

Grace Notes by Joel Fischer, Liturgy/Music Ministry

Ask any Minnesotan what comes to mind when you say “Labor Day” and I’m sure you will hear a variety of answers; the end of summer, time to go back to school, State Fair and others. I’m equally sure than many of us spend little time pondering the meaning of Labor Day as we’re enjoying our last weekend on the lake, our last pronto pup until next year, or the simple enjoyment of an extra day of rest.

The U.S. Department of Labor describes Labor Day as “...a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.” I think we can all agree it’s a worthy cause to celebrate and a source of pride for a vast majority of Americans.

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I am reminded of a couple of verses from Chapter Three of the Book of Ecclesiastes. ⁹“What does the worker gain from his toil?” ¹³“That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil - this is the gift of God.” We all know the truth of that statement - the satisfaction we derive from our work, from providing for ourselves, and sharing it with others.

And yet Christ calls us to look beyond the bread we eat and the concerns of this world. “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” (John 6:27) So it is for us Christians, that we should work to provide for our spiritual needs, looking to Christ, who gives us his body and blood as spiritual food.

It is in this spirit that we should labor to help others by ministering to their spiritual needs. We are all called to ministry, to do our part to build the kingdom of God. How is God calling you to Ministry?



Happy Labor Day.

Have you changed?

If you have a new address, or have dropped your land-line for a cell phone, or have switched your email address, please let the Parish Office know!! **Thank you!**

Social Justice Tithing Envelopes for September are for:

S.T.E.P. Foodshelf

STEP Back to School Program provides over 560 St. Louis Park children with School Supplies

Bags of school supplies were packed for K -12th grade students based on the list for their school and grade. Students served will be attending over **40 different schools** in the metro area, including St. Louis Park and Hopkins Jr. & Sr. Highs, Peter Hobart, Aquila, Susan Lindgren, Groves, Quest, as well as others. In order to ensure that students received the exact supplies they needed over **60 different school supply lists** were collected from various schools.

S.T.E.P. sent a very nice thank you note for MHT’s participation in the Back to School Program.

We want to extend a special thanks to Karen Harvey for making this collection possible and delivering our collection to STEP.

Meeting Reminders

- Tues, Sept 7—Social Justice Committee
- Wed, Sept 8—Core Team Meeting

Both Meetings are in the Trinity Room. Each meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

	Greeter	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Usher
Saturday, September 11 5:00 PM	Angie Kuehn Lois Preston	Nancy DeShane	Sue Ager Bonnie Phillippi	NOT FILLED	Jeff Calder Bill Koster Fernando Torres NOT FILLED
Sunday September 12 8:00 AM	Mark Hayda Dave & Kate Dooley	Robert Parker	Harold Roland Dennis O'Connor	Tim Maupin	John Gannon Tom Babcock John Schulte Dale Wenisch
Sunday September 12 10:30 AM	Lourdes Pira Rose Adams	Sherrie Schroeder	Sheri Huppert Sharon Punch	Dante Nord	Pat O'Brien Phil Grisez John Mittelstaedt NOT FILLED

Offertory Recorders:

Tuesday, September 7.....Rita Welch, Bob Reinhardt, Bill Koster
Monday, September 13.....Jim & Peg McGie, Bill Koster, Mark & Donna Healy