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Office Hours

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.*

November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday of 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

Hope 651.457.0228 Cathy 651.455.5473

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/
Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/
Mt 14:22-33

OUR HOPE, OUR LIGHT!



After a little thought and some reflection about our lives, I believe that we can all share some good examples about perseverance. Our examples might come from books we have read, movies we have seen, or people with whom we have lived and/or worked. But the best and perhaps most important examples of perseverance come from our own life stories.

Maybe you persevered when trying to pass a class in mathematics. Maybe you persevered when more and different demands were made by an employer. Maybe you persevered through the pain of hip or knee surgery. Maybe you are persevering with uncertainty and shock as devastating national and world events are taking place now.

It's interesting that the word "persevere" is rarely found in the scriptures. In most translations, the word does not appear yet there are many stories about people who persevere. The story of Noah, Esther, Suzanna, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Good Samaritan, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, the women with a hemorrhage, the cripple at the well of Bethsaida speak about perseverance in different ways. To persevere suggests more than mere toleration or the enduring of a particular circumstance or person. To persevere means to be earnest or strong toward; to be constantly diligent; to adhere closely to; to be steadfast with a person or thing. To persevere contains a strong sense of continuous drive toward completing some activity or achieving some goal.

The parable about the ten virgins that we hear on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is another story about perseverance. The gospel writer is using the parable to explain to Matthew's early Christian community the delay between the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and his return at the end of time. The writer is dealing with the disappointment and discouragement of the early Christians that Jesus had not come back for them yet. They needed to be prepared for a delay. They needed a story about perseverance.

In the gospel story, the ten women who are waiting for the return of Jesus Christ the bridegroom are waiting earnestly. They are called "virgins" because at this time in Matthew's community unmarried people were to be concerned about the things of God rather than the needs of a spouse. They were to be earnest in living out a Christian life while waiting for Jesus to return.

All ten women bring oil to light their lamps. The oil and the light it produces symbolize the good deeds that the women have done. Earlier in Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells his followers "Let your light shine before all so that they may see and benefit from your good works" (Mt 5:16).

Unfortunately, one person's good deeds cannot be shared with others. They belong to the one who does the good deeds. The wise women cannot share their good deeds with their foolish sisters. The five foolish women have not been sensible. They have not persevered in accepting the different and everyday opportunities to recognize and respond to God as they wait for the final arrival of Jesus. Consequently, when it comes time to meet Jesus, they are not prepared, they are away, their lamps are not burning, and the door is closed.

If you and I were to tell stories from our own lives about perseverance, would we focus on the pain and agony that we suffered or would we focus on our hope in God, our hope in one another, and our hope in ourselves? Hope is the fire for perseverance. With hope, our lights burn brightly.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Marie Mosberger, whose funeral was held on November 2, 2017; and to the family of Eugene Gonsowski whose funeral was on November 7, 2017. *"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. MATTHEW'S...WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER?

If you are new to the Church of St. Matthew's or perhaps you have been here for some time and haven't "officially" registered, it couldn't be easier to do! Registration forms are on the "Care Notes Wall" on the southeast side of the church, as well as our website.. Fill out the registration form and send it to Linda Rivera, parish, secretary, at the parish office. That's it. You are registered. Parents, please keep in mind, children over the age of 18 year, who have graduated from high school should register on their own, as adults. If you have questions, please call Linda at the parish office.

PLEASE REMEMBER

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

News and Events

THE BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW

The bells of Saint Matthew will ring on November 17th for Eleanor Bisciglia. God's Blessings, Eleanor.

ST. MATTHEW'S NEWEST LITTLE MEMBERS



On Saturday, November 4th, Father Robert Kelly, OP baptized **Jazmin Royce Mackenzie**, daughter of Brittany Del Rio and Shane Machenzie. Also baptized was **Rilya Chantal Lucas**, daughter of Chantal Ryman and Jacob Lucas, Sr. May these children grow in their Catholic faith and their love for our Lord, Jesus Christ. God Bless you Jazmin and Rilya.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

On October 23 and 24 St. Matthew's parishioners donated 571 pounds of food and other needed items to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf. Amazing!!



Our next food collection date is next weekend November 18 and 19, please be as generous as you are able.

Food collected helps to feed friends and neighbors in the area who would otherwise be without nutritious food. Thank you for caring for your neighbors.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE SIGN UP

We will writing the next Ministry schedule on **Monday, November 20**. This schedule will cover the dates from December 2, 2017 through February 11, 2018. The schedule will be available in church as of Saturday, November 25, 2017, Please let us know if there are any dates you cannot serve, or if there are particular dates you want to serve.

Jan Lackner 651.457.4766 or email jml3242@aol.com

PERKINS RESTURANT PIE FUND RAISER



Have you ordered your Thanksgiving Day Pies yet? Mom, take the day off from all that baking and order delicious pies from Bakers Square today. Forms are at the back of church. Don't forget Christmas pies too!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 11-5-17

Parish		Children's Corner	
Envelopes/Cash	\$3,883	School	\$389
Electronic Giving	\$1,096	Camp Human Development	\$174
Vigil Lights	\$23.05		
Funeral	\$100		
Holyday	\$275		
Christmas	\$25		
Memorial Masses	\$84		
Silent Auction	\$23		
Faith Formation	\$50		
Rent	\$4,850		
Fuel	\$45		
Bells	\$20		
Fix It Fund Raiser	\$75		
Total	\$10,549.04	Total	\$563

Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

4:00 pm David Andrews†

Sunday, November 12

10:00 am Our Parish

Vern Achman†

Monday, November 13

David Andrews†

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 am Kaitlyn Foley, Healing

Friday, November 17

8:00 am Victor Mercado, Jr.

Special Intention

Saturday, November 18

4:00 pm Arthur Geis†

Sunday, November 19

10:00 am Our Parish

Jack & Carol Heitzinger†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 11

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Fix It Fund Raiser /Silent Auction SH

Sunday, November 12

10:00 am Mass

Coffee Sunday

Monday Nov 13 - Friday - Nov. 17

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

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

Wednesday, November 15

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

9:00 am Church Cleaning

4:00 pm Mass

Monthly Food Collection

7:30 pm Wolfgang Music Concert Church

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am Choir Practice

Monthly Food Collection

10:00 am Mass

Coffee Sunday

November Saints and Feast Days Word Search



*Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in bold print.

All Saints	St. Margaret of Scotland	St. Cecilia
All Souls	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	St. Clement I of Rome
St. Martin de Porres	Presentation of Mary	St. Columban
St. Charles Borromeo	St. Andrew	Christ The King
St. Leo the Great	St. Albert the Great	St. Rose Philippine
St. Martin of Tours	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and	Duchesne
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