

Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



July 7, 2019
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordered Time

Liturgy Schedule
Monday
Tuesday
Friday
Wednesday
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 July 7, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

“The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit.” In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ’s family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is, in a sense, our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ, we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

Next, Christ instructs, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Who are the laborers that our Lord speaks of? Perhaps it is the clergy and religious who first come to mind. And we certainly have a duty to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. But we confirmed Catholics are also His laborers, called by Christ to bring others to Him and to join us in the life of Christian discipleship.

How are we to do this? We are to go first to God in prayer. Inviting people into the Kingdom of Christ is above all a spiritual endeavor so our Lord reminds us to seek God’s wisdom before approaching others. The harvest, after all, belongs to Him. We simply have the privilege of helping with the harvesting. This also reminds us that it is not primarily through “Catholic guilt trips” that we will ignite in others a passion for serving Christ and living the Gospel. It is God Himself who must be at work in us as we call others to the Christian life.

The very next instruction Christ gives is this: “Go on your way.” Yes, we must pray for each other, for our families, for our parish. But then we must go! The Good News of Christ is meant to be shared, and not just within the confines of our own parish family. We must take it out wherever our way leads us — in our neighborhood, at our workplace, in our social life. This is the essence and purpose of a stewardship way of life.

This week, let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work on the harvest all around us.

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

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

As the old saying goes, “**It doesn’t rain but it pours!**” This is exactly what happened to Kelly, our strawberry lady. Her strawberry booth took quite a hit due to the downpours Sunday afternoon. Nearly 100 unused containers of strawberries were returned to our cooler in the social hall. Kelly asked if we could find people who could use these strawberries. Thank you to Joanne S. who on Monday morning worked through her phone list calling people to come and help bag the berries and/or take some home themselves to be used. Many stopped to take berries home to use for pies and jams for our Fall Festival. Many tubs were filled with bagged strawberries for the Loaves and Fishes guests to take with them Monday evening. A group of young workers with Loaves and Fishes included the strawberries in lunches they took to children at playgrounds. Many tubs of bagged strawberries were taken to Cerenity. Thank you to all who helped bag the berries - Marcie & Leo K, Chris & Tony W, Joanne S, Corrine B, Beth G, Linda S, Marilyn G, Carol M, Bernie K, Jan L, Mary L, Diane & Greg L, Joan J, Tim N, John R, Ginny R, and Steve G.

We have MANY bags of strawberries in freezers and coolers in the Social Hall. These are available to anyone who would like to use them to make pies, jams etc. to sell at our Fall Festival!

If you want to start your preparations now email mleibl@st-matts.org or call the Parish Center and we will make arrangements for you to come and get some strawberries. As we get closer to the festival, announcements will be made as to when berries may be gotten after the Masses.

News and Events

CARE FOR OUR PLANET EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

Ramsey County Residents:

See the "A to Z Recycling Guide" or ask a related question to www.ramseyrecycles.com



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Go to www.co.dakota.mn.us, open the "menu" and click on "Environment" to use the "Green Guide."

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!

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 22. 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

SUPPORT ST. MATT'S SCRIP PROGRAM

Help support St. Matt's Scrip Program by using it for your weekly shopping needs such as, gas and groceries. We all need them and most of us purchase them on a weekly basis. Stop by and see Tim Nowak, he is waiting to serve to at the table a the back of Church. Check out and see all the other great gift card he has on hand.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 23, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 8.5
Hours in service 34

Update Next Week

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

Next weekend July 13 & 14...thank you.

ROOF FUND

Thank you to everyone who has been so very generous to the Roof Fund, large and small, all contributions are greatly appreciated.



We have received several "in memory of" donations. Perhaps you too would like to consider making a donation "in memory of" a Saint Matthew's parishioner who is no longer with us. A parent, a former Saint Matthew's school teacher, perhaps a former priest, a school mate, the list goes on and on, those are just a few suggestions.

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

We will continue to be the parish we are, through our strong commitment, for generations to come!

NOMINATIONS AWARD NOW OPEN: ST. JOHN PAUL II CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. Submit a nomination at archspm.org/C4L. Deadline for nominations is **August 2, 2019**. Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or orschulten@archspm.org.



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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, July 6

4:15 pm Bob Nowak†

Sunday, July 7

10:15 am Our Parish

Pam, Lucille, Robert Stickler, Sr.†

Monday, July 8

Tuesday, July 9

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

4:15 pm Joseph Kegler† & Bob Snyder†

Sunday, July 14

10:15 am Our Parish

John DeVecchio, Special Intention

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday– Friday July 8 - July 12

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

Monday, July 8

12:00 pm St. Mary Clinic

6:30 pm Fall Festival Planning Meeting SH

Tuesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 10

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

6:00 pm Leaving St. Matt's - Miesville Mudhens
Baseball Game

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

4:15 pm Mass

2nd Collection for Community of Saints School

Sunday, July 14

10:15 am Mass

2nd Collection for Community of Saints School

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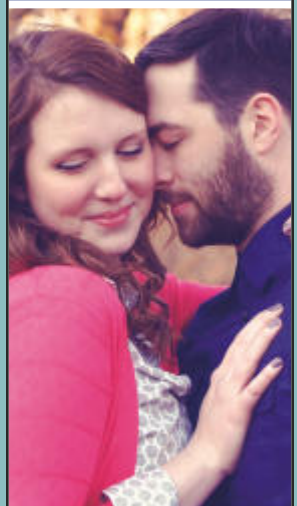
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