

Church of St. Matthew

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am

Thursday - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm and by appointment

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2017

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

DREAMING CHANGE!



We are twenty-two days into the New Year and I am still writing "2016" on my letters and checks. What is comforting about this small annoyance is that I am not the only person who is doing it. While standing in the check-out lane at the grocery store, I have watched people change the dates on their checks either because they noticed that they wrote the wrong date or the salesclerk pointed the error out to them.

In today's gospel, the change from the old to new is symbolized in Simon and Andrew, James and John leaving their occupations to follow Jesus. These men left what they learned from their childhood and responded to God's call. I believe that we, like the four future Apostles, sometimes hear and respond to God's call. But sometimes God calls, we hear, but are unable to respond because of different obstacles in our lives. When we look at what keeps us from responding to God's call, we find new ways of experiencing God and growing in our own spirituality and holiness.

A good way of looking at the obstacles that keep us from responding to God's call is to recall the story of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and what kept some American citizens from making the third Monday of January a national holiday that we celebrated a week ago tomorrow.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. Representative John Conyers introduced a bill to congress that sought to have January 15, Dr. King's birthday, designated a national holiday. The bill failed to reach the House, and it seemed to die a quiet death. It was explained that at first, Dr. King's death was an emotional thing and that as time passed, people's attitudes toward Dr. King would become more "reasonable". Human emotions would go away and Dr. King would be forgotten.

How many times do we experience the drama, the passion, the heat or the chill of our emotions and fail to recognize that in that very experience God is speaking to us? Do we believe that we can hear God only when we are cool, calm, and thinking clearly?

In 1975 the New Jersey State Employee Association and the New Jersey Civil Service Association filed a law suit against the State of New Jersey. Both Associations claimed that the State of New Jersey's failure to declare January 15 a holiday in honor of Dr. King violated a contracted work agreement. A lower State Court ruled against the law suit but the Supreme Court said the State Court was wrong. The Court explained that a paid holiday was in order.

Is God's call illegitimate if it is discerned by ourselves or by an "unorthodox" group? Do we expect God's call to be regulated by a higher authority?

In 1981, Stevie Wonder recorded a song he called "Happy Birthday" in honor of Dr. King. By the end of 1981, the public was well aware of the song and its purpose to promote a civil holiday. A petition was signed by more than six million Americans. With continued support from national organizations like the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Education Association as well as a march on Washington to honor Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech, a bill was passed. On November 3, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the legislation into law.

What are the obstacles that keep us from being able to let go of the old and take hold of the new? When Simon and Andrew, James and John, and Dr. King were called by God, they did not pause to consider, to evaluate, and to ask permission before they responded. They began to imagine and to dream.

2017 Newly Married Retreat

Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (parish Mass at 8 a.m.), Church of St. Charles Borromeo

This retreat is for all couples married 0 to 7 years wishing to have a happy, holy and healthy marriage. The retreat includes keynote presentations by Bishop Cozzens, breakout sessions, the opportunities for reconciliation and for couples to renew wedding vows. The cost is \$40 per couple, including continental breakfast and catered lunch. Find more details and register at www.archspm.org/nmr. For more information, please call 651-291-4488.

News and Events

Church Bells

The St. Matthew's church bells will ring on the following days in honor of:

January 28	Helen Leibl
	Jacqueline Lannon
January 31	Joanne Smith

The Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

Will perform next Sunday, January 29th at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Matthew's. You are all invited to come see and hear the amazing music of composer John Williams. You will be sure to recognize music from Raiders of the Lost Ark, ET and Star Wars to mention just a few. Following the performance you can meet the musicians and enjoy refreshments. Music lovers of all ages are welcome to attend, please bring your children and grandchildren. This performance is free and will be held in the Church.

St. Matthew's Music Ministry

Singers and instrumentalists welcome. If you like to sing or play an instrument, please consider becoming a part of the music ministry at St. Matthew's. Musicians of all ages and abilities are welcome. All voices, keyboardists, guitarists, string and wind players are needed. Now that St. Matthew's has added a Sunday Mass the need for musicians is greater than ever. There is also interest in forming a choir. Please share your gifts! Email or call Jill Kilzer, jillkilzer@st-matts.org or 952-431-

Counseling Available Through Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities in Saint Paul (1276 University Avenue W.) has Counseling openings for anyone interested in working on changes for the New Year: individual, marriage, family therapy and men's groups, and bilingual Counseling in Spanish. Insurance and sliding fee. Call **651 647-3186**; please leave a message if necessary, and you WILL get a return call!

Christmas Donations

Thank you to everyone who as brought in donations for the Fall Festival and Christmas Tea, Boutique & Bake Sale in 2017. We have received many wonderful items and would be happy to receive more!! You can bring your gently used treasures to the Parish Office 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Again many thanks.

Weekly Contributions Report January 15, 2017

Parish Family		Extended Family	
Basket	\$524	Alumni & Friends	\$50
Envelopes	\$2,584	Total	\$50
Vigil Lights	\$27		
Stole Fee	\$150		
Solemnity of Mary	\$7		
Christmas Envelopes	\$2		
Total	\$3,294		

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm David Andrews†

Sunday, January 22

10:00 am Our Parish

William & Mable Keenan†

Monday, January 23

8:00 am Rudy Saucedo-Rivera

Special Intention

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 am Living & Deceased Men's Club Members

Friday, January 27

8:00 am Edward Millerbernd†

Saturday, January 28

4:00 pm Hank Goers†

Sunday, January 29

10:00 am Our Parish

Marcie and Leo Kegler

Special Intention

Calendar Of Events

Saturday, January 21

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 22

10:00 am Mass

Monday Jan. 23- Fri. Jan. 27

5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

Monday, January 23

No Clinic Today

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 am – 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

9:30 am COS Mass at St. Michael

7:00 pm Symphony Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

4:45 pm St. Matthew All Campus Dinner

Parish Center Lower Level

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 29

10:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

Children's Corner

CATHOLIC TERMS WORD SEARCH



Amen

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Jesus

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