

# Church of St. Matthew

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*What more could I do for my vineyard that I had not done?  
When I looked for the crop of grapes, why did it bring forth wild grapes?*

**October 4, 2020**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordered Time**

## ***Liturgy Schedule***

### ***Masses***

**In person 4:15 pm Saturday  
Streamed 10:15 am Sunday**

### ***Reconciliation***

**2nd and 4th Saturday of the month  
following 4:15 pm Mass**

***Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick***  
Please call the parish office for each

***Prayer Line 651.457.0228***

## ***Readings for the week of October 4, 2020***

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/  
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

*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**

### FAITH FORMATION

St. Matthew's Faith Formation program needs volunteers to teach students in younger grades and needs two volunteers at the front desk. Time commitment is Wednesday evenings from mid-September until early May. We are seeking volunteers at least 16 years of age. Additionally, substitute teachers are needed. Even if you could only volunteer occasionally, we could still use your help! To find out more, please email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text 651-242-6004

**I invite anyone who could help with this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

### THANK YOU!

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

**THANK YOU** to the 53 parishioners who attended our Public Mass last Saturday. As we continue to film that Mass for those who wish to attend the **Sunday Mass online**, we thank 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. To our pianist **Jill** who provided the beautiful music and our cantor **Jeanne** who sang at the Saturday Mass and to Kathy who was the cantor for the Sunday online Mass. To **Miles & Mooreen** who presented the readings, and to **Tim & Mary** who did the readings for the Sunday online Mass. To our Eucharistic ministers Janelle & Dave. We thank our sacristans/server **Ginny & Mary**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. 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**.

**Do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend Mass?** If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a Sacristan before Mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

**THANK YOU** to Pete and James who patched the concrete at the front door entrance to the church!

## News and Events

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

### **BEFORE ATTENDING MASS, STOP, THINK, CONSIDER**

While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you or any one you know been exposed to Covid-19?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health, masks are required.**

### **CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE**

1. The long-handled collection baskets that were ordered many months ago have arrived—finally. The ushers will take up the collections [both for the parish and special collections] at the usual times of the Mass. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Everyone coming will be asked to record their name and telephone number on a sign-in sheet. The only—but important—reason for this is the use of that information for contact tracing. [To date we have not had any cases of COVID-19 connected to attendance at Mass. There is no guarantee that our 'clean record' will continue.]

### **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 27, 2020**

#### **Volunteer Service**

Hours in prayer 22  
Hours in service 29

#### **Parish**

Envelopes/Cash \$ 2,595  
Electronic Giving \$ 945  
Holyday \$ 0  
PayPal \$ 300  
Faith Formation \$ 800  
Fuel \$ 0  
Bells \$ 7  
Masses \$ 339  
Rent \$ 1,200  
Vigil Lights \$ 13  
Sanctuary Lamps \$ 20

#### **School \$ 80**

Neighborhood  
House \$ 15

Total \$ 95

#### **Thank You!**

#### **PayPal QR Code**

simply scan with your phone to make an electronic stewardship offering.

**Total \$6,219**  
**Thank You!**



### **THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**

The sanctuary lamp will be light October 3 to October 9 for **John Sepri**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on October 4th for the **living and deceased Rosary/CCW members**. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on October 5th to celebrate **John Sepri's** 96th birthday. Happy birthday John!

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:lriviera@st-matts.org) or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to lite the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### **ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS**

Two years ago, as a 7th grader at Community of Saints School, Isaac Garcia proposed a project for Advent to the staff and students at COS. It was quite successful. Last year, as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at COS, Isaac invited St. Matt's to help by donating items for homeless individuals. St. Matthews's parish brought hundreds of items to help fill his Blessing Bags.

Since last Christmas, Isaac's Blessing Bags has been designated as a Non-Profit organization!

Isaac is now a freshman at Cretin-Derham Hall High School. He will be collecting items for his bags October 25<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>. During that time, St Matt's will be collecting items in the church before Sat. masses and at the Parish center each Monday – Thursday.

Isaac will speak to the parish at the 4:15 pm Mass on October. 24<sup>th</sup>. His talk will be included in the Streamed Mass the next day.

### **REGULAR STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS**

Please remember the call to be good stewards is just as important now as before COVID-19. [In fact, it may be more important.]

1) Am I praying each day for the success of the parish in its mission to be the visible expression of God here on the Westside and beyond?

2) Am I offering my talent as needed so that St. Matt's can be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi? If I do not know how to do that, or if I want to offer my talents and time....have I reviewed the ministries that are described in the bulletin? Have I called the parish office?

3) Am I continuing to donate for the support of the mission and the ministry? Do I bring my envelope when I come to church? Or am I mailing it in? Or am I using PayPal--either through a regular monthly donation or every week? Or have I made arrangements for an EFT [electronic funds transfer? EFTs give the most bang for the buck...there is no postage to pay and there are no PayPal fees to pay.

Thank you.

John Riehle and Linda Rivera are available to help anyone respond to the call of Stewardship in its many forms.

*Also, if you typically give a cash donation without an envelope we appreciate your contribution, but have no way of knowing who cash comes from.*

## Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
jdelvecchio

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kevinjack

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kthompson

## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Alan Christensen

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### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

### 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, October 3/Sunday October 4

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Hope & Joseph Savard, Special Intention  
60th Wedding Anniversary  
Pearl Bejblik†  
Alice Scaramuzzo†

### Monday, October 5

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, October 6

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, October 9

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, October 10/ Sunday 11

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Judy Robinson†  
Ronald G. Crawford†  
Glenn & Jean Bauman†

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, October 3

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
5:30 pm Wedding [church]  
6:00 pm Reception [social hall]

### Sunday October 4

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Monday, October 5- Friday October 9

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

**Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

### Monday, October 5

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, October 6

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
4:00 pm GTCYS Church

### Wednesday, October 7

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic - by appointment only  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Parish Center

### Thursday, October 8

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

### Friday, October 9

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, October 10

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS School Building

### Sunday October 11

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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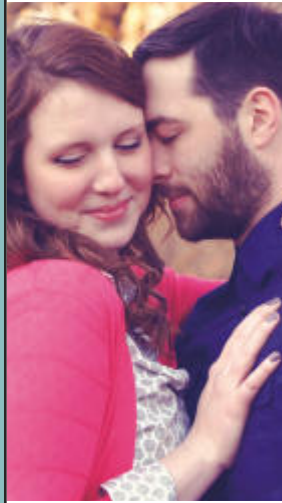
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