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Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me .

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Masses in church are cancelled until further notice.

Mass will be streamed at 10:15 Sunday

Thank you.

Reconciliation

Cancelled until further notice

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of May 17, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

Due to the Coronavirus, our volunteer opportunities are limited!

WEBMASTER Seeking a volunteer admin and content manager for the st-matts.org website. Requires experience with WordPress. Main duties are posting weekly bulletins and inserts and monthly calendar. May also involve cross-posting blog articles to our Facebook page.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Eventually we will be able to resume worshipping in church. We will need volunteers to serve as Lectors and as Eucharistic Ministers at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass. Will train.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION Although we are not able to worship together, the bills still need to be paid. Please continue to financially support our parish by sending your weekly envelope contribution to the parish center. If you would rather contribute electronically, please contact John Riehle at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

THANK YOU to all who made it possible for the congregation to attend the **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. Pianist **Jill** & Cantors **Linda and Anne** who provided the beautiful music. **Mary & Tim** who presented the readings. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org Website/ Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Mini Census! To **Corrine, Chris, Linda & John** who prepared all of the mailings. To **Al & Kathy, Tim, Joanne, Carol, Tim, Jackie, Linda, Barb, Jan, Mary, Vicki, Steve, Ginny, Mooreen, Becky, Janelle, Jerald, Jeanne, Kathy, Ellen, Scott & Kathy, Suzanne, Catherine, Marge, Ed & Pat, Jerry, Linda, Karen, Tiffany, Donis, John & Pat** who called every person listed as a parishioner!

News and Events

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MASSES CANCELED

To protect the health of our staff, volunteers, parishioners, and Father Steve, the parish office will be closed and all Masses are cancelled. This includes funeral and baptisms. Father Steve and John Riehle will revisit the situation in the coming weeks and you will again be notified of their decision.

Mass with Father Adrian will stream on Sunday 10:15 am Mass via Facebook and YouTube. You must be a Facebook user to view this application; or go to the parish website.

Please continue in your prayers Father Adrian who brings us Mass each week, our sacristans, cantors, musicians & lectors, Alan & John who brought it all to fruition. For all the folks in the medical field who work tireless each day, mail carriers, auto mechanics, utility workers, refinery workers, sanitation workers and so many other places that keep us all going while we stay home. God keep them safe as well.

PAY PAL DONATIONS

Thank you to all who continue to donate to the Church. Thanks for those who have been sending envelopes through the USPS; thanks to those who have decided to do it by "electronic funds transfer"; and thank you to those who are donating using Pay Pal. Beginning this week we will list that amount separately. And a special thanks to those who donate through Pay Pal and are paying the fee.

Another option in giving is EFT, you can easily set this up by contacting John Riehle at the parish center or at jriehle@st-matts.org. There isn't a fee for the service or the set up.

We continue on as a parish with your weekly, monthly and annual monetary support AND your volunteer support. Thank you for everything you do for our parish.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit May 16-22 for the special intention of **Tim Borgan**.

Remember the Bells will ring and the Sanctuary and chapel lamps will be lit if we are present or not. You may have the lamps lit for a loved one and the church bells ring every hour from 7am to 6 pm daily.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the lamps for your special memory or event.

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AGAIN

The archdiocese has sent pages of guidelines that should be followed as everyone is invited back to worship together. We will wait until an announcement by Governor Walz and then the Liturgy Committee will meet [on Zoom] to decide what we will do in order to allow folks back "into the Church."

It will certainly involve "social distancing;" it may involve the wearing of masks; there will probably be no congregational singing [singing and speaking can spread the virus very easily]; we will not use hymnals and there will be no water in the holy water fountains.

We will try to communicate, before the effective weekend, what is expected from each of us. Please go to the parish website: www.st-matts.org. It will have the latest information.

MINI-CENSUS

Thank you to the 32 parishioners who tried to make phone contact with each registered family. This is the first time in almost ten years that this has been done.

A lot of information in our records is "out of date." We want to discover the easiest accurate way of communicating. E-mail is the easiest, the fastest, and much less expensive than USPS.

We were not able to reach a large number of parish families. We will send a letter asking those families to verify if they want to remain "on the rolls" or would like to be removed. We will honor the choice of all.

LEASING THE SCHOOL BUILDING

We are working with another charter school that plans to open in September 2020. A number of groups have investigated our building and for reasons that have nothing to do with the building...they have decided to go in another direction. We do not want to get our hopes too high. An extra prayer for this intention may help to bear fruit.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"When we grew up" the Feast of Ascension was celebrated on the 40th day of Easter—always a Thursday. The bishops have been given the opportunity to have that feast celebrated on a weekend—so more people would be able to participate. Next week—the 7th Sunday of Easter—will be celebrated as Ascension. [The following Sunday will be Pentecost—the end of the Eastertime.]


Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS May 17, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer Prayers Needed

Hours in service

Parish		School	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,832		\$ 221
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		\$
Easter	\$ 95		\$
PayPal	\$ 200		
Memorial	\$ 105	Total	\$ 221
Gym Rental	\$ 400	Thank You!	
Vigil Lights	\$		
Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 18	PayPal QR Code	
Fuel	\$ 58	simply scan with	
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		electronic stewardship payment	

Total \$ 5,953

Thank You!

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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sadrian

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Parish Pastoral Council

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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.*

Saturday, May 16

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 17

10:15 am Our Parish

Eva Alvarez†, Alice Scaramuzo†
Connie Fleming†, Living & Deceased
Rosary/CCW Members

Monday, May 18

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, May 22

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 23

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 24

10:15 am Our Parish

Arthur Geis†, Rose Karas†
John & Helen Leibl†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 16

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 17

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Food Collection for Neighborhood House - Monetary donations only please - Direct to Neighborhood House or to Parish Center. Thank you.

Monday, May 18—Friday May 22

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, May 18

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, May 19

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, May 20

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, May 21

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 24

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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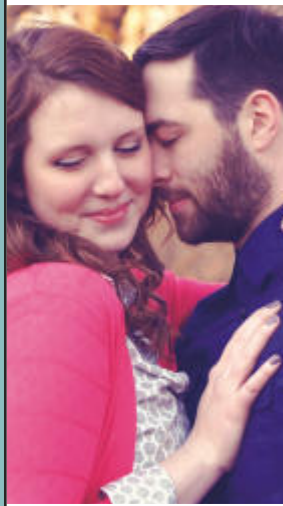
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