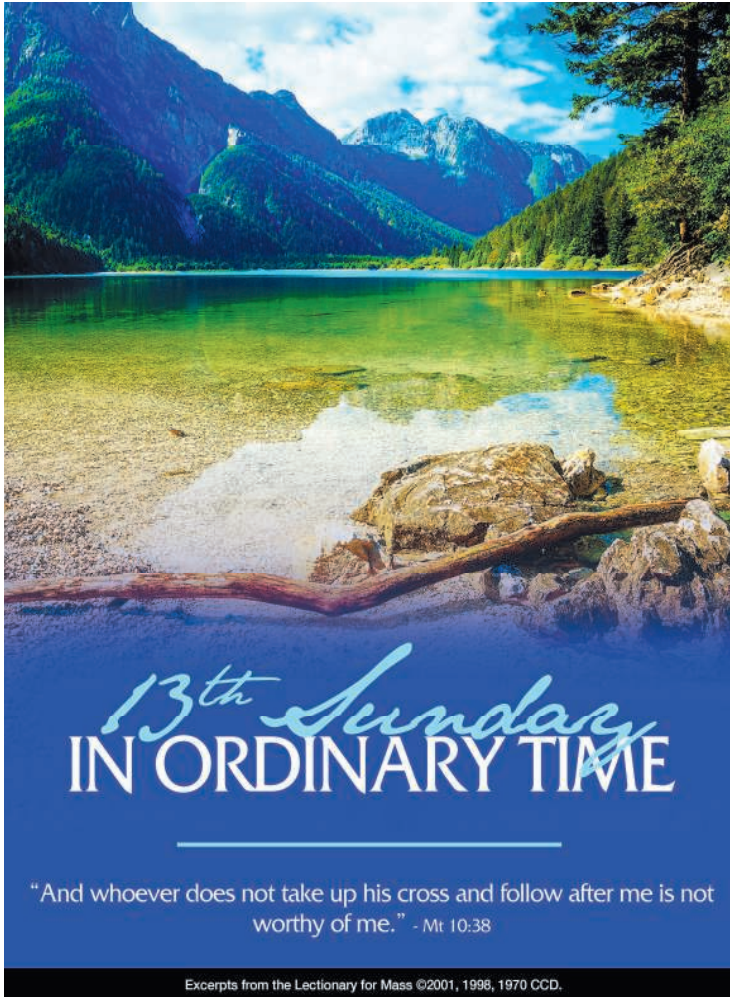




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Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

July 2, 2017

Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FREEDOM



We all have our own experiences and thoughts about leftovers. After sharing a delicious Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas feast, a Fourth of July barbeque, or just an everyday meal, we have to decide what to do with any leftovers.

Some people lock up leftovers in airtight plastic containers. Some people put leftovers on display in a clear zip-lock bag. Some people shroud leftovers with a blanket of aluminum foil. Some people show leftovers to the door by putting them in the hands of family and friends. Some people throw leftovers away.

We all have our own experiences and thoughts about leftovers including Jesus. In the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Jesus feeds a large crowd and then directs his disciples to gather the fragments left over so that nothing is wasted.

On the upcoming Fourth of July holiday let's consider how the feeding of a large number of people as well as the food leftover from our own celebration directs our attention to the generous abundance given to us by God.

In his article, "The Liturgy of Abundance, The Myth of Scarcity," Walter Brueggemann draws from a variety of scripture passages to give us a sense of God's abundant generosity. In his article, Brueggemann points out that God created the world to be fruitful and that God has sustained that fruitfulness at all times.

In the gospel of John alone, we see the liturgy of abundance. In the first chapter, the gospel writer speaks about Jesus as the Word from whose fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The first sign is when water is turned into wine at a wedding reception in Cana. There is abundance not merely of wine but of good wine. Then at a community well, Jesus tells a Samaritan woman about living water gushing up to eternal life. Everywhere Jesus goes, the world is blessed with God's generosity: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are freed from debt. At the end of the gospel, we read that in addition to the things we have been told, there is so much more that could be told if only the world had the space to accommodate it. Whether it is wine at a wedding, living water in a well, or food for a multitude, there is always more than enough, a huge supply of God's abundant generosity.

But Brueggemann contrasts the scripture stories of God's abundance with the "myth of scarcity" in our American culture. A myth that is lived out by our American consumer society that assures us that "there's not enough," and that we need to get whatever we can, from whomever we can, whenever we can. We need to supersize and everything so to speak. The myth of scarcity claims that money has become a type of narcotic and consumerism has moved beyond being a market strategy to become a kind of "demonic force" in our American culture. In practical terms, the myth of scarcity is told when we see people lining-up outside stores on Thanksgiving Day to rush in for deals on Black Friday morning. The myth of scarcity is retold when we hear the words, "limited number" and "a one of a kind item" during television commercials. The myth of scarcity becomes almost real when we hear commodity brokers speculate that the cost of gasoline and food prices will rise, so we stock up.

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States proclaim the abundant freedom given by God to every human being. But sadly because of our abundant freedom, the myth of scarcity has been told and retold in different ways at different times. Human beings were bought, are bought, were sold and are sold like a commodity. Land was taken from Native Americans. The Statue of Liberty once welcomed immigrants to America but now gates, fences, and patrols confront immigrants. Because Americans have the freedom to bear guns, lives of school children are taken.

I believe that on the Fourth of July Americans are thankful for our freedom and the woman and men who died for it and who now protect it. But "With great freedom comes great responsibility," wrote Eleanor Roosevelt. Perhaps, just perhaps "responsibility" is like leftovers that while part of an original meal are put away or discarded.

News and Events

BELLS AT ST. MATTHEWS

Let the Bells at St. Matthew's ring for a special occasion in your family. Mark a special birthday, the birth of a grandchild, an anniversary, your child's graduation from high school....let the bells ring! Call the parish office to schedule your date.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 26th Picnic in Cherokee Park begins with 4:15 p.m. Mass. Watch for complete detail in future bulletins.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Miesville Mudhens – St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting a bus trip to Miesville for Mudhens baseball game on Wednesday, July 12. We invite anyone (men, women, and accompanied children) to hop on the bus with us. Refreshments will be available on the bus. Ballpark admission is \$3 for adults and free for kids under 18. We leave St. Matthew's at 6:15 pm, arrive about 7 pm. Ballpark concessions will be open and there are 2 restaurants close to the ballpark (King's Bar & Grill or Wiederholt's Supper Club). Game time is 8 pm. Questions or to reserve a spot on the bus, contact Tim Nowak at @ 612-269-9471, email timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.



EVERYONE HAS SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

Go to the *Faith and Learning* tab on the Church of St. Matthew web page <www.st-matts.org> and complete the Spiritual Gifts Recognition Tool or pick up a printed copy at the Information Board at the southeast corner of the church. You may be surprised with what you learn about yourself

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT

On June 17 & 18, the third Sunday of the month, 303 pounds of food and non-perishable items were collected for Neighborhood House from St. Matthew's parish. Through your generous donations friends and neighbors of the area are able to access nutritious food for themselves and their families. Your donations make a difference to families who are hungry.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 6-25-17

Parish		School	
Plate	\$679	School	\$350
Envelopes	\$2,017	Ins.	\$110
Electronic Giving	\$1,968		
Vigil Lights	\$22		
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Misc. Donation	\$1,720		
Total	\$6,833	Total	\$460

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Saint Junipero Serra July 1



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm Mass
Ron Hallgren

Sunday, July 2

10:00 am Our Parish
Rose Garcia†,
Anna Zamarippa†
Rhoda Acuirre†

Tuesday, July 4

9:00 am Walter Schwendig†

Thursday, July 6

8:00 am Lloyd Baker, healing

Saturday, July 8

4:00 pm Sarah & George Gubash†

Sunday, July 9

10:00 am Our Parish
Eugene & Susanna Allers†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 1

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 2

10:00 am Mass

Monday July 3 ~~Not Tuesday-~~

Friday - July 7

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

Monday, July 3

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

7:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, July 6

Friday, July 7

Saturday, July 8

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 9

10:00 am

Children's Corner

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blank spaces with the words from the list. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end!

What I tell you in the dark, SPARROWS
utter in the _____; EVERYONE
and what you hear whispered, PROCLAIM
_____ upon the FATHER'S
housetops. And do not fear those CANNOT
who kill the _____ BEFORE
but _____ the soul; PENNY
rather _____ him who can kill LIGHT
both body and soul in Hell. MORE
Are not two _____ BODY
sold for a _____? FEAR
And not one of them will fall to the ground NOT
without your _____ will. BUT
But even the hairs _____ your head OF
are numbered.
Fear _____, therefore;
you are of _____ value than many sparrows.
So _____
who acknowledges me before men,
I also will acknowledge
_____ my Father who is in heaven;
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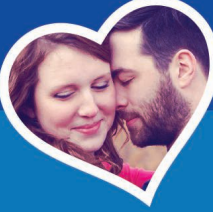
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