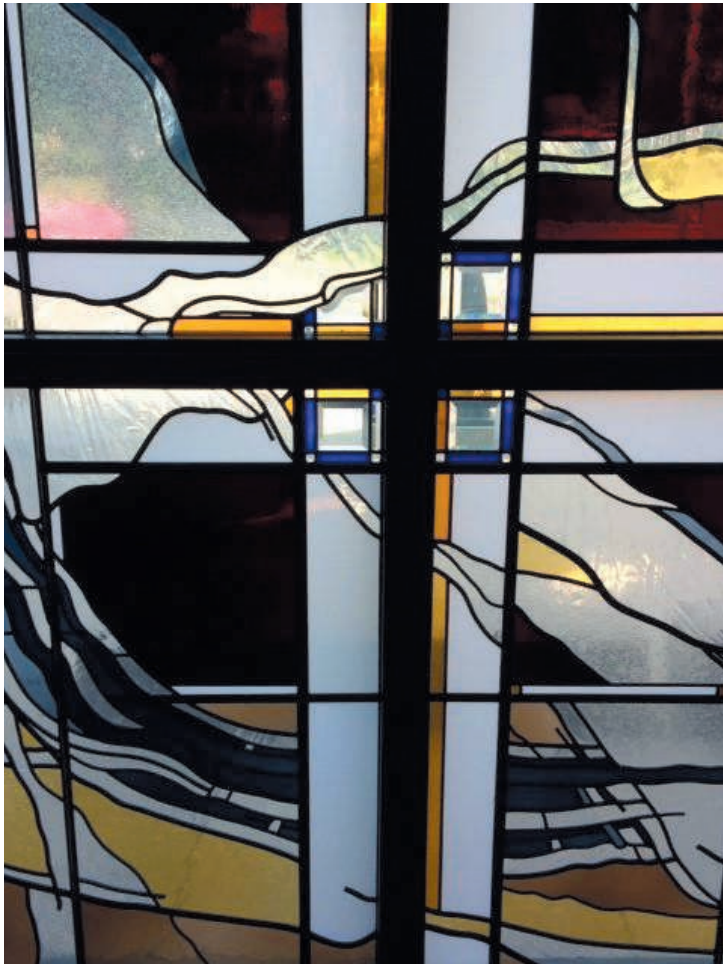


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### **Office Hours**

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.*

**October 22, 2017**

**29th 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 October 22, 2017**

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



In today's gospel the Pharisees are trying desperately to get rid of Jesus. If he says you can pay taxes to Caesar, then he's on the side of the Romans and the Jewish people who hated the Romans would become his enemy. But if Jesus says not to pay Caesar, then he's guilty of treason and they can hand him over to the Romans.

Somehow, Jesus saw straight through this. His answer was not just clever. It had a very basic message that we often forget—God is in control, not us! We don't need to try and manipulate God or others. If we are faithful to God, and work within our situation, God will do the rest. So how does God work within any situation?

Our first reading today tells the story of what happened to the Israelites under the emperor Cyrus. The Prophet Isaiah calls Cyrus "God's Anointed One." He was a Persian King who had conquered the Babylonians, the people who had taken the Israelites into captivity. Wanting to be seen as tolerant and good, Cyrus allows the Israelites to return home and he helps them to rebuild their temple.

It is important to see how Isaiah sees Cyrus. Cyrus is the ruler over people in a large empire, but Cyrus falls under the providence of God. God is working through him, though Cyrus does not know the one who calls him by name. God is the creator. God is the source of all life and all living things, all humans, Jewish or other. The inner dynamic of the Spirit of God is working silently away in this situation

Our God is a God of surprises. In the gospel, Jesus is asking us to reflect on our own sincerity as we seek a Christian response to the challenges and problems in our lives today. I think it is interesting how the United States Congress and Senate have abandoned their latest campaign to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. Could it be that the Spirit of God is working now in a certain way in a specific situation to change our minds about the way we do things now and in the future? After all, in the wake of the Depression, we created Social Security, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Securities Exchange Commission, and other important initiatives for getting people back to work and creating a safety net so that people wouldn't fall through the cracks. God always works through people and not just one individual.

St. Paul was an amazingly active and energetic apostle, yet always in response to the guidance he received from the Holy Spirit in prayer. In tough times, we too need to rely on God's providence. If we put our trust in God, and listen to his voice, we can persevere in real hope, working especially to help our neighbors in need, knowing that what we do comes from our faith in God. Just as the people and things we expect to help us may disappoint us, sometimes God acts in the most unlikely ways. So by all means we ought to ask God for what we want. But let's be open to the ways God may want to respond. Let's depend on God's initiative and not on our own. In today's gospel, out of a small piece of political crossfire between the Pharisees and Jesus comes the reminder of just how much we owe and to whom we owe it.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - CELEBRATING OUR MISSIONARY SPIRIT**

This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday with the theme **Mission of the Little Flock** calling to mind mission dioceses worldwide who are small and marginalized, like the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India. Join with Catholics around the world to celebrate our missionary spirit through prayers and support for over 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. Pope Francis in his World Mission Message for 2017 reminds us, "*World Mission Day, promoted by the Work of Propagation of the Faith, is the propitious opportunity for the missionary heart of Christian communities to partake of prayer...and communion of goods to respond to the grave and vast needs of evangelization.*" Please be as generous as you are able.

# News and Events

## THE BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW

The Bells at St. Matthew will ring on October 26th for Anthony Rivera, Happy 30th Birthday.

## OKTOBERFEST

Please watch for an insert in the bulletin. This will list the raffle winners as well as have a finance report along with a list of workers and persons and companies whose donations helped make the Oktoberfest the success it was.

And it was quite a success. We'll share all in the bulletin insert. The generosity and enthusiasm of all has helped us approach the costs of the windows and their installation.

The committee would like your input about any or all of the events. What were the high points? What needed work? Was there something present that should not be repeated? Do you have recommendations for what might be included in the future?

Please address your comments to Linda Rivera in the parish office. [lrivera@st-matts.org] She will assemble them for our committee.

## BENEFIT ALERT

Many of you may have known long-time parishioner Joanne Miller. Mrs. Miller passed away recently and left the contents of her home located at **340 Ruby Drive, West St. Paul MN** to the Church of St. Matthew. An Estate Sale will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, October 26th - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, October 27th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28th - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please keep in mind all proceeds go to the Church of St. Matthew.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 21**

4:00 pm Arthur Minus†

**Sunday, October 22**

10:00 am Our Parish

Vern Achman†

**Monday, October 23**

**Wednesday, October 25**

8:00 am Pam, Robert Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

**Friday, October 27**

8:00 am Anthony Rivera

Special Intention

**Saturday, October 28**

4:00 pm Katie Rosas†

**Sunday, October 29**

10:00 am Our Parish

Nick Munoz†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 21**

4:00 pm Mass Collection For Missions

**Sunday, October 22**

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass Collection For Missions

Coffee Sunday

**Monday Oct. 23 - Friday - Oct. 27**

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

**Monday, October 23**

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

**Tuesday, October 24**

9:00 am Alums & Friends COS

**Wednesday, October 25**

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

**Thursday, October 26**

4:30-6:30 pm Finance/Parish Council PC

**Friday, October 27**

**Saturday, October 28**

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 29**

10:00 am Mass

Coffee Sunday

## Children's Corner



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WORKSHEET

## Samson word scramble

Read Judges 13-16.

Unscramble the words below.

1. tmlpe: \_\_\_\_\_
2. smoasn: \_\_\_\_\_
3. tminah: \_\_\_\_\_
4. ellidah: \_\_\_\_\_
5. pihinsltie: \_\_\_\_\_
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7. vrneyiad: \_\_\_\_\_
8. nilo: \_\_\_\_\_
9. itarseiie: \_\_\_\_\_
10. hria: \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 10-15-2017

### Parish

Envelopes/Cash	\$2,663	School	\$50
Electronic Giving	\$202		
Vigil Lights	\$24		
Coffee Sunday	\$25		
Windows	\$130		
Faith Formation	\$220		

**Total**                      \$3,264    **Total**                      \$50

Thank you!

## PLEASE REMEMBER

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