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As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. ... Suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them

May 24, 2020

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord**

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 24, 2020

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

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’”

In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

- *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

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!

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

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 **Richard and Linda** who provided the beautiful music. **Chris & Ron** 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 **Corrine & Chris** who prepared a mailing for Phase II of the Parish Mini-Census. Thank you also to **Pete** who mowed the lawn on the parish campus and cleaned up the “Winter Mess”.

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 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 & lecturers, Alan & John who brought it all to fruition. For all the folks in the medical field who work tireless each day, teachers, shelter workers and day care providers, who care for others. 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.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS May 17, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 25
Hours in service 6

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 2,407
Electronic Giving \$ 245
Holy Day \$ 55
PayPal \$ 270
Memorial \$
Gym Rental \$
Vigil Lights \$ 8
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School \$ 76
Food Shelf \$ 115

Total \$ 191

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Total \$ 3,053
Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The church lamp will be lit on May 30 - June 5th to mark the first anniversary of **Mary Jane Sperl's** death. May she rest in God's peace and love.

Remember the Bells will ring and the Sanctuary lamp will be lit if we are present or not. You may have the lamp 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 lamp 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 suspend daily Masses until we are in Phase III. (Almost everyone who comes to worship on weekdays is "well beyond" 65, as is Fr. Steve.) Watch the bulletin and the parish website for more details as we get closer.

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 have finished their attempted calls to the 450 registered households. It has been many years since this kind of contact was tried; there is much information that is "out of date."

We have sent a letter to each household where there was no phone contact. We hope every family will return the request for information ASAP. Thank you in advance.

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 be celebrated on a weekend—so more people would be able to participate. This week—the 7th Sunday of Easter—we are celebrating the Ascension.

NEXT WEEKEND: PENTECOST

May 31, is the feast of Pentecost. It is the end of the Eastertime - the 50th day of the season. (And if we were gathering for worship we would suggest that everyone wear red. Alas, you can do that at home if you'd like to unite even more to the liturgy.)

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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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, May 23

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 24

10:15 am Our Parish

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

Monday, May 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, May 29

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 30

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, May 31

10:15 am Our Parish

Wallace Borgan, Sr.†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 23

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 24 Ascension of the Lord

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, May 25—Friday May 29

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

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, May 26

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, May 27

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, May 28

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday May 31 Pentecost Sunday

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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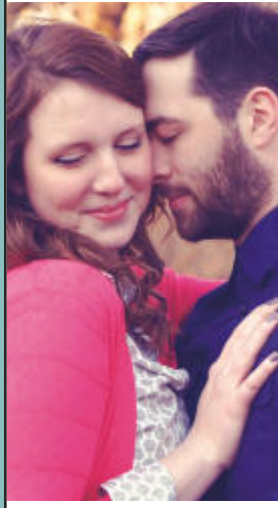
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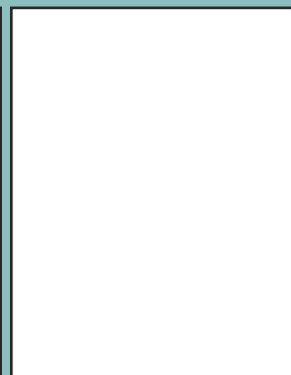
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