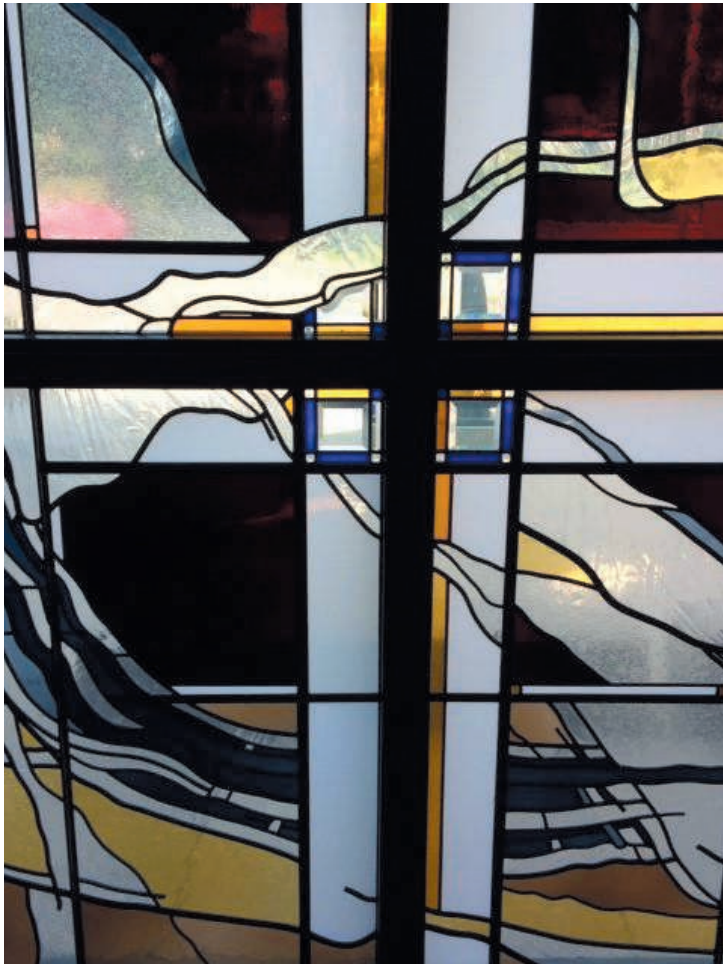




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### **Office Hours**

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.*

## **November 26, 2017 Feast of Christ the King**

### **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 November 26, 2017**

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## “KING OF THE HILL” or “CHRIST THE KING?”



During recess in grade school, my classmates and I would look for a pile of snow in the winter and a mound of dirt in the spring and fall. The biggest and strongest would scurry to the top and claim the royal title, “King of the Hill.” Those of us remaining at the bottom were then challenged to climb up and overthrow our friend and make ourselves into royalty.

This weekend we are not competing to become King of the Hill but celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. A feast that is both old and new. What I mean by both old and new is that its biblical origins are found in the scriptures and its liturgical origins in the history of our Church.

The biblical origin is found in all the gospels but it is particularly prominent in the gospel of Luke. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is portrayed as a King at the time of the Annunciation when the angel appears to Mary and says, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus, He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:31-33).

Jesus is also portrayed as a King when he enters the city of Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey, "As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest'" (Lk 19:36-39).

The most important portrayal of Jesus as King is what comes between the announcement of his birth and his entering the city of Jerusalem. It is the life of Jesus which gives us directions on how to participate in and contribute to our salvation. It is found in biblical stories like Zaccheus the tax collector who realizes the gift of salvation because he realizes his own small spiritual stature. "Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of God has come to save what was lost" (Lk 19:1-10).

We find it again in the biblical story of the rich official who asks Jesus, "What must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus tells him that he must not only keep the Ten Commandments, but go sell what he has and follow. Jesus tells him, that it is not sufficient to just follow rules. The rich official must literally reach beyond himself to participate in salvation (Lk 18:18-22).

And we find it, in biblical stories like the cleansing of the ten lepers where Jesus not only cures ten terminally ill men but he cleanses one man who was a Samaritan, a man who was not acceptable to the Orthodox Jewish community (Lk 17:11-19). Jesus reached out to one unlike himself.

The liturgical origin of the feast came from Pope Pius XI (1857-1939). The reason for creating a feast was that the world was becoming more and more secular. People were becoming more interested in themselves, privatization, and capital gain. Pius XI was concerned for the poor. Consequently, he criticized both capitalism and communism. He was concerned for the dignity of the human person, political and economic rights, reaching out to others, and world peace. His papal motto was, "Pax Christi in Regno Christi," translated "The Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ."

It is nice to know the biblical and liturgical origins of the feast we are celebrating this weekend but what does the feast mean for us today? I suggest to you that we celebrate our call to experience our own human dignity not by taking over a hill and challenging others to overthrow us but by our reaching out and helping others to climb the hills that are encountered in life. The hills of immigration, poverty, homelessness, addiction, abuse, war, human trafficking, injustice, etc., are all waiting to be conquered not by the King of the Hill but Christ the King.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH ARCHBISHOP HEBDA**

Join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Fr. Sean O. Sheridan, TOR (president, Franciscan University of Steubenville) on a 9-day pilgrimage to Italy, September 20 – 28, 2018. The “Heart of Italy” tour includes stops in Assisi, Siena, La Verna, and of course, Rome. For more information, visit [www.franciscan.edu/pilgrimages](http://www.franciscan.edu/pilgrimages) or call 800-225-7662.

### **WOMEN, WINE, & WISDOM**

#### **Long Story Short: The Original Millennials, Models of Faith**

Thursday, December 7, 7-9 p.m., Kellerman's Event Center in White Bear Lake

Story time isn't just for kids—We could all use some wonder and joy in our lives! This Advent, WINE invites you to gather with women of all ages as Catholic singer and storyteller ValLimar Jansen fills an unforgettable evening with music, storytelling, Scripture, reflection, and poetry! Spanning 4,000 years in one hour, ValLimar's wisdom on mystics, martyrs, and models of the faith will equip you to live your faith with confidence, conviction, and hope. Reserved seating for groups of 10! WINE events sell out quickly, so register today! For more information and to register, visit the events page at [CatholicVineyard.com](http://CatholicVineyard.com).

# News and Events

## THE BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW

On November 27th the Bells will ring for Tom Rolewicz. On November 29th the bells will ring for Avery Clare Murphy's 3rd birthday, Happy Birthday, Avery Clare!

## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 9th the Rosary/CCW will hold their annual **Christmas Tea and Boutique**. Come join us for an afternoon of Christmas shopping, scrumptious baked goods and of course a lovely cup of tea.



Breakfast With Santa

**Santa Claus is coming to Saint Matthew...that is Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 10th. There will also be the **Rosary/CCW Bake Sale**. Full details in the coming bulletins. Circle your calendars, plan to attend, fun for all!

## MAN, WOMAN, AND THE ORDER OF CREATION

Evening Session (Free and Open to the Public): 7:30 – 9 p.m.  
Explore the Catholic vision of the human person within its theological, scientific and social context. Speakers include Walter Heyer, Michelle Cretella, Ryan Anderson, and Fr. Paul Check. For more information, please contact: Dr. Deborah Savage: [\(651\) 962-5061](tel:6519625061) or [pdsavage@stthomas.edu](mailto:pdsavage@stthomas.edu).

## END -OF-THE-YEAR-GIVING

There are benefits to making stock donation or direct transfer to the church.

If you make a direct transfer from your IRA to Saint Matthew's, you get to count that money toward your required minimum distribution – but because it's not actually distributed to you, it won't increase your adjusted gross income. This option is particularly beneficial if you don't itemize deductions on your tax return.

Gifts of stock can provide you with DOUBLE TAX BENEFITS. First, you may be able to claim a charitable contribution donation in the amount of the current market value of the stock (original cost plus any increase in value). Second, you avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value of the donated stock.

Please talk with John Riehle if you need help.

## CATHOLIC WATCHMEN – Men's Bible Boot Camp with Jeff Cavins .

Saturday, December 2, 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
St. Therese, Deephaven  
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## PLEASE REMEMBER

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 25**  
4:00 pm Pam, Robert Sr. and Lucille Stickler†  
**Sunday, November 26**  
10:00 am Our Parish  
Tom Tschida†  
Tammy Klucas†  
**Monday, November 27**  
Roberta Grady  
Special Intention  
**Wednesday, November 29**  
8:00 am Ted Rivera†  
**Friday, December 1**  
8:00 am Wally Borgan†  
**Saturday, December 2**  
4:00 pm Sarah & George Gubash†  
**Sunday, December 3**  
10:00 am Our Parish  
Katie Rosas†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, November 25**  
4:00 pm Mass  
**Sunday, November 26**  
**Feast of Christ the King**  
9:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Mass  
Coffee Sunday  
**Monday Nov 27-Friday - Dec. 1**  
5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH  
**Monday, November 27**  
12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
**Tuesday, November 28**  
**Wednesday, November 29**  
8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC  
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes  
**Thursday, November 30**  
**Friday, December 1**  
**Saturday, December 2**  
4:00 pm Mass  
**Sunday, December 3**  
9:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Mass  
Coffee Sunday

Children's Corner

## God's Love and Glory

Can you find the examples of God's love and glory hidden in the letters below?

S	A	C	R	A	M	E	N	T	P	A	S	D	F
X	C	V	B	Y	M	E	Q	A	E	W	S	X	E
G	B	A	P	T	I	S	M	I	N	O	L	P	P
E	O	L	K	I	H	H	F	F	B	I	U	Q	V
O	K	D	I	N	B	U	O	V	N	G	C	T	F
W	A	Q	Z	I	U	I	O	P	C	S	X	Z	C
Q	W	E	R	R	Y	U	M	O	E	A	S	D	F
S	A	N	C	T	I	F	Y	I	N	G	N	M	O
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D	S	G	U	S	F	D	E	M	U	C	L	R	T
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O	V	U	O	U	K	L	Y	T	Y	W	Z	M	I
Y	B	Y	V	N	U	J	E	I	K	O	L	O	P
L	A	Q	E	Y	U	I	O	S	W	S	X	N	C
O	K	N	I	J	B	U	H	V	Y	G	O	Y	F
H	J	C	O	M	M	U	N	I	O	N	N	M	O

Look carefully for these hidden words and circle the ones you find in the puzzle.

TRINITY  
GOD  
GRACE  
MYSTERY  
SACRAMENT

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