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“The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.”

November 8, 2020

Thirty-second 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 November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Our First Reading is taken from the very Book of Wisdom. It instructs, "Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her [that is, wisdom's] sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care." How does the seeking of wisdom — not worldly wisdom, but the wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit — "free us from care"? It causes us to rely on God to lead and guide us. This is indeed a freeing way to approach life, removing the pressure from us to have all the answers — because the truth is, we don't. The world is too complicated and unpredictable. The Christian steward can rest in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate any situation.

No situation is more complex (or painful) than death, a subject that St. Paul takes on in our Second Reading from his letter to the Thessalonians. Paul teaches us to be wise in our attitude towards death — our own and that of our loved ones. He advises that we not be "unaware... about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep." This is both comforting and sobering. It reminds us that death does not have the final word, because Jesus has conquered even death. But it also calls to mind the inevitability of death. We are wise stewards if we live our lives with this truth in mind, setting priorities that will keep us ready to face our judgment day.

Jesus makes this point very explicitly in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

The Catholic Steward

Wilhelm von Schadow "Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins," 1838-4



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**

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

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.

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

Nearly 3 years ago our parish made the decision to become a **Volunteer Parish**. It has been through the generosity of our volunteers that we are able to exist. If you have ever considered other ways you felt you could volunteer, some way, other than what you have seen listed, please contact the Parish Center or mleibl@st-matts.org.

THANK YOU to the **57** 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 was cantor for the filmed Sunday Mass and who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** and our cantor **Linda**. To **Karen & Becky** who presented the readings and to Eucharistic ministers **Josie & Ann**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim & Tom**. Thanks to **Paul** our server, and to **Ginny & Mary** our sacristans. 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 **You Tube**.

Thank You to **Mary Bejblik, Clara Dubuc, Jeanne Maanum, Janelle Rohr** and **Kathy Schowalter** for baking apple, and pumpkin pies for Confirmation candidate families to take home after the Confirmation launches on October 10 & October 24.

Nineteen students in grades 8 – 10 are preparing for Confirmation in 2021. Please include our Confirmation candidates in your prayers!

News and Events

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

WITH NUMBERS RISING IN MINNESOTA, IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO DO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

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 been exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
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; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
 - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
 - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
 - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
 - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
 - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace mask and return to your place. Thank you.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS November 1, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 40
Hours in service 42

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 4,054
Electronic Giving \$ 245
Rent \$ 100
PayPal \$ 0
Memorials \$ 600
Fuel \$ 150
Bells \$ 10
All Saints Day \$ 25
Sanctuary Lamp \$ 100
Vigil Lights \$ 36
Masses \$ 80

School \$ 309
Food Shelf \$ 30
Total \$ 609

Fundraiser \$ 3740
Thank You!

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



Total \$ 5,400
Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@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 light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes for November: Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 have **in-person classes on November 4 and 11**. Come to St Matthew those evenings; start and dismissal times are varied by grade level. Please see your family schedule for details. On November 18, Confirmation candidates have class from 6:50 to 7:50 in the church. Students in grades 1-7 have at-home family learning on November 18. There are no classes on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FROM JAMESON IRISH PUB (FORMERLY CHEROKEE TAVERN)

The good news is the wonderful tradition of the free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings will continue this year! Due to Covid-19 there are a few changes; there will be **NO dine-in-service, all meals will be pick-up only**. Meals will be available for pick up Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at the Church of Saint Joseph parking lot, 1154 Seminole Avenue, West Saint Paul. To make a reservation to pick up your meals please contact Linda Rivera at the parish center at 651.224.9793 with your name, pick-up time, and number of meals of meals you will be picking up. There are three time slots for pick up 10:30 - 11:00 am, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or 12:00 - 1:00 pm .

NOTICE TO LECTORS

If you have not already picked up your 2021 **Liturgy Workbook**, You may get your copy in the sacristy before or after the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass, or come to the Parish Center during regular business hours. When you get your workbook please be sure to check off your name on the list near the books.

IN SYMPATHY

The parish community of Saint Matthew's extends its deepest sympathy to the families of **Dennis Emerson** and **Kim Watson**. Mr. Emerson died on October 28th, 2020 and was buried in private graveside service by Father Adrian. **Kim Watson's** Funeral Mass was on November 5, 2020, presided by Father Adrian.

May Mr. Emerson and Mrs. Watson rest in God's peace and love.

GIVING THANKS fundraiser

Another thanks to everyone for participating in this "replacement" fundraiser. We did this event instead of the fall festival and the "fix-it" dinner. More than \$16,000 was raised; that qualified us for a match of \$1,500 from the Catholic Order of Foresters.

On the first eight days of November \$25 was given out. The winners: **Nov 1—Elaine Pesek; Nov 2—Bernie Grossman; Nov 3—Gerald Breidel; Nov 4—Bill & Corinne Brengman; Nov 5—John Riehle; Nov 6—Nancy Maloney; Nov 7—Lois Mazanec; Nov 8—Jackie Lackner**

Congrats to all winners. Watch for the next group in next week's bulletin.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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sadrian

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jdelvecchio

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jillkilzer

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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, November 7/ November 8

4:15 pm Our Parish
Alice Scaramuzzo†
George Lackner†
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Monday, November 9

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, November 13

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, November 14/ November 15

4:15 pm Our Parish
Arthur Geis†
MaryJane Sperl†
John Bejblik†

Calendar of Events

Friday, November 6

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 7

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building

Sunday, November 8

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, November 9 - Friday November 13

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

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
2:00 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting Parish Center
5:00 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, November 11

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
1:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic - by appointment only
Faith Formation K-10 Check Schedule For Class Start Time

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 14

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building

Sunday, November 15

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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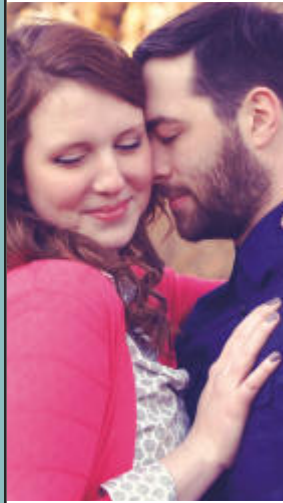
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