req. by The Family
September 12	5:45pm	Special Intention of Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by The Family
September 16	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Jerry Ulman req. by The Family
September 19	2:30pm 5:45pm	Thomas/Dean Wedding +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sept. 5	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
Sept. 12	Sherrie Ashley	P. Engler
Sept. 19	Mark May	L. Cakora

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 6, 2026**

Sunday Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary

TimeEz 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps
13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver,

Priest 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-
14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk
6:43-49

Sunday Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

TimeSir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
+HOPE & +RAY
BUTTON
Req. by Sue & Don
Nugent**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
8/30/2026**

Sunday - \$1,606.00

Maintenance - \$80.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15

Thank you for your faith filled support.

Please Remember our sick: especially:

**Katie Horath, Ralph Kuntz, Greg Harnois,
Jim Kreske, Ann**

**Marie & Tori, Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara
Schraver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice &
Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow,
Ken Smith, Laura Hanson,, Nancee Long, Shay
Phelan, Lisa Bernard.**

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
September**

For the care of water Let us pray for
a just and sustainable management of
water, a vital resource, so that everyone
may have equal access to it.

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**



She wasn't alone when she became principal

When Colleen Carroll stepped into her second year as principal of St. Jude Catholic School in New Lenox, she wasn't walking the path alone. Through the Emmaus Mentor Program, supported by your gifts to the CCMAA, Colleen was paired with veteran principal Carol Albreski, giving Colleen support and a person to reach out to with the everyday challenges of a first year in the principal's office.



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$10,655.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$10,455.00

DONORS - 24

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
COME AND PRAY
FOR OUR PARISH



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have lost a spouse over six months ago or if your loss happened some time ago, this program is designed to support you. It helps you take steps forward while continuing to honor and cherish the meaningful memories of your spouse.



is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

The next Overnight Retreat/Workshop will be held at this location. *All are welcome!*

What: 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: Sept. 12 & 13, 2026 at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

For more information on this retreat or to register, visit our website:

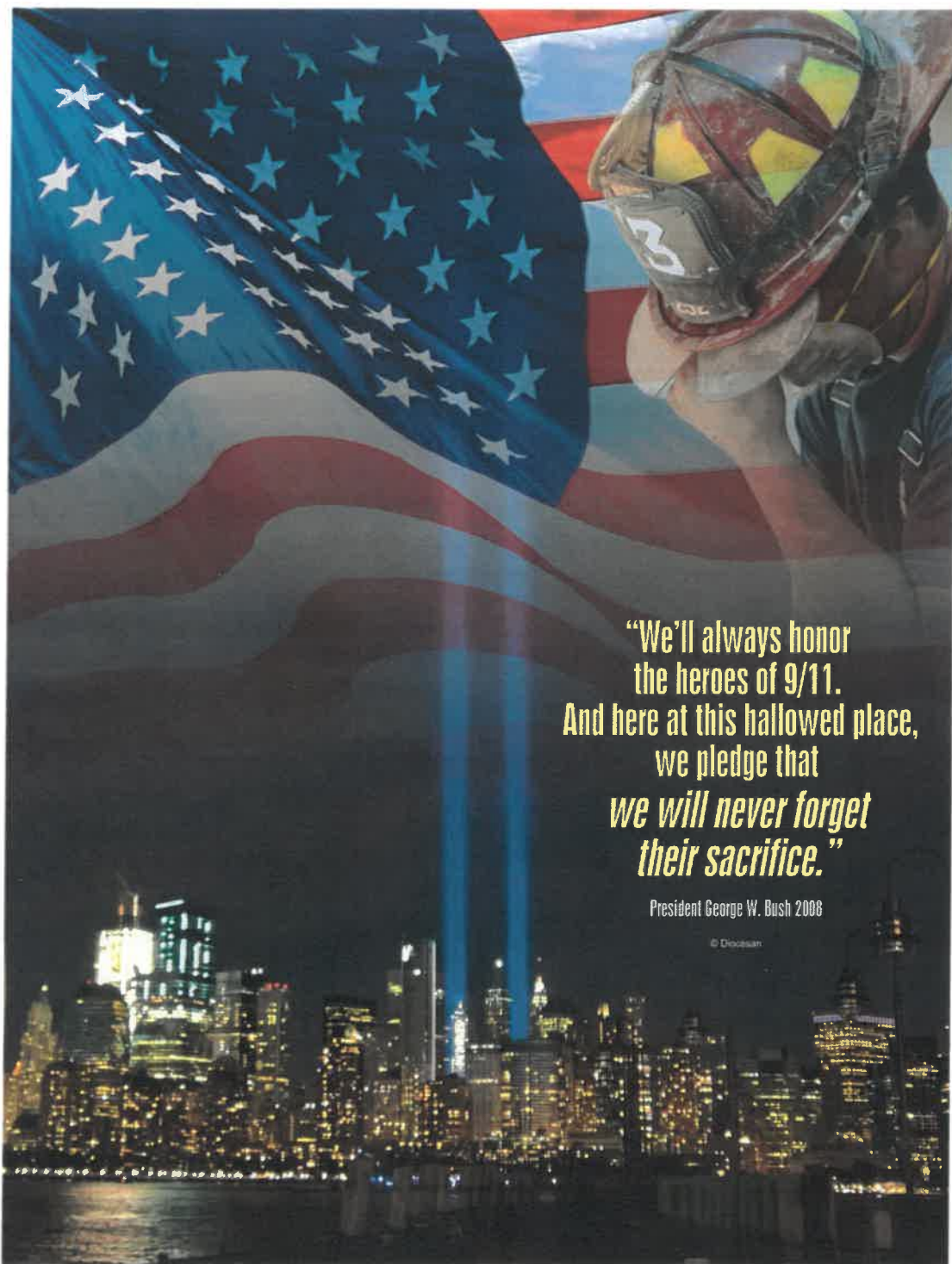
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BINS WILL BE
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**"We'll always honor
the heroes of 9/11.
And here at this hallowed place,
we pledge that
*we will never forget
their sacrifice.*"**

President George W. Bush 2008

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Not My Problem

Ever notice how people today like to ignore the evil in the world? People will witness a mugging and not bother to call the police. We see television stories of children starving in poor countries and say, “Not my problem.” The readings for this Sunday challenge this attitude.

As a prophet, Ezekiel is to proclaim God’s word of repentance to the wicked. The Lord tells Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked if he refuses to warn against the evil they are doing.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes how his disciples should confront the sinner. His words teach us something about our duty to the sinner. First, he tells us that sin *is* our problem, and when we see it we need to take the initiative to stop it. Second, he tells us we need not feel alone in this duty. When the sinner refuses to listen, we bring in help. In fact, this command is meant for the whole church. Third, he tells us to be persistent; don’t give up on someone too easily.

So what about that line about treating the sinner who refuses to listen as a Gentile or tax collector? On the one hand, the sinner should be excluded from the church, excommunicated, if he doesn’t repent. On the other hand, Jesus never rejected tax collectors (like Matthew himself, who wrote this Gospel) or Gentiles. He said he came to call sinners, to save them. He loves sinners. And that is the reason we are to confront them — not to punish them, but to love them. As we see in the second reading, “love is the fulfillment of the law.”

That is why the Gospel ends with Jesus’ words about disciples praying together. When we think we cannot make a sinner repent, we remember that only God can do that. We can pray for sinners, including ourselves, and ask God to renew them in the Spirit. For God never forces a person to repent. God invites with love, especially the love Jesus showed by dying on the cross. May we all learn to fight evil with love!

Tom Schmidt