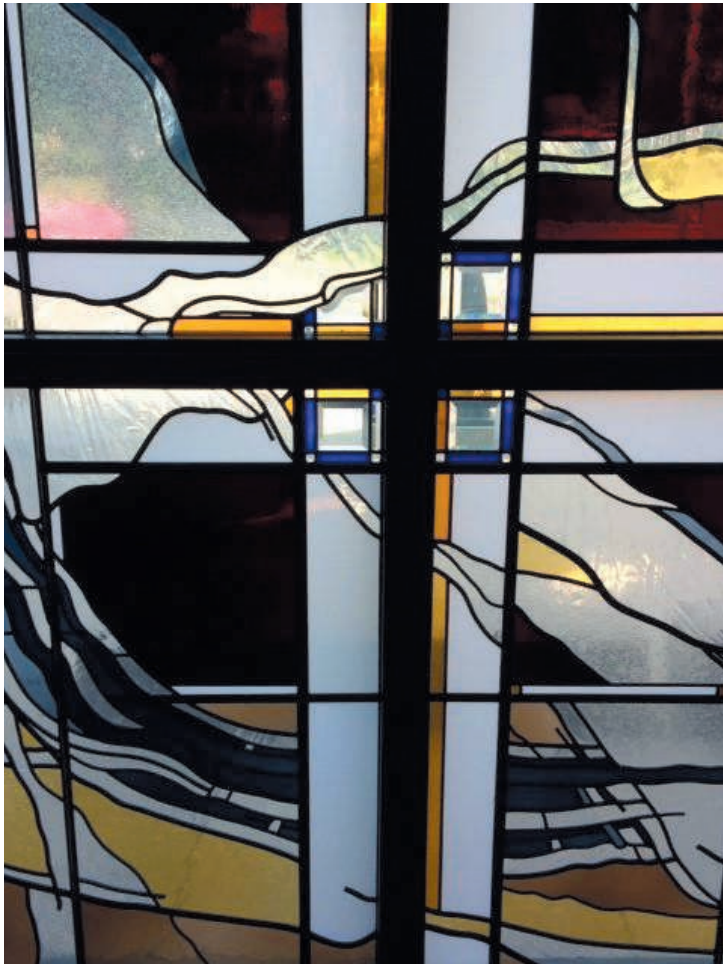


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Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

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.*

January 14, 2018

Second 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 January 14, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

“THE LORD BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT”



It was on the First Sunday of Advent in 2012 when the new edition of the Roman Missal was first used for the celebration of the Eucharist. The most noticeable changes in the new edition are the prayers offered by the presider. The prayers use a more formal style of English and a somewhat politer tone that addresses God with more humility. We are told that the translation is more faithful to the Latin text. And as we have heard, the prayers have an abundance of euphemisms.

A euphemism is a word expression that is used whenever what we are talking about is considered to be too blunt and too disturbing to talk about directly. Two examples of euphemisms are the words “chronologically challenged” when talking about the frailties of older adults and “between jobs” when talking about people who are unemployed. According

to Ralph Keyes, author of *Euphemania: Our Love Affair with Euphemisms*, since ancient times the church has used euphemisms to avoid blasphemy, honor taboos, and “make nice.”

An example of a euphemism in the new edition of the Roman Missal is in the dialogue between the presider and the congregation at the beginning of Mass. Before the proclamation of the Gospel, and before the final blessing, the Presider says, “The Lord be with you” and the congregation responds, “And with your spirit.” The use of the word “spirit” in either Greek or Latin was strange to the ancient world. Nothing like it was known or used outside the Christian community. The euphemism, “And with your spirit,” was used only in response to an ordained minister. The “spirit” refers specifically to the spirit received at ordination. It is an affirmation by the people that the ordained minister has received the appropriate anointing with the spirit to make him the leader in sacramental ministry.

The ordination prayer for a bishop asks God for a “spirit of leadership.” The ordination prayer for a priest asks “the spirit of grace and of counsel of the priesthood.” And the ordination prayer for a deacon asks for “the spirit of grace and zeal.” Each level of Holy Orders receives “spirit” in a specific way at ordination.

According to some liturgists, this particular liturgical response to the ordained minister has a special beauty. It is less about the person of the bishop, priest, and deacon and more about the office of bishop, priest, and deacon which is guaranteed and supported by the spirit received at ordination.

A brief reflection on the readings we hear today, gives us an understanding of God’s call beyond a clerical vocation. Samuel, in the first reading, was called by God for service and was helped in discerning his vocation by Eli, a chronologically challenged mentor. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians reminds them that their Christian vocation is to put aside immorality and to follow the call of Christ who was always between jobs.

In the gospel, two disciples of John the Baptist are literally called by Jesus when he asks, “What are you looking for?” This question touches on our basic human need for God, a power greater than ourselves. The two disciples’ counter question, “Where do you stay?” puts into words our basic human need to be with God to find security and lasting peace in a world of struggle and pain. Jesus invitation, “Come and see,” is an encouragement to have faith in responding to our call from God through Jesus Christ brought to each of us by the Holy Spirit.

We can say that the gospel reading suggests three stages of a Christian vocation: Stage 1: To be given a curiosity about the person of Jesus Christ through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; Stage 2: To make a decision to satisfy our curiosity about Jesus Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit; Stage 3: To become an authentic human being (not a perfect human being) by knowing Jesus Christ is always with us through the Holy Spirit. So, a true vocation be it religious, married, single, widowed, or living in an intentional community, is our self-actualization in Jesus Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit. We can say that a Christian vocation is living the love filled life of Jesus Christ in a unique and God-given way.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation our Christian vocation is recognized and confirmed with the laying on of hands by a bishop or his delegate while praying, *“All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin. And gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.”*

If I were to add a euphemism to the words proclaimed by the presider before the proclamation of the Gospel and before the final blessing, it would be, “The Lord be with your spirit!”

News and Events

BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW

Celebrate a special day, remember a loved one longer with us, congratulate someone on a life achievement by ringing the bells at St. Matthew's for the day. Call the parish office to schedule your special day.

SAVE THE DATE

The 50th anniversary of the Church fire is April 15, 2018, a Sunday. Watch the bulletin for more information about our observance of this event.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

The annual Westside Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast celebration will take place this year on Monday, January 15th at Faith United Methodist Church, 1530 Oakdale Ave. West St. Paul. This open-to-the-public event starts at 7:00 a.m. with a breakfast prepared by a group from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church followed by a program honoring and recognizing community building work of the "Peace Camp" of the South St. Paul Restorative Justice Council and Westsider Carlo Franko as an emerging legend.

The event will feature a live-stream video presentation by actor David Oyelowo (star of Selma) from the state MLK, Jr. celebration and gathering at the Minneapolis armory.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and no charge for kids, Pre-registration is recommended, however registration can be done at the door on Monday morning, January 15th. Register at INTERFAITHACTION.ORG/MLK

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sacrament Requirements: For parents/guardians of children in grades 2 and up who have registered for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, and for students in grades 8 and up who have registered for Confirmation, please be sure to get your child's certificate of baptism and turn it in to Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr. If your child was baptized at St. Matthew, contact parish secretary Linda Rivera, lrivera@st-matts.org or 651-224-9793 Monday-Friday between 9 and 1. If your child was baptized at another church, call the church office and request proof of baptism. Please submit baptism certificates to Janelle no later than February 14, Ash Wednesday. Questions? Janelle@st-matts.org or see her on Wednesday evenings at St. Matthew between 6:45 and 7:30. This requirement applies to both our Faith Formation families and to Community of Saints families with children seeking the sacraments this spring.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 01-07-2018

Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,612	School	\$ 239
Electronic Giving	\$ 202		
Vigil Lights	\$ 22		
Fuel	\$ 20		
Religious. Retirement	\$ 555		
Holyday	\$ 260		
Hall Rental	\$ 360		
Funeral	\$ 200		
Mass Stipend	\$ 307		
Furniture Sale	\$ 60		
Total	\$ 5,598	Total	\$ 239
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

4:00 pm Eugene Gonsowski†

Sunday, January 14

10:00 am Our Parish

David Andrews†

Monday, January 15

8:00 am Roberta Grady, Special Intention

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

Friday, January 19

8:00 am John Murphy, Special Intention

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm Arthur Geis†

Sunday, January 21

10:00 am Our Parish

Ronald G. Crawford†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 13

1:00 pm Liturgy Committee PC

4:00 pm Mass 2nd Collection Relg. Retirement

Sunday, January 14

10:00 am Mass 2nd Collection Relg. Retirement

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

Monday, January 15

8:00 am Mass

10:30 am & 1:00 pm Smart Driver Workshop SH

Monday, Jan. 15-Friday, Jan. 19

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

Wednesday, January 17

8:00 am Mass

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, January 18

9:30 am Mass COS

Friday, January 19

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 20

4:00 pm Mass Food Collection Weekend

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass Food Collection Weekend

11:00 am Coffee Sunday

Children's Corner



Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)

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