



Church of St. Matthew

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September 15, 2019 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordered Time *Celebrating The Feast of Saint Matthew*

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

Readings for the Week of September 15, 2019

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

The comments are for the assigned readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordered Time.

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate and merciful love of God, which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us, as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic — God's mercy — defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.

- The Catholic Steward



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer
Coordinator

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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 2 continuing opportunities.

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.

SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have four 4-hour shifts and four 3-hr shifts. Hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & Monday – Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

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!

We thank the many individuals who are chairing activities at our Fall Festival this weekend. These men and women began organizing these events last May. They have spent countless hours planning and preparing so that everyone will enjoy a fun and a profitable weekend for our parish!

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 plastic straws that are compostable. At the Pie Booth there will be compostable forks, coffee cups and plates! Please look for and use the new recycling trash cans too!

INCLUDING ST. MATTHEW'S IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

A parish family included Saint Matthew's in their will. Three months ago I was notified that we would receive a gift through their estate. This past week we received about 2/3 of the \$44,000 that was designated for our parish community. (The balance will come at the end of the month-different funds settle at different times.)

As a parish we thank the family for their generosity and their "forward thinking." Have you included St. Matt's in your planning? Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

- John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS POZOLE IN THE PARK

Please join us for our first *Pozole in the Park* on Saturday, September 21st from 12:00-3:00 pm at Community of Saints. There will be FREE kids' activities hosted by our 8th grade students, and amazing food for sale. Proceeds from food sales will support our annual 8th grade field trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.

Community of Saints is in search of volunteers! We are specifically looking for help in maintaining our school library. If you have any interest, or know someone who might, please contact the school: alopez@communityofsaints.org or 651.457.2510. Please and thank you!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 1 & 8, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 21
Hours in service 55

Parish		School	\$	590
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,757	Rosary Dues	\$	10
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,331			
Vigil Lights	\$ 44			
Strawberries	\$ 4,700	Total	\$	600
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Bells	\$ 20			
Fall Festival	\$ 253			
Roof Donation	\$ 100			
Ramp Donation	\$ 200			
Rent	\$ 5,010			
Total	\$ 21,433			

Thank You



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

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 19th in memory of Arthur Minus.

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.

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. 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. (This Wednesday)**

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/).

SAVE THE DATE

The 1970 8th grade class of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Vianney, St. Matthew and St. Michael's is having their 50th grade school reunion at St. Matthew's on Saturday, May 16, 2020 beginning with mass at 4:15 pm and then dinner to follow. See The Good News, Community of Saints Newsletter, for updates.

COMING SOON

Boy Scout Troop 288 will be here at St. Matt's September 28th & 29th selling gourmet popcorn and taking orders for Christmas wreaths and garlands. Wreaths and garland will be delivered around Thanksgiving.

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Office Hours

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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 14

4:15 pm Art Fischer†

Sunday, September 15

10:15 am Our Parish

Mary Schweich†

Monday, September 16

8:00 am Marcus T. McEllistrem†

Tuesday, September 17

8:00 am William Keenan†

Friday, September 20

8:00 am Susan Andrew, Special Intention

Saturday, September 21

4:15 pm Joe Kegler and Bob Snyder†

Sunday, September 22

10:15 am Our Parish

Madeline Perron†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday – Friday September 16– September 20

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

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

Wednesday, September 18

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Begin CH/PC

Thursday, September 19

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, September 22

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation following Mass

Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

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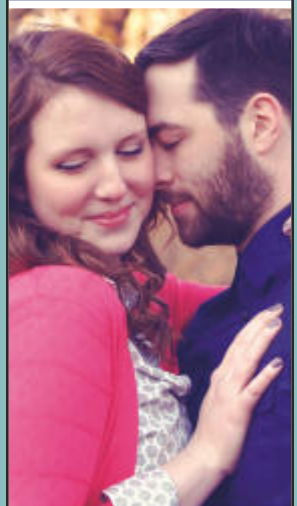
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