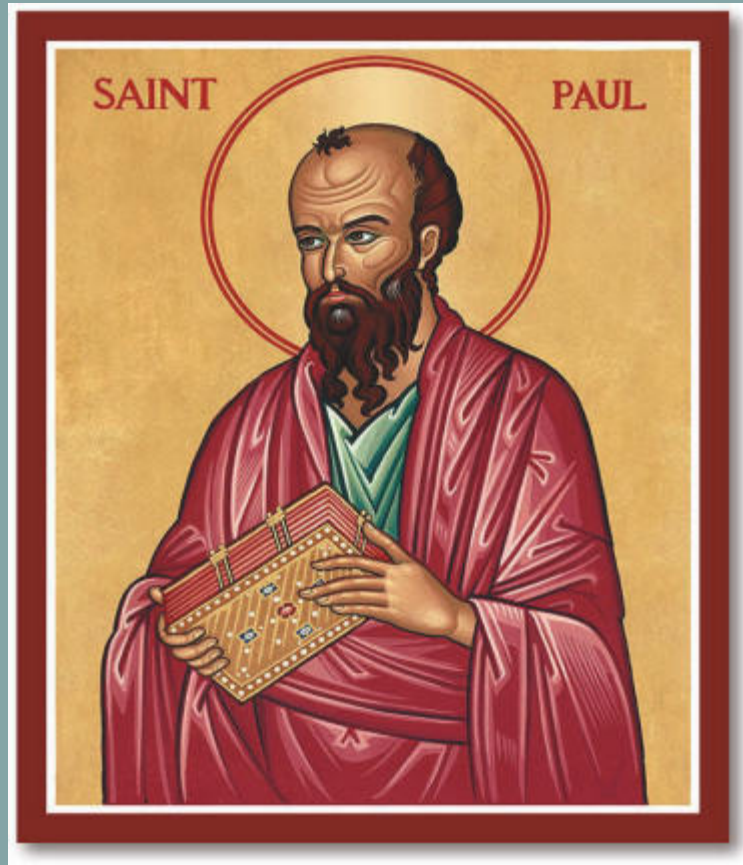




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June 30, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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

Readings for the week of June 30, 2019

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In the second reading, from Galatians, St. Paul reminds us of the essence of the Christian life. "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Just a few verses later Paul points out why this simple command is so challenging to live out. "The flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want." Isn't that the truth!

Overcoming our tendency toward selfishness while striving to put Christ and others ahead of ourselves is a daily internal battle.

In today's Gospel, from Luke, Christ refers to this struggle within as He encounters two "would-be" disciples on His way to Jerusalem. "Follow me," Jesus says to the first man. "But he replied, 'Lord let me go first and bury my father.'" The other said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." These two want to follow Christ, but only on their own terms, and only after taking care of some other, more pressing matters (at least in their own minds).

To this, Christ says thanks, but no thanks! Following Him requires an unqualified "yes" not a "yes but..." We are called to put Christ and His kingdom ahead of our own plans if we truly wish to be His disciples and to find victory in the battle of selfishness.

Living stewardship as a way of life can go a long way in arming us for victory. Stewardship living provides us with a custom-made "training plan" — the commitment to a specific offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the Kingdom of God. It is a plan discerned through prayer, and by looking at the realities of our unique circumstances, strengths, and limitations. The daily discipline of committing to the plan strengthens us and helps us gradually move away from the "yes, but" attitude and towards an unqualified "yes!" to Christ and His will.

The beauty of this way of life is that, far from constricting freedom, living out stewardship day by day actually increases freedom. Why? It frees us from unhealthy attachments to our comforts, our professional ambitions, and our possessions so that we can attach — fully and without reservation — to Christ. It creates in us the habit of putting first things first, of keeping our priorities aligned with Christ's priorities.

Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from giving Him and unqualified "yes!"

The Catholic Steward



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer
Coordinator

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.

CARPET CLEANING

A commercial cleaning company will clean the Church carpet on **Monday, July 1st**. *Beforehand*: everyone at 10:15 am Mass this week will be asked to move chairs to the wood and stone surfaces. *Afterward*: beginning at 8:30 am on **Wednesday, July 3rd** we will put the chairs back. Please come if you can.

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

We successfully completed our first **Strawberry Cleaning Event!** Over a 2-day period, June 21st & 22nd, 51 parishioners volunteered their time to clean strawberries and earn money for our parish needs. (26 of these people worked both days!) They also had a chance to visit and enjoy time with fellow parishioners. We thank Greg & Diane Lothenbach who continue to chair this event. They have honed this to a "Fine Art". Volunteers began cleaning strawberries at 8:00 am each day. The job was completed, and the Social Hall cleaned by 10am on Friday and 9:30 am on Saturday. Thank you to the following parishioners who donated their time to benefit our parish: **Maribel A, Charley A, Mike B, Bill B, Corrine B, Jim B, Tim D, Beth G, Marilyn G, Jim J, Joan J, Christopher J, Latrice J, Ron J, Chuck K, Rose K, Leo K, Marcie K, Tom K, John K, Joan K, Gerri K, Jan L, Jackie L, Don L, Mary L, Josie M, Carol M, Ann M, Madison N, Tim N, John R, Linda R, Pete R, Hope S, Al S, Kathy S, Mary Lou S, Joanne S, Shirley S, Mooreen S, Kathy T, Carrie C, Dan V, Barb V, Eileen N, Pat M, Lisa N, Bernie K, Ceil G. and Jim. G.**

If you were unable to take part in this event, mark your calendars for **August 21st – September 1st**! We will do it all again for the **Minnesota State Fair!**

News and Events

CARE FOR OUR PLANET EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

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FALL FESTIVAL 2019

Our Fall Festival will be held the weekend of September 14th & 15th. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, July 8th 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! Booth Chair people, 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!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. Father Adrian, John Riehle and the parish staff wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July with family and friends.



ALTERNATIVE DAILY MASS LOCATIONS & TIMES

Father Adrian will be enjoying some 'well deserved' vacation in July. He will be away from the parish from Monday, July 1 through Sunday, July 21. During that time there will not be daily Masses nor Scripture and Communion Services.

Please worship at one of our neighbors during that time:
Assumption - Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon
Our Lady of Guadalupe: Tuesday - Friday - 5:30 pm
St. Joseph: Monday - Friday mornings at 7:30 am Tuesday -Thursday afternoons at 5:30pm; First Friday 5:30pm. Saturday 8:00 am

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 23, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 8.5
 Hours in service 34

Parish		School	\$ 440
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 5,689		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,418	Total	\$ 440
Vigil Lights	\$ 42	Thank You	
Mass Intention	\$ 105		
Roof Donation	\$ 0		
Ramp	\$ 0		
Bells	\$ 0		

Total \$ 7,254

Thank You



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.

COS MONTHLY COLLECTION—July

Because of the missionary collection on July 6-7, the collection for Community of Saints School will be the following weekend: **July 13-14.**

ROOF FUND

We are about mid-way through the new roof replacement project. It will be a relief to not worry each time there is a rain storm or the snow melts wondering where are the pails going to be needed to catch to leaks. But a new roof costs money and we as parishioners are going to have to do our share to help pay for this new roof.



Please help as you are able, whenever you are able. Envelopes are on the table under the Icon of Saint Matthew.

Thank you for helping to care for our parish for this generation, our children's and grandchildren's.

VISITING MISSIONARY—Next Weekend

Every summer a missionary visits each parish in the diocese to make a presentation and an appeal. [All the funds collected through the parish appeals is pooled and distributed proportionately to each of the religious orders and dioceses.]

Next weekend, July 6 & 7 a priest of the diocese of Kitui, Kenya will be with us celebrating Mass and telling us about the missions.

There is a 'sister diocese' relationship between St. Paul/Minneapolis and Kitui.

There will be a special collection for the Kitui Missions that weekend. Thanks for the generosity of all.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Community of Saints is always working to continue growing professionally and find best practice! The first week of summer included three days of Higher Powered Learning Program training with our school BLAST leadership team as we prepare to roll out school-wide blended learning next school year. This past week, school administration headed to the University of Notre Dame for the Latino Enrollment Institute (LEI) conference. In a few weeks, a team of teachers will also be heading to Notre Dame for an intense two week STEM training. We are excited to implement ideas and frameworks we learn from these professional opportunities in the 2019-20 school year and beyond.

Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is in full swing, and we are excited—last year our enrollment increased over 10%, and we are hoping to grow even more next school year. We are asking YOU to spread the word, and help us with our goal to increase enrollment! If you know of anyone, ages Prek-8 grade, looking for a high quality, AFFORDABLE, Catholic education, that emphasizes the values of faith, inclusivity and love, please send them our way and we will give them a tour and show them what we are all about!

Doug Lieser: dliesser@communityofsaints.org; School Office: 651-457-2510—we communicate calls in English or Spanish. Please and thank you!

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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 29

4:15 pm Pam, Lucille, & Robert Stickler, Sr. †

Sunday, June 30

10:15 am Our Parish

Rudy Saucedo, Jr. †

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

Friday, July 5

Saturday, July 6

4:15 pm Bob Nowak †

Sunday, July 7

10:15 am Our Parish

Pam, Lucille, Robert Stickler, Sr. †

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 29 Peter's Pence Collection

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, June 30 Peter's Pence Collection

10:15 am Mass

Following Mass move chairs out of worship space

Monday– Friday July 1 - July 5

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

Monday, July 1

12:00 pm St. Mary Clinic

Tuesday, July 2

Wednesday, July 3

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

8:30 am Move chairs back into the worship space

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day

Parish Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Saturday, July 6 Missionary Sunday

4:15 pm Mass

2nd Collection for Kitui Missions

Sunday, July 7

10:15 am Mass **Missionary Sunday**

2nd Collection for Kitui Missions

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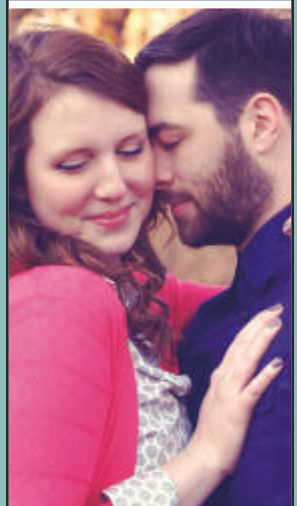
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