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

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."
— Mt 16:15-17

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August 27, 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

Hope 651.457.0228 Cathy 651.455.5473

Readings for the Week of August 27, 2017

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Information Technology (IT) is in use all around us. People gather, process, transfer, manage, organize, retrieve, store, and display information electronically. Every minute of the day and night IT is being developed and used to handle information—from what is taking place thousands of miles away to what is happening in our own lives here and now. Without information technology, the news we hear and see tonight would be the news that took place yesterday or even the day before.

Whether or not we use information technology for our personal life, our family life, our community life, or our professional life, we cannot deny that it's every day use and dynamic advancements strongly impact our relationships with the environment, with other human beings, and with ourselves. It is therefore not only important, it is necessary to reflect on how we respond to and use information technology.

In the Book of Genesis, all people are created in the image of God their Creator (Gen. 1:26). As a consequence, all people are creative. IT provides abundant opportunities to express our innate creativity in our daily activities of living and working together. With different opportunities available we are only limited by our interest and our imagination in learning how to use technology. IT can rouse our interest towards the common good or towards self-seeking interests.

Later in the Book of Genesis is the story of the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-11), where the children of Noah attempt to build a tower to the heavens. God, who jumbles their language, stops their unchecked creativity focused on power and vanity. Technology ought not to be used to prove what we can do with information. Our use of technology ought to be shaped by our spirituality and our traditions, our common mission, and our shared wisdom for the purpose of creatively and resourcefully caring for the earth's valuable resources, one another, and our treasured heritage.

The scribe Ezra, in the Book of Nehemiah, was given the task of proclaiming and preaching the Law to the Israelites who were rebuilding their temple after many years of captivity in Babylon (Neh. 8:1-8). Faced with translating the Law from the language of the ancient Israelites to the language they learned from their Babylonian and Persian captors while in captivity, Ezra directed Levite priests to stand among the people and be an interpretive public address system. After the law was read, the priests translated and explained the words that were spoken and heard. The Israelites wept for joy because they finally understood the word of God that was given to their ancestors and promised to them. IT can be used to proclaim and preach the Good News today through words, images, and music that just might encourage us to cry out in happiness.

In the gospel of John, Jesus introduces to Nicodémus, a Jewish authority, the unpredictable nature of the Holy Spirit who, like the wind, blows where it will (John. 3:8). Without a doubt, Jesus' words to Nicodémus raise questions about how the Spirit is guiding our Church today when it comes to using technology.

In 1948 Pius XII established a council to evaluate popular films and through the papacies of John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications was developed. This Council provides recommendations for the use of technology like making us aware of the "digital divide" between the rich who have technology and the poor who do without it. Reflecting on technology, Pope John Paul II advised that the "most essential" question raised by technological progress is whether each person can become more spiritually mature, more aware of the dignity of his or her humanity, more responsible, and more ready to help the neediest and weakest of people.

Because information technology is a way of encouraging the development of human beings and creating a better world, we cannot avoid it or ignore it. We are called and challenged to reflect on how we use it to serve every person in the world where we live.

The Church of St. Matthew currently uses information technology to stay connected through emails, on Facebook, and our webpage. This is made possible through the creativity and marvelous design work of Richard Schletty whose "neighborhood" paintings are on the East wall of our worship space and who cantors and accompanies us with his guitar at Masses. On our webpage, children can be enrolled in our Faith Formation Program and the cost for educational materials can be paid for on-line using a credit card. Donations to our parish can be done in the same way. Our weekly bulletins are the result of IT as are the schedules for ministry, annual financial reports, homilies, and reflections like this one.

Beginning September 2, a smart TV given to the Church of St. Matthew by the Teens Encounter Christ Retreat Ministry (TECH), will be placed at the rear of our worship space. Before the celebration of a funeral Mass, it can be used by families who are using a digital photo album to celebrate the life of a loved one. Before a weekend Mass begins and after a Mass has ended, information will appear that is intended to welcome visitors, publicize upcoming events, guide us to ponder the Sunday readings, challenge us to reflect on our Christian lives, limit after Mass announcements, and encourage us to imagine how information technology might be used in our future. Your comments, critiques, and digital creations are welcomed as together we use information technology to become more spiritually mature, more aware of our human dignity, and more ready to help the neediest and weakest of people.

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 joining our team of volunteers, please call the parish office.

News and Events

BELLS AT ST. MATTHEWS

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on September 1st for the grandchildren of Joanne Smith. Bernard & Mary (Boerbon) Klein will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by ringing the Bells of St. Matthew September 2nd. They were married at the Church of St. Michael. God blessings to Bernie & Mary.

OKTOBERFEST MEETING

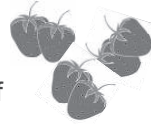


The Oktoberfest Committee is meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center, our next meeting is on August 28th. Plans are still underway and volunteers are needed to help us get the festival on its' way. Our annual Oktoberfest will be held October 7th & 8th this year. Volunteers make our Oktoberfest a success, come join the team, be a part of Oktoberfest this year!

FUND RAISING ALERT

Now is the time to sign up for cleaning and preparing Strawberries for the State Fair Booth.

Will you help the parish 'earn' \$3,000? That is about \$250 per day of cleaning. There will be about 700 pounds of strawberries to clean each day; the parish receives 35 cents per pound for the cleaning.



You can just show up at 8:30 any morning between Wednesday, August 23 and Sunday, September 3. But it would be nice to know about how many folks will be coming.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church....just put your name and phone number on the days when you will be able to help.

Thanks! The parish will profit greatly from your time and generosity.

FAITH FORMATION First Communion, Confirmation Registration Now Open:

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Registrations will be taken after the weekend Masses and forms are available in the back of church and from the Parish Center. New this year, you may also register online at www.st-matts.org. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes held from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Our first evening of class is on September 20 and the classes run through April. September 20 will be family night—parents and guardians, please plan to stay that evening.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 8-20-2017

Parish

Envelopes/Cash	\$3126	School	\$306
Electronic Giving	\$1268	Rice Bowl	\$12.50
Vigil Lights	\$25		
Windows	\$2,055		
Stole Fee	\$36		
Assumption	\$145		
Bells	\$10		
Total	\$6,665	Total	\$318.50

Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26

4:00 pm Joseph Karas, Jr. †
Joseph, Karas, Sr. †

Sunday, August 27

10:00 am Our Parish
Arthur Geis †

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 am Ron Hallgren †

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am Katie Rosas †

Saturday, August 26

4:00 pm Raymond J. Galep †

Sunday, August 27

10:00 am Our Parish
Katie Rosas †

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 26 Parish Picnic

4:20 pm Mass Cherokee Park

Sunday, August 27

10:00 am Mass

Monday August 28 - Friday - September 1

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

Monday, August 28

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

7:00 pm Oktoberfest Meeting PC

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 3

10:00 am Mass

Children's Corner

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LAMB OF GOD	THE WAY
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