



Church of St. Matthew

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September 8, 2019
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordered Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am	Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday	9:10 am	Mass Community of Saints School
Friday	8:00 am	Mass
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

Reading for the Week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wisdom 9: 13-18b, Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Monday: Colossians 1: 24-2: 3, Luke 6: 6-11
Tuesday: Colossians 2: 6-15, Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 6:27-38
Friday: First Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14, Luke 6:39-42
Saturday: Numbers 21: 4b-9, John 3:13-17

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might. **- The Catholic Steward**

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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 3 continuing opportunities.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades 1 – 10 will resume in mid-September and we have openings for teachers and helpers. Volunteers should enjoy helping children know, love, and serve Jesus and their neighbor, as they learn more about their Catholic faith. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, between September and April. Curriculum and supplies are provided. If a weekly commitment is too much, please consider being a substitute or helping with specific events. To find out more, call or email Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation coordinator, 651-457-3522 or Janelle@st-matts.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD, TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

From mid-September until mid-May, children ages 3 to 6 may participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:15 am Mass; the children are in the chapel about 20 minutes for age-appropriate instruction and crafts. We need more teachers and teen helpers to consistently offer the program every weekend. Curriculum and supplies are provided. For more information about what is involved, email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at Janelle@st-matts.org or call her at 651-457-3522.

FALL FESTIVAL

We are still in need of workers for the Fall Festival. Especially on Sunday afternoon. If you can help in the kitchen, serving or running the dishwasher. A 2 hr shift between 11:00 am & 4:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the Kid's Games area at 8:00am Sunday September 15th. Also to help work the games. (If you will be in the Confirmation program this will work toward one of you Service Projects!) We also need more people to help break down the booths on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm and help put everything back into storage until next year.

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!

A huge thank you to all who came during the last 12 days to clean strawberries! While working and enjoying the company of fellow parishioners, you earned money for the new church roof!

Mark your calendars for August 19th, 2020 when we will gather to clean strawberries again!!

News and Events

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"We must care for the earth so that it may continue as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family."

-Pope Francis



Going green at the Fall Festival - The Root Beer Float Booth will now have re-useable metal straws and our plastic straws are bio-degradable!!

STRAWBERRIES — INTERIM REPORT

As you read this we will have completed the cleaning of thousands of pounds of berries. This bulletin was prepared early because of Labor Day holiday for the bulletin company.

We were prepared to clean 700 pounds each day. During the first nine days of cleaning (through Thursday, 8/29) we cleaned eight days; one day we cleaned 1,000 pounds; one day there was no cleaning (over supply and rain); one day there were 400 pounds cleaned!

Through the eight days of cleaning there were 64 different people who made 248 appearances to help with the task. Eleven(!) people came every day!! Another nine missed only one day of cleaning! Thanks to the entire crew. Watch for the final report in next week's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AT FESTIVAL

Several years ago St. Matthew Christmas ornaments were sold at the Fall Festival. The ornaments were sold in sets of two. A picture of the church was on the ornament and the buyer could then have the name of a family member, friend etc., living, or deceased, written on the ornaments. The buyer kept one ornament and the other would be placed on the Sanctuary Christmas trees during the Christmas season. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to write the names on these ornaments during the Festival on Sunday September 15th. If you would like to offer your artistic talent please contact mleibl@st-matts.org

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE NEXT WEEK

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Our regular collection for the food shelf at Neighborhood House will take place next weekend September 14th and 15th. Items needed are non-perishable foods and personal care items. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.



During our last collection on August 17th 267 pounds was collected.



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 10th in celebration of Jaden Baker's birthday. The Bells will ring on September 13th in celebration of Ethan Andrew's birthday.

The Bells will ring on September 15th to celebrate Marilyn Gonsowski's 80th birthday. Happy Birthday Marilyn!

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 special date.

FALL FESTIVAL 2019 FINAL COUNTDOWN

Our Fall Festival will be held the weekend of September 14th & 15th. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.



We have just 1 week until the festival. We ask all Booth Chair people to attend this meeting as we finalize plans for the festival. Everyone working together will make our Festival fun and profitable!

AARP DRIVER COURSE AT ST. MATTS.

The course will be on Thursday, October 17th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the social hall. Please enter from the parking lot. \$15 for AARP member; \$20 for non-members; payable at the door. Registration only by phone to the parish center; 651.224.9793.



REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Registrations will be taken after Mass on 8/24, 8/25, 9/7, and 9/8. Or stop by the Parish Center to register or register online at www.st-matts.org. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation next spring. First Communion and First Reconciliation are usually celebrated in 2nd or 3rd grade, but we also prepare older students for these sacraments. Confirmation is celebrated in 8th, 9th, or 10th grade. Our first evening of class is on September 18 at 6:30 pm in the church building.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RESUMES

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:15 AM Sunday Mass at St Matthew. This school-year program **will resume on September 15** and be held most Sundays through next May. Children are invited after opening prayers to come forward for a blessing and to join the children's liturgist in walking to the chapel. For about 20 minutes in the chapel, the kids will learn about the day's Gospel and do crafts. After the offertory and around the time of Eucharistic prayers, the children are walked back in to the main church to rejoin their families. Instructors in this program will vary each week. We use the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies *Seeds* curriculum (www.pflaumweeklies.com/seeds/).

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 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, September 7

4:15 pm Arthur Geis†

Sunday, September 8

10:15 am Our Parish

John DelVecchio, Special Intention

Monday, September 9

Jaden Baker, Special Intention

Tuesday, September 10

David Andrews†

Friday, September 13

Ethan Andrew, Special Intention

Saturday, September 14

4:15 pm Art Fischer†

Sunday, September 15

10:15 am Our Parish

Mary Schweich†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 7

4:15 pm Mass

Faith Formation Registration Following Mass

Sunday, September 8

10:15 am Mass

Reconciliation following Mass

Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

Faith Formation Registration Following Mass

Monday – Friday September 9– September 13

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

Monday, September 9

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

6:30 pm Fall Festival Meeting PC

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 Rosary/CCW Meeting SH

Wednesday, September 11

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

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, September 12

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

3:00 - 9:00 pm Fall Festival

4:15 pm Mass

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Faith Formation Registration Following Mass

Sunday, September 15 Catechetical Sunday

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Faith Formation Registration Following Mass

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Fall Festival

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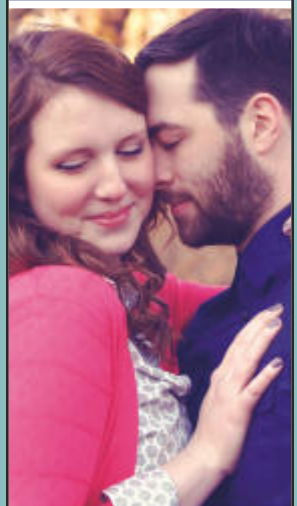
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