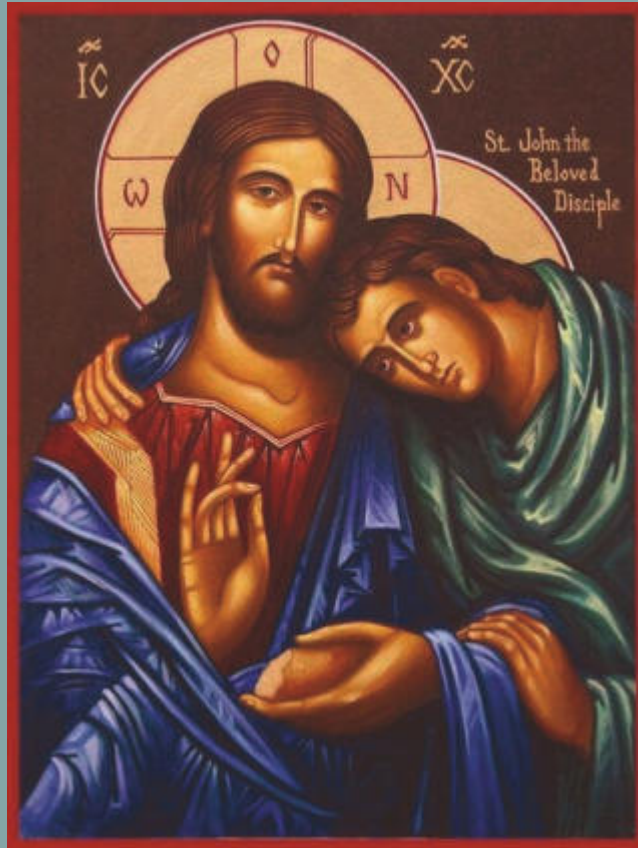




# Church of St. Matthew

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**May 19, 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Tuesday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Friday** 8:00 am Mass  
**Wednesday** 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service  
**Thursday** 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School  
**Saturday** 4:15 pm Mass  
**Sunday** 10:15 am Mass

#### **Reconciliation**

**1st & 3rd Saturday** After Mass until 5:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th Sunday** After Mass until 11:30 am

**Prayer Line** 651.457.0228

#### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

Readings for the week of May 19, 2019  
**Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35  
**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured and crucified.

And, furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas "strengthening" and "exhorting" the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Notice they don't say "one or two" hardships or even "the occasional hardship". They say "many" hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it's demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right!

Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our self-ish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And, in the midst of those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord — the One who loves us so much that He died for us, and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment — is right here with us every step of the way. Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away... Behold, I make all things new."

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's own footsteps and in loving as He loves.

The Catholic Steward



Mary Leibl.

## 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

**We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 1 opportunities.**

### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

We have 1 volunteer to take communion to those unable to worship with us, **however we need more.** This "liturgical" ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Saturday or Sunday Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord's Prayer together and then giving the Host to the person. Once we have a few volunteers for this ministry we will then invite people to request that visit. Last Sunday our first volunteer took communion from the 10:15 am Mass to a parishioner who is no longer able to physically come to Church. This ministry allows this parishioner to still feel a connection to the parish community. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information, please call John Riehle at the parish office.

### THANK YOU!

**We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers!!**

Thank you to **Greg Lothenbach** and **Pete Rivera** who have volunteered to mow the grass on the parish campus.

Thank you to **Tim, Tom, Greg, Jan, Mary, Charlie and Mike** who stayed after the 4:15 pm Mass last week to remove and store the extra chairs used for the First Communion celebration. Many hands completed the job in quick time!

## News and Events

### ST. MATTHEW'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite all parish members to consider serving on the Pastoral Council. Serving on the council is a ministry to the whole parish. There are nine members who serve a 2 year term with a maximum of 6 years. We operate by consensus. Consensus decision-making is a group decision-making process in which group members develop, and agree to support, a decision in the best interest of the whole.

Council members should be willing to commit their time, talent and wisdom in a consultative and collaborative manner. Members are asked to attend monthly meetings. Typically we have ten meetings each year.

After Masses on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> council members will answer your questions about the role, responsibilities and decision making process. If you have an interest in discussing, please contact current council members who are listed in the bulletin. There are 3 vacancies on the Pastoral Council we are looking to fill.

New Pastoral Council members will be announced on Pentecost weekend, June 8th and 9th.

### FALL FESTIVAL 2019

Our Fall Festival will be held the weekend of September. 14th & 15th. We will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.



Last year's festival was a huge success. We welcome all who want to build on that success. Come share your ideas! We invite all volunteers! Veterans of past festivals and newbies who want to be involved. Do you have a new idea? Bring that to the meeting too! Everyone working together will make our Festival fun and successful! Come join the team!

### PLEASE REMEMBER

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### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS May 12, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 5  
Hours in service 25

Parish		School	\$	80
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,384	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>80</b>
Bells	\$ 70	<b>Thank You</b>		
Electronic Giving	\$ 202			
Vigil Lights	\$ 28			
Rental	\$ 750			
Coffee Sunday	\$			
Roof Donation	\$ 360			

**Total** \$ 4,794  
**Thank You**



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 25th anonymously. On May 25th the Bells will ring in memory of the 9th anniversary of Jerry Shillinger's death.

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special day in your family's life by ringing the Bells of Saint Matthew. Call Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your date.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion was celebrated on Saturday, May 11th at the 4:15 pm Mass. Thirteen children received Holy Communion from Father Adrian for the first time. We, their parish family of Saint Matthew's congratulate the following children: **Armando Avila-Tovalin, Kimberly Barreto, Cecilia Bungue-Jones, Kellen Finnegan, Jordyn Mackenzie, Mason Mata, Joanna Palmillas Mireles, Jose Luis Parias Rios, Isabella Piliaga Brostrom, Ava Pheil, Danna Ruiz Ibarra, Leandro Serrano, Dayanara Torres.**



Welcome children to the Lord's table! Please come often!

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY CALENDAR

We will be writing the next Ministry Schedule on May 21st. This schedule will cover the dates from June 1st through August 26th. Please let us know if there are any dates you cannot serve, or any dates that you would like to be scheduled. Thanks, again for your continued help.  
Jan Lackner jml3242@aol.com 651.457.4766

Have you ever wanted to serve your parish as a Eucharistic minister, lector, usher, sacristan, gift bearer, altar server or greeter? Little training is needed; we need more volunteers for all of the above roles. Please prayerfully consider which one fits your life and talents, and come join our ministry, call the Parish Office to join.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Giving electronically is simple and quick, with just a few steps you can have your weekly, monthly or even quarterly giving transferred from your checking or savings directly to the parish's business account. No more weekly remembering nor writing checks.

If you are interested in getting started, please contact John Riehle, pastoral administrator at the parish center.

**Parish Leadership**

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
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Rev. Rick Banker, Parochial Administrator  
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Sister Anne Becker, Pastoral Ministry  
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John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
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Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry  
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Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
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Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
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Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator  
mleibl

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Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary  
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Richard Schletty, website & social media  
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Deacon Gregg Sroder, Deacon  
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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council  
parishcouncil

**Members:**

Sr. Anne Becker                      Becky Montgomery

Suzanne Clarke                      Ellen Schneider

Jerald Dosch                         Joanne Smith

Jerry Geis                              Karen Thompson

Jackie Lackner

John Riehle, Ex Officio

**Finance Council Members**

John DelVecchio                      Joe Stevens

Bernie Klein                             John Riehle

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John Sekevitch                         Karen Thompson

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Sacraments**

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

**Bulletin**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, May 18**

4:15 pm Bob Nowak†

### **Sunday, May 19**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Arthur Geis†

### **Monday, May 20**

8:00 am Betty Miller†

### **Tuesday, May 21**

8:00 am Michael Walsh†

### **Friday, May 17**

8:00 am Wallace Borgan, Sr. †

### **Saturday, May 25**

4:15 pm Joseph Kegler†

### **Sunday, May 26**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Alice Scaramuzzo†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, May 18**

4:15 pm Mass

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

### **Sunday, May 19**

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

First Holy Communion

11:15 am Coffee Sunday (Last one until Fall)

### **Monday, May 20**

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

### **Monday, May 20**

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

### **Tuesday, May 21**

8:00 am Mass

### **Wednesday, May 22**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

### **Thursday, May 23**

9:10 am Mass Community of Saints School

4:30 pm Finance Meeting PC

6:00 pm Parish Leadership Supper PC

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting PC

### **Friday, May 24**

8:00 am Mass

### **Saturday, May 25**

4:15 pm Mass

### **Sunday, May 26**

10:15 am Mass

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

### **Monday, May 27 Memorial Day**

8:00 am Mass

Parish Office Closed

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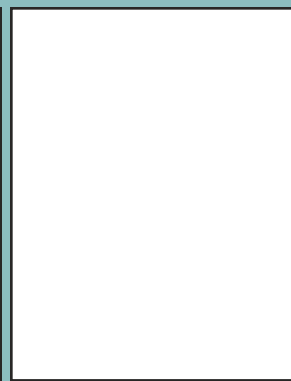
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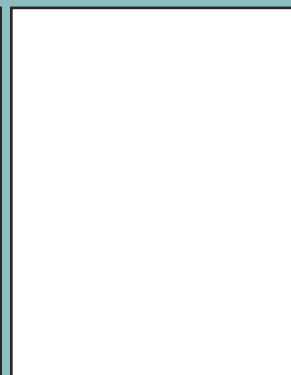
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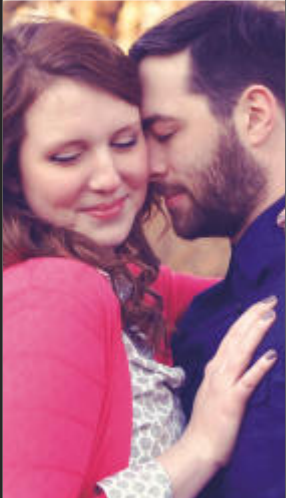


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