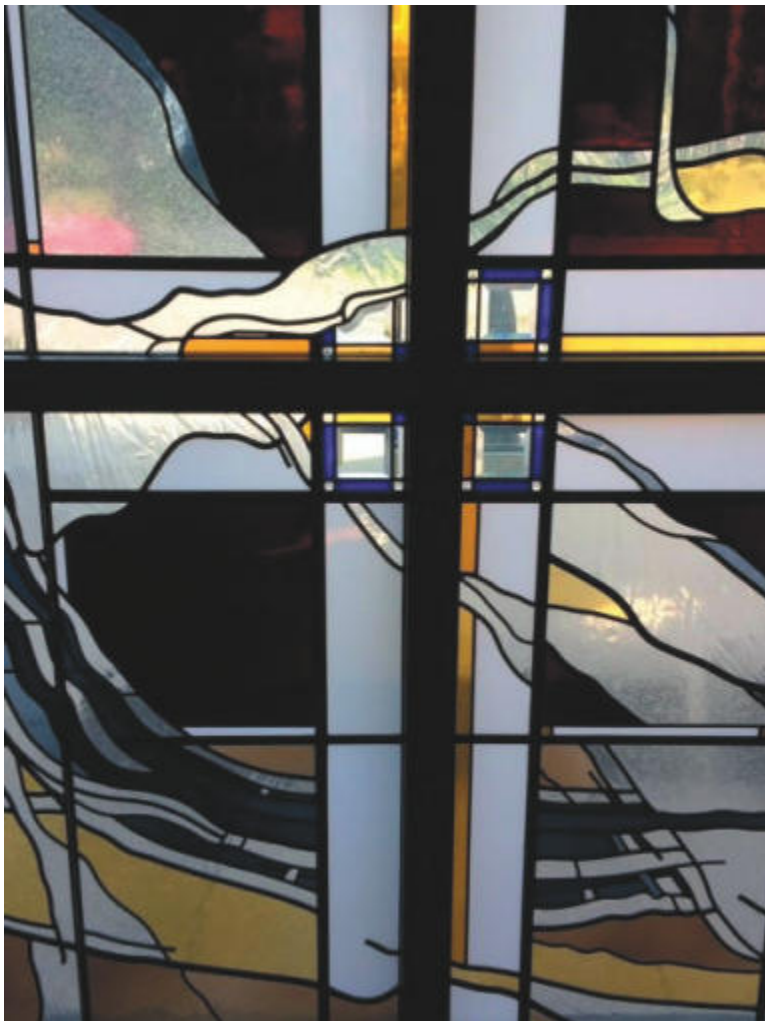


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Sacraments

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.*

October 7, 2018 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 October 7, 2018

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



WITHOUT ANY BIAS AND HESITATION!

I believe that the scripture readings we hear this Sunday can be used as a self-guided reflection on who we are and who we might become as human beings. In the reading from the Book of Genesis, God first creates a human being and then begins to create other creatures. God asks the human being to give each creature their name. This implies that from the start God does not intend to be the only helper for human beings. God intends for human beings to join with other creatures so that the potential of all creation might be realized. The idea that our helpers must be other creatures and not God alone shows us to what extent God leaves us to our own resources, to what extent God expects us to honor our vocation as thinking human beings, to what extent we are to explore our own freedom, and to what extent we are to respect the boundaries of this freedom. But not just any creature is able to help us do this fully, it takes other human beings who are given the same human qualities and responsibilities. So how do we reach our full potential as human beings?

In his *Collected Poems*, the philosopher T.S. Elliot describes the process this way. "When we start out from home, no matter if we circle the globe, or have a world of experiences, or embrace a universe of ideas, we end up back at home—and this time we see it for the first time. If we have gone home, we know this is true. Same house, same fence, same tire swing. But now we see it through older more experienced eyes sharpened by success, dimmed by divorce, dulled by experience."

For me, reaching our full potential is to be in right relationship with one another. Not as male or female, not as husband or wife, not as single or divorced, not as Christian, Muslim, Jew, or Unbeliever, not as American, Mexican, Chinese, African, or Indigenous, do we come to our full potential. We reach it through the basic qualities of our individual humanity, the human experiences we share, and the future we envision.

This is why Jesus said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Jesus is encouraging us to look at who we are and who we might become without any bias and without any hesitation.



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 6 continuing opportunities.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Need Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Registered Nurses (RNs) and Physicians who would be willing to volunteer once a month after Saturday & Sunday Masses. **Blood pressure reading will take place the first weekend of each month.**

Blood pressure cuffs will be provided; volunteers are asked to bring their own stethoscopes.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Need volunteers to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers and Sacristans at the Saturday 4:00 pm. Mass. Will train.

CHILDREN'S 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 grade 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.

COFFEE SUNDAY HELPERS

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!!

We thank **Greg & Diane Lothenbach, Al & Kathy Schowalter and Tim Dazell** for painting the doors in the Parish Center.

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. **Registrations ends soon.**

Confirmation Preparation: Registration is now closed for Confirmation registration.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Community of Saints is excited to announce that they will once again be hosting a Halloween Dance! The dance will take place in the Community of Saints' gymnasium on Friday, October 26th from 6:30-9:30pm. In addition to the school community, the dance is open to sponsoring parish communities as well! The cost of the dance is \$5/person or \$20/immediate family, and includes a DJ, games and opportunities to purchase food and refreshments at concessions. Please note: all students must be accompanied by an adult-this is not a chaperoned event. Thank you, and COS hope to see you there! Questions? Call the COS office: 651-457-2510.

LIFT YOUR VOICE TO THE LORD

St. Matthew's Choir is in need of additional members; come lift your voice to the Lord.



The Choir practices every other Sunday at 9:00 am through May 2019. All levels and abilities come join us. Also needed are cantors and instrumentalists for weekend Masses. Do you play the guitar, flute, piano or other musical instrument? Please come share your time and talent with your parish. Call the parish office, contact mleibl@st-matts.org or just join us for practice!!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 09-30-2018

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 6
Hours in service 10

Parish		School	\$ 30
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 1,634	Mission	\$ 869
Electronic Giving	\$ 900	Total	\$ 899
Vigil Lights	\$ 23	Thank You	
Rent	\$ 250		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 29		
Total	\$ 2,836		
Thank You			

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.



THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on October 6th for **Gerald Breidel**. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on October 8th for **Roger Goldberg**. And on October 11th the Bells of Saint Matthew will ring for **Pat Rolewicz**.

You too can have the Bells of Saint Matthew ring for a special day in your family life. Remember a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or birthday. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule a date.

The Armor of God

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

Based on Ephesians 6:13-17



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VOLUNTEER "THANK YOU"

Celebrate the success of the Fall Festival on Monday evening, October 8th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. **All Chairs and volunteers** please join us for dinner followed by a financial report on the festival. We'll also have a discussion about your experience, what you liked, what we should do next year and any other comments you wish to share. See you Monday evening.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Father Bob will give the Sacrament to all who are in need **following 4:00 pm** Mass on Saturday October 13 and **following 10:00 am** Mass on Sunday, October 14.

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.



OUT OF THE OFFICE

Father Bob will be away from the parish on October 9th & 10th; **therefore there will not be an 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, October 10th.**

ROSARY/CCW NEWS

The next meeting of the Rosary/CCW will be on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

New members are encouraged and welcomed to join our group. Come help us plan for events and happenings important to our parish. Make new friends, get reacquainted with old friends, we look forward to seeing you!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 10th at 8:00 pm in the Social Hall.

We invite all men of the parish to attend our meetings. Never attended a meeting before, make October 10th your first!!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 6

4:00 pm Ronald Crawford†

Sunday, October 7

10:00 am Our Parish

Elaine Schleichert†

Monday, October 8

8:00 am Raymond Galep†

Wednesday, October 10

NO 8:00 am Mass

Friday, October 12

8:00 am Madeline Perron†

Saturday, October 13

4:00 pm Pam, Robert Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

Sunday, October 14

10:00 am Our Parish

Katie Rosas†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 6 Respect Life Weekend

9:30-11:00 am Baptism Class PC

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, October 7 Respect Life Weekend

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

11:00 am Coffee Sunday SH

Monday-Friday October 8-October 12

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

Monday, October 8

8:00 am Mass

12:00 – 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, October 9

7:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting SH

Wednesday, October 10

NO 8:00 am Mass

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

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

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, October 11

9:10 am School Mass COS

Friday, October 12

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, October 13

1:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting PC

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 14

9:00 am Choir Practice

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


11:00 am Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

11:00 am Coffee Sunday SH


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