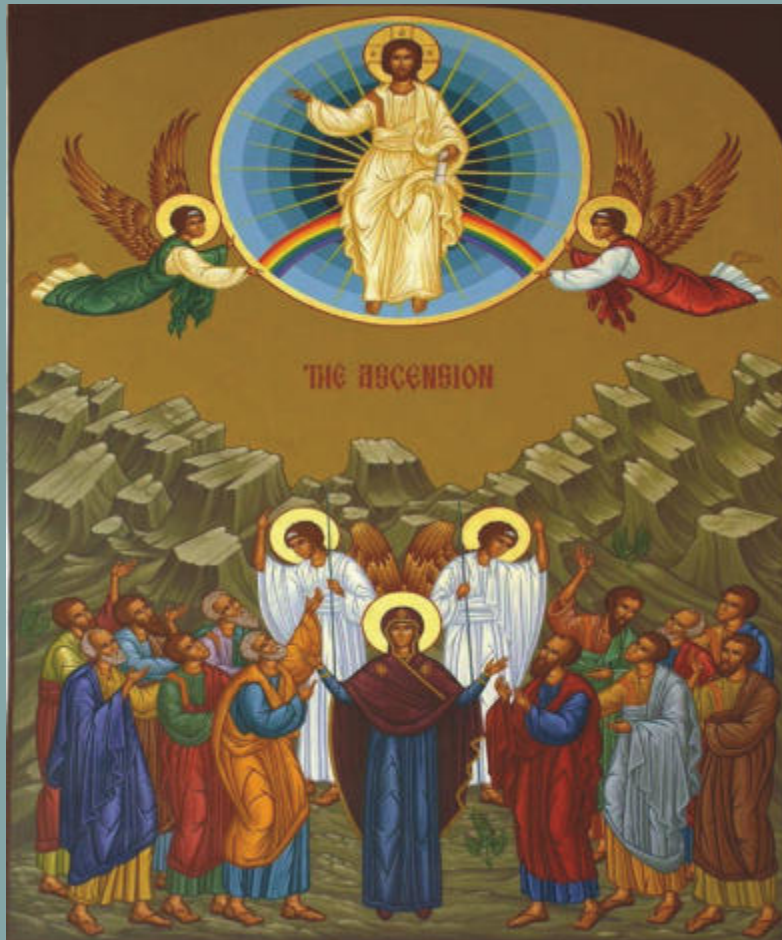


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**June 2, 2019**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	8:00 am Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 am Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School
<b>Saturday</b>	4:15 pm Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	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 June 2, 2019

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53  
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26  
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.7b]/Jn 21:20-25

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

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 opportunity.**

### 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; Sent out with the blessing of the parish community, the volunteer visits 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 additional volunteers for this ministry, we will then invite people to request that visit. Our first volunteer is taking communion from the 10:15 Mass to a parishioner who is no longer able to physically come to church. This ministry allows that 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. There are more parishioners who are no longer able to come to mass but still want to have a connection to the parish liturgy. Please consider being that person!

### THANK YOU!

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

**Thank you** to **Greg and Diane Lothenbach** and **Tim Dalzell** who painted and touched up the Chapel and Social Hall doors on Saturday, May 25h. We are grateful for your dedication to your parish.

**Thank you** to the **24** people who have volunteered to clean strawberries for the 2 day event in June and also for the State Fair. A great way to donate to the Roof Fund. If you did not sign up but still would like to help, come to the Social Hall at 8:00 am Friday & Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The more volunteers, the sooner the berries are cleaned!

## News and Events

### THANKS TO ALL FOR A MOST SUCCESSFUL Fish Fry season

Many thanks to the members of the Men's Club, to each co-sponsoring group, and to each person who worked a little or a lot at one or more of the Fish Fry Fridays in Lent!

More folks came this year than previously!! Thanks to each person who came for fish...or for spaghetti!

Through the hard work of all, there were proceeds (after expenses) of almost \$20,000!! About half of that was earned by the Men's Club—working diligently in the kitchen and beyond; the other half was earned by different co-sponsoring groups who worked one or two of the six Fridays of Lent.

A final thanks to everyone who worked at Good Friday's meal; the proceeds (\$2,790) from that day were given to the parish. Mark your calendar "2020" Fish Frys —February 28 through April 10.

### STRAWBERRY CLEANING HAS RETURNED!!

The new owner of the 'Strawberries 'n' Crème' booth at the State Fair would like St. Matt's folks to do the cleaning as has been done in the past.



And, there will be two more days of cleaning Strawberries for an event at the end of June. It's a fundraiser that can be done sitting down. Sign up today!!

### WEAR SOMETHING RED FOR PENTECOST

Pentecost is June 9th, show your 'spirit', celebrate by wearing something red!!



### PLEASE REMEMBER

*The Church of Saint Matthew in a charitable will, trust, or gift annuity.*



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.

### 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.

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.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY

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### NOTICE TO ELEVATOR USERS

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### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Will you join the others who give via electronic transfer? From your account to the St. Matt's account? It happens confidentially, securely, regularly, and it is never forgotten.

Maybe you're interested in knowing...there are five donors who give weekly—an annual total of \$13,600; there are 13 who give on the 5th of each month—an annual total of \$12,800; there are 15 who give on the 20th of the month—an annual total of \$8,400. The amount varies from \$3 per time to \$700 per occasion.

It is very easy to begin the process. Please call me at the parish office. John Riehle.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS May 19, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 35  
Hours in service 41

#### UPDATE NEXT WEEK

Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,813		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,156	School	\$ 400
Vigil Lights	\$ 35	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
Rental	\$ 100	<b>Thank You</b>	
Coffee Sunday	\$ 37		
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 700		
Roof Donation	\$ 375		
Ramp	\$ 3,500		

**Total** \$ 8,716

**Thank You**

**Parish Leadership**

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
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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, June 1**

4:15 pm Arthur Minus†

### **Sunday, June 2**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Betty Miller†

### **Monday, June 3**

8:00 am Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†

### **Tuesday, June 4**

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary Society/CCW  
Members

### **Friday, June 7**

8:00 am Mary Ann Rasmussen†

### **Saturday, June 8**

4:15 pm Rose, Joseph, Jr. & Joseph Karas, Sr.†

### **Sunday, June 9**

10:15 am Our Parish  
Michael Walsh†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, June 1** The Ascension of the Lord

4:15 pm Mass

Blood Pressure Screening after Mass

Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

### **Sunday, June 2** The Ascension of the Lord

10:15 am Mass

Blood Pressure Screening after Mass

### **Monday– Friday June 2 - June 7**

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

### **Monday, June 3**

8:00 am Mass

12:00 pm St. Mary Clinic

### **Tuesday, June 4**

8:00 am Mass

### **Wednesday, June 5**

8:00 am SS/Communion Service

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

7:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting SH

### **Thursday, June 6**

### **Friday, June 7**

8:00 am Mass

### **Saturday, June 8** Pentecost

4:15 pm Mass

### **Sunday, June 9** Pentecost

10:15 am Mass

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 am

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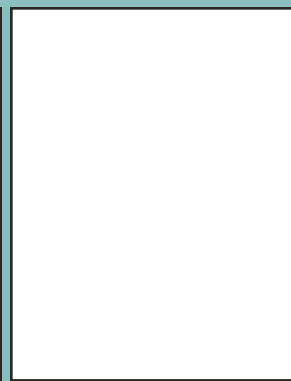
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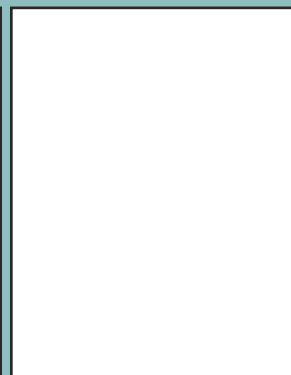
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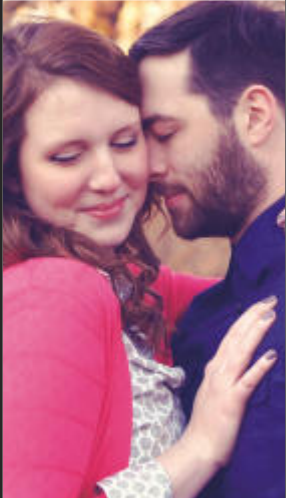
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