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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### **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. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

**August 15, 2017**

### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Feast of the Assumption 8:00 a.m.**

**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 August 13, 2017**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

## STUDY IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION



Because I am writing this reflection on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, the Feast of St. Dominic, I will share with you my thoughts on “study,” the one pillar of Dominican life from which no friar is ever excused from doing. The other three pillars are “prayer,” “ministry,” and “community” which could be postponed for the sake of study.

For me, the benefit of study is wisdom. But it seems to me that wisdom is a lost virtue for us today, especially for those of us who were born after World War II. We have grown up immersed in information, obsessed with technology, and addicted to quick fixes. Unfortunately, we confuse the use of information and technology to make quick fixes with being wise.

“Wisdom comes from experience,” goes an old saying. But the deeper truth of this saying is reflected in the words spoken by the Canadian physician Dr. Kerr L. White (1917-2014): “Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment.” Dr. Kerr was thinking of how a doctor who exercises bad judgement and makes poor decisions is likely to experience more illness, more complications and, through those experiences, hopefully develops better medical judgement. Unfortunately, when it comes to the practice of medicine, that experience can come at a high cost for both patient and physician.

A biblical example of mutual collaboration between wisdom and experience is found in the story of the Passover. Moses gave the Israelites careful instructions preparing them for the night when the angel of death would pass over the land of Egypt. If the people were wise enough to put their faith in the promises God had given to Abraham and Sarah and follow Moses’ instructions, they would be saved. If they were unwise and did not, they would experience and mourn the death of their firstborn like their adversaries, the Egyptians.

But this brings up another wisdom saying from the Spanish philosopher George Santayana (1863-1952), “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Interestingly, Moses had the “wisdom” to use Santayana’s saying long before it was ever thought of to encourage the complaining Israelites through the rugged desert towards the Promised Land.

When it comes to one of many Dominican perspectives on wisdom, I like to think about Thomas Aquinas, OP (1225-1274). Aquinas believed that intelligence consists of knowledge about reality and wisdom appears when we metaphorically apply the reality to ourselves so that through metaphors we come to have self-wisdom.

For example, think about water and how the properties of water like being hot or stagnant, flowing or boiling, freezing or warm, or refreshing apply to you and who you are. When I do this, I come to know that when a person approaches me, I can appear cold as ice until I hear what he or she has to say. Then, I might respond with flowing excitement, with boiling anger, or with a stagnant “O.K.” When I remind myself to be as fluid as water and to have faith in the promises of God, then self-wisdom is given to me.

There is a story about a woman who visits an eastern holy man in search of wisdom. After traveling far to find him, she sits at his feet and launches into a long account of all the paths she had trod so far in her search for wisdom, how she came to know she should seek him out, and what she hoped to gain in her time with him. As she talked, he handed her a tea cup and started pouring. Eventually, the cup started overflowing, but he did not stop. Finally, she pulled back her cup, and shouted, “What are you doing?” Skirting her question, the holy man replied, “Wisdom is always pouring itself into you, but you must empty yourself to receive it.”

In the Dominican tradition, study tells me that I am truly empty so that wisdom can find a home.



### OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for office a volunteer to cover the reception area Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in helping out, please call the parish office.

# News and Events

## BELLS AT ST. MATTHEWS

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on August 17th for Grace Saucedo-Rivera and on August 19th for Chase Baker.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next Ministry Schedule covers the dates from Labor Day weekend, September 2nd and 3rd to November 25th and 26th. **We will be writing the schedule on August 16.** Please let us know your availability or dates you want to be on be scheduled. Thank you for your continued help. Contact Jan Lackner at 651.457.4766 or JML3242@AOL.COM

## OKTOBERFEST MEETING



The Oktoberfest Committee is meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center, our next meeting is on August 14th. We welcome new members to join our committee. Come share your ideas on how to make this year's event the best ever!! Our annual Oktoberfest will be held October 7th & 8th this year. Volunteers make our Oktoberfest a success, come join the team, be a part of Oktoberfest this year!

## EVERYONE HAS SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

Twenty people have discovered their gifts and your gifts are waiting to be found. Go to the *Faith and Learning* tab on the Church of St. Matthew web page <[www.st-matts.org](http://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

## FUND RAISING ALERT



St. Matthew's again this year has the opportunity to raise money for our parish by cleaning strawberries for the Minnesota State Fair Booth "Strawberries and Cream".

We will clean strawberries daily at 8:30 a.m. in the social hall, the first day will be on Wednesday, August 23rd. The more hands the merrier and the quicker we will finish. Bring along your spouse, your neighbor or your friend. The funds raised in previous years have helped to make needed repairs to our church, and will do so again this year.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 8-6-2017

Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$3,815	School	\$233
Electronic Giving	\$1,298	Daycare	\$29.10
Vigil Lights	\$32		
Stole Fees	\$300		
Memorial	\$270		
Bells	\$10		
Rent	\$4,620		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,345</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$262.10</b>

Thank you!

## PLEASE REMEMBER

The Church of St. Matthew in a charitable will, trust, or gift annuity.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 12

4:00 pm Paul Maslow†

### Sunday, August 13

10:00 am Our Parish  
Lt. Adm. Diego Hernandez†

### Tuesday, August 15

8:00 am Eugene Simmons†

### Thursday, August 17

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

### Saturday, August 19

4:00 pm Chase Baker and  
Grace Saucedo-Rivera,  
Special Intentions

### Sunday, August 20

10:00 am Our Parish  
Lillian Kabesh†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, August 12

4:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, August 13

10:00 am Mass

### Monday August 14 - Friday - August 18

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

### Monday, August 14

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC  
7:00 pm Oktoberfest Meeting PC

### Tuesday, August 15

### Wednesday, August 16

8:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

### Thursday, August 17

6-8:00 pm COS Ice Cream Social at COS

### Friday, August 18

### Saturday, August 19

4:00 pm Mass Food Collection

### Sunday, August 20

10:00 am Mass Food Collection

## Children's Corner

# Psalm 23 Word Search

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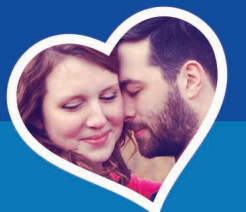
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