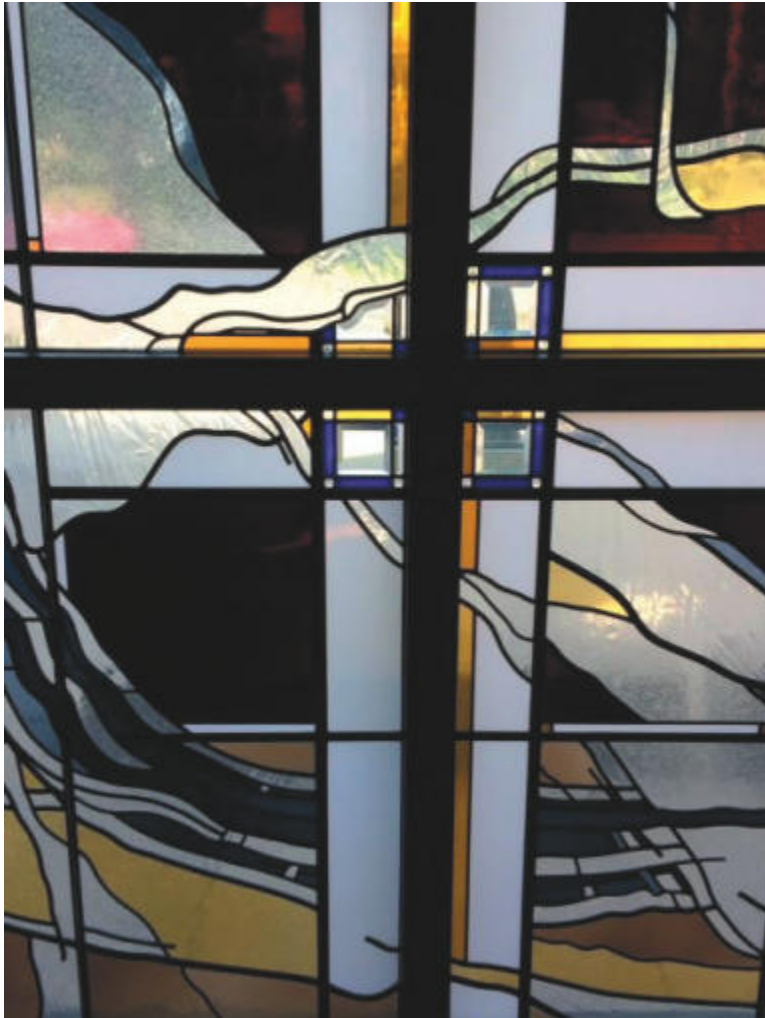


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Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

September 23, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

Hope 651.457.0228

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16
--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16
-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
[35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-
22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-
2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51



HEAVENLY WISDOM

Today's second reading from the letter of James describes two kinds of wisdom—heavenly wisdom from above and earthly wisdom from below. The author of the letter points out some important characteristics of heavenly wisdom. Wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy, and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. At the same time the author criticizes certain human behaviors that sabotage heavenly wisdom and undermines human living, like wars, envy, jealousy, and selfish desires.

At the time the Letter of James was written, Jewish Christians would have known their wisdom literature tradition quite well. From the Books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes and the circulated letters of Paul, they believed that wisdom was a gift of God's spirit. Biblical scholars believe that the author of the Letter of James may have drawn his thoughts about heavenly and earthly wisdom from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1Cor 2:1-5).

But I believe there is not such a clear and concise line between heavenly wisdom and earthly wisdom as the author of James wants us to believe. In today's gospel we are told that the disciples, on being asked by Jesus, "What were you arguing about on the way?" simply kept silent. The reason they kept quiet, we are told, is because they were talking about who was the greatest.

Most of the times when we read or hear these words, our earthly wisdom provides an explanation. We immediately think that there was a struggle about earthly issues of power. For men, who are by nature competitive, it may have been issues of who was the strongest, who was the smartest, who was the wealthiest, who worked the hardest, who told the best jokes, who could drink the most wine, who fathered the most children, etc. But in today's gospel passage and in the passage we heard last week, Jesus tells the disciples, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and after three days he will rise from the dead and because the disciples did not understand what Jesus said they were afraid to ask questions."

In view of this, I am tempted to think that the disciples were not using earthly wisdom to argue about earthly masculine power. They were using heavenly wisdom to evaluate among themselves their own spiritual capacity and strengths to go through a period of trial. After all, they already had left family and home to follow an itinerant rabbi who they did not always understand. Would they have the capacity to stay and the strength to suffer with Jesus as well?

Because the disciples were arguing amongst themselves, Jesus does a very wise thing and puts a child in the midst to emphasize the vulnerability they all shared and the interdependence that they all needed to follow him. We should be as wise.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 1 immediate opportunity and 4 continuing opportunities.

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Fall Festival is September 22-23. Volunteers needed. Sunday, September 23rd 4:00 pm September 23rd to take down all booths. Volunteers are also needed to work in booths where needed.

MUSICIANS

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:00 am Mass and practices on alternate weeks September-May. Choir practice is 9:00 am. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for any of the weekend masses.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Need teachers and teen helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word. This liturgy is offered during the school year at the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

GRANT WRITING

Need experienced grant writers. Utilize your grant writing skills to work with the website Grant Station to find funding and apply for grants for the Church of St. Matthew and its sponsored ministries.

FAITH FORMATION

Need **teaching assistant** for 1st gr. Classroom. Capable to step in as substitute teacher on occasion if needed. Will need to complete VIRTUS training, criminal background check & sign code of conduct.

Looking for **hospitality coordinators**: Will plan & Organize food, drinks, service, set-up and clean-up at 5-6 events in October, December, February, March & April. Recruit helpers & contributors. Need to enjoy being around kids. Best if 2 persons who work well together shared the coordinating job.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU

To all who volunteered to help in any way with the parish Fall Festival!!!

News and Events

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

First Communion Preparation: Children who attend public schools who are in grade 2 or older and would like to make their First Communion need to attend Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes from now until the First Communion Masses in May. To register, visit www.st-matts.org and click the "Faith & Learning" menu. Or register at the Parish Center on Wednesday evenings between 6:30 and 7:30 PM. Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2018-2019 school year have started. Classes are held weekly and are required for children who wish to receive First Communion.

Confirmation Preparation: Students in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 who would like to be confirmed must register for Faith Formation. Parents of COS students can complete registration at the school office. Parents of public school students and students at other schools can register by visiting www.st-matts.org and clicking the "Faith & Learning" menu. Or parents may register Confirmation candidates on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Parish Center. Weekly Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2018-2019 school year have started. Registration will close soon for Confirmation candidates.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Community of Saints is excited to announce that we have signed a twenty year lease with St. Michael's Church. We know there has been some concern in the past of the status of Community of Saints as it resides on the campus of St. Michael's, which is no longer an operating parish. Signing a twenty year lease is just one of the many reassurances that demonstrate the stability of Community of Saints.

We are also excited to announce that our K-8 enrollment has increased 8%—this is our third year in a row of growth. Combining the last three years, our enrollment has increased over 25%.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we begin our 2018-19 school year!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 09-16-2018

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 16
Hours in service 39

Parish
Envelopes/Cash \$ 3,338
Electronic Giving \$ 200
Vigil Lights \$ 30
Partners in Ed. \$ 7
Sound System \$ 500
Bulletin Postage \$ 15
Coffee Sunday \$ 11
Total \$ 4,101

Thank You

School \$ 195

Total \$ 195
Thank You

BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW

POSITION AVAILABLE

Saint Matthew's is ready to hire the best qualified janitor for 15 hours per week.

Please send resume or questions to jriehle@st-matts.org.



Church of Saint Matthew Parish Council Meeting September 27, 2018 AGENDA

Note-taker: Jackie Lackner

Reflection

Listening Sunday – Questions/Issues Identified from Parishioners

Fall Festival Review/Highlights

Parish Updates (to be emailed to the Council to save time for discussion):

- Buildings and Grounds
- Loaves and Fishes
- Casa Guadalupana
- Saint Mary's Health Clinic
- West Side Summit
- Community of Saints
- Rosary Society – no meeting until Sept.
- Men's Club

Article "That All May be One: Cultural Unity in Shared Parishes" -Father Bob Kelly

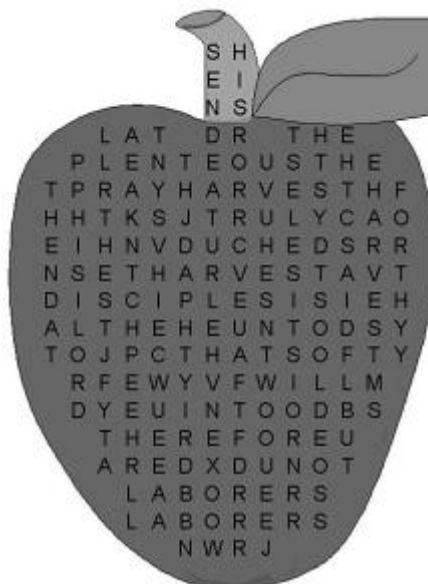
Upcoming Events:

Fix-it Fundraiser Dinner - November

Evaluation of the Council Meeting

Next Meeting: October 25; **Facilitator:** Note taker:

Matthew 9:37-38



Find the words to the Bible verses hidden in the apple.

Then said He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

PIME MISSIONARY COMING TO ST. MATT'S



The PIME Missionaries are Catholic priests and brothers who commit themselves to lifelong missionary service, especially to non-Christians.

PIME's priority is the proclamation of the Gospel. We strive to be creative in our presence and witness as we engage in the promotion of dialogue among people of all religions and cultures. We are actively involved in human development and the promotion of justice and peace. Our ministries include the foundation of schools, hospitals and clinics, orphanages, and founding new Catholic communities and providing their pastoral care.

A missionary will be here at St. Matthew's October 6 & 7 to speak to us about the missions around the world; after which there will be a second collection for these missions.

COFFEE SUNDAY HAS RETURNED

Each Sunday at 11:00 am from September to June a different group within



St. Matthew's hosts Coffee Sunday. One week it may be the Men's Club, the next week it could be Faith Formation, and so on. Whoever the host may be you are always invited to join them for coffee, donuts, sometimes it could be a full and hearty breakfast. You will always find friends and good conversation.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 288



Troop 288 (Chartered by COS) will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths & garland & will be selling Gourmet Popcorn after Masses on Saturday, October 6th & Sunday, October 7th. If you want to place a direct order, please call Joan Smith at 651.271.3236. This fund raiser helps the troop raise money for equipment and camping trips.

SAINT PADRE PIO COMES TO AMERICA

The tour of the relics of Padre Pio on the occasion of the 50th commemoration anniversary of Padre Pio entering eternal life. Relics of Saint Pio will be available for public veneration. For more information and a list of all tour locations, visit saintpiofoundation.org. Tour locations in the Midwest include:

DIOCESE OF ST CLOUD CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY

25 8th Ave. S, St. Cloud

Tuesday, September 25, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

A mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 pm by the Most Reverend Donald Kettler, Bishop of St. Cloud.

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW

Celebrate a special event in your family life by ringing the Bells of Saint Matthew. Wedding anniversary, special birthday, remember a loved one...call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule a date.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 22

4:00 pm Arthur Geis†

Sunday, September 23

10:00 am Our Parish

Madeline Perron†

Monday, September 24

8:00 am Katie Rosas†

Wednesday, September 26

8:00 am Rose & Joseph Karas, Sr. †

Friday, September 28

8:00 am Deacon John Murphy†

Saturday, September 29

4:00 pm George Lackner†

Sunday, September 30

10:00 am Our Parish

Art Fischer†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 22

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Fall Festival

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 23

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Fall Festival

4:00 pm Festival Tear Down

Monday-Friday Sept. 24- Sept. 28

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, September 24

8:00 am Mass

12:00 – 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, September 25

Wednesday, September 26

8:00 am Mass

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30-7:45 pm Faith Formation Classes CH/SH

Thursday, September 27

9:10 am School Mass COS

4:30 pm Finance Meeting PC

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting PC

Friday, September 28

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 29 Feast of the Archangels

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 30

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am Coffee Sunday SH

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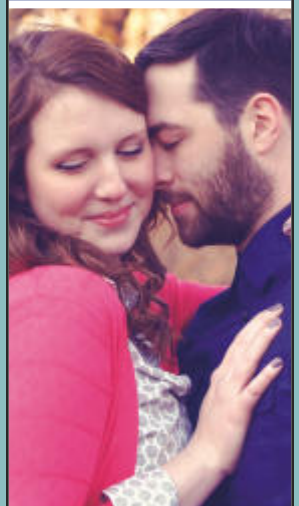
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