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

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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.*

September 17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 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 September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

ST. MATTHEW, OUR PATRON, OUR FEAST!



The Feast of St. Matthew is on Thursday, September 21 in the Roman Catholic Church and on November 16 in the Orthodox Church. Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the Christian scriptures, was born in Galilee, the son of Alphaeus (Mk 2:14). His original name was Levi until it was changed by Jesus. He is first mentioned in the Gospels in lists of the disciples, except in the Gospel of Matthew, which tells the story of his conversion (Mat 9:9). Matthew was different from the other Apostles. Many people felt that he was unworthy to be chosen as a follower of Jesus because he worked for the Romans as a tax collector.

Once Matthew begins to follow Jesus, he holds a dinner for other tax collectors and sinners (Mat 9:10). The Pharisees complained about Jesus eating with sinners. But Jesus responded, "For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners" (Mat 9:13).

Matthew wrote his Gospel for Jewish people who had become followers of Christ. He wanted his Jewish-Christian communities to know that Jesus is the Messiah that God had promised to send to save all people. He does this by presenting the genealogy of Jesus and describing the Incarnation of Jesus by focusing on Joseph and his dreams rather than on Mary and her conversations with the angel Gabriel and her cousin Elizabeth. His Gospel makes clear that Jesus was truly God and truly human and that Jesus is the fulfillment of everything said by the prophets in the Jewish scriptures.

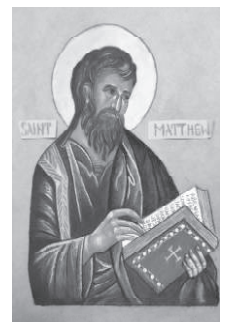
Matthew is the only Evangelist who shares the eight beatitudes with his readers. His Gospel faithfully details how Jesus described who will be blessed by God in the Kingdom and the attitudes and actions that are lived out by those who follow the new law by loving God and neighbor.

After Jesus' Ascension, Matthew preached the gospel in early Christian communities he established in Ethiopia and other parts of the African continent. Tradition tells us that he died a martyr.

The symbol for Matthew's Gospel is a man with wings. Matthew is the patron saint for accountants, bankers, bookkeepers and tax collectors as well as being the patron of our parish.

I believe that our own story parallels the story of St. Matthew. Despite our faults and failures, we are called by Jesus to be evangelizers. As a visible expression of God's love to the people in our neighborhood, with our limited but valued resources, through our dedication to the Church and to one another, we are living the beatitudes.

To celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew on September 23rd and 24th, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 4 pm and 10 am Masses. Afterwards, refreshments will be served. An icon of St. Matthew written by Kati Richie, and gifted to us will be available for all to see. Happy Feast Day!



ST MATTHEW MUSIC LITURGY WELCOMES YOU!

The St. Matthew choir and instrumentalist welcome and encourage you to join us for our first choir practice of the season, Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 am. We meet on alternate weeks and help lead the sung worship at the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. All are welcome! Especially needed are altos and sopranos, youth, and instrumentalists. Come and work with others who share your love of liturgy and music. Let us lift our voices joyfully to the Lord!

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 7th 3:00-9:00 pm Bakery, Jewelry, Silent Auction, Tacos, Pizza, Refreshments **5:30-9:00 pm** Bingo
Sunday, October 8th 11:00 am-4:00 pm Chicken Dinner, Kids & Adult Games, Silent Auction, Bakery, Jewelry, Hoopfest, Grandma's Treasures, Media Center

News and Events

BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW

Will ring in memory of Arthur Minus on September 19, 2017. Rest in peace Arthur.

Faith Formation Starts September 20

Students in grades 1-10 who attend public schools are welcome to join our Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents/guardians can register students at <http://www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ff-register/>. September 20 is family night—parents and students should arrive by 6:30 PM to St. Matthew Church and plan to stay until dismissal at 7:45 PM. These classes, which teach children about the Catholic faith, are held weekly until next April. For those who would like to receive sacraments (First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation), weekly Faith Formation classes are required preparation.

OKTOBERFEST MEETING

The Oktoberfest Committee is meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center, our next meeting is on September 18th. 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!



BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts are back this year with the delicious gourmet popcorn and Christmas wreaths and decorations. They will take your orders September 23-24 and September 30-October 1. Delivery will be around Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting Scouting.

SILENT AUCTION

Donations are greatly needed for the Silent Auction; these items are needed create our fantastic baskets. Please bring in your donations this week so our team of basket builders can get to work. Or if you're creative type and want to donate a basket of your own, please do!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 9-10-2017

Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$3467	School	\$111
Electronic Giving	\$1,096		
Vigil Lights	\$21.01		
Stole Fee	\$200		
Coffee Sunday	\$19		
Windows	\$4,872		

Total	\$9,675.01	Total	\$111
	Thank you!		

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm Art Fischer†

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Our Parish
Pamela†, Lucille†, and
Robert Stickler, Sr.†

Monday, September 18

8:00 am Arthur Minus†

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 am Susan Andrew
Special Intention

Friday, September 22

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Ed Millerbernd†

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Our Parish
Katie Rosas†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm Mass

Registration for Faith Formation after Mass

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Coffee Sunday SH

Registration for Faith Formation after Mass

Monday Sept. 18 - Friday - Sept. 22

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

Wednesday, September 20

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Begin

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Celebrate the Feast of
St. Matthew following Mass

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Celebrate the Feast of
St. Matthew following Mass

Children's Corner

BibleWise

And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD SUN WAY ONE ROOT WORD LAMB GATE LORD KING VINE LIFE	SEED STAR RABBI BREAD LIGHT TRUTH ALPHA OMEGA STONE FATHER PRINCE BRANCH	CHRIST SAVIOR MESSIAH TEACHER REDEEMER IMMANUEL SHEPHERD COUNSELOR BRIDEGROOM RESURRECTION
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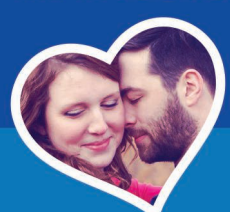
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