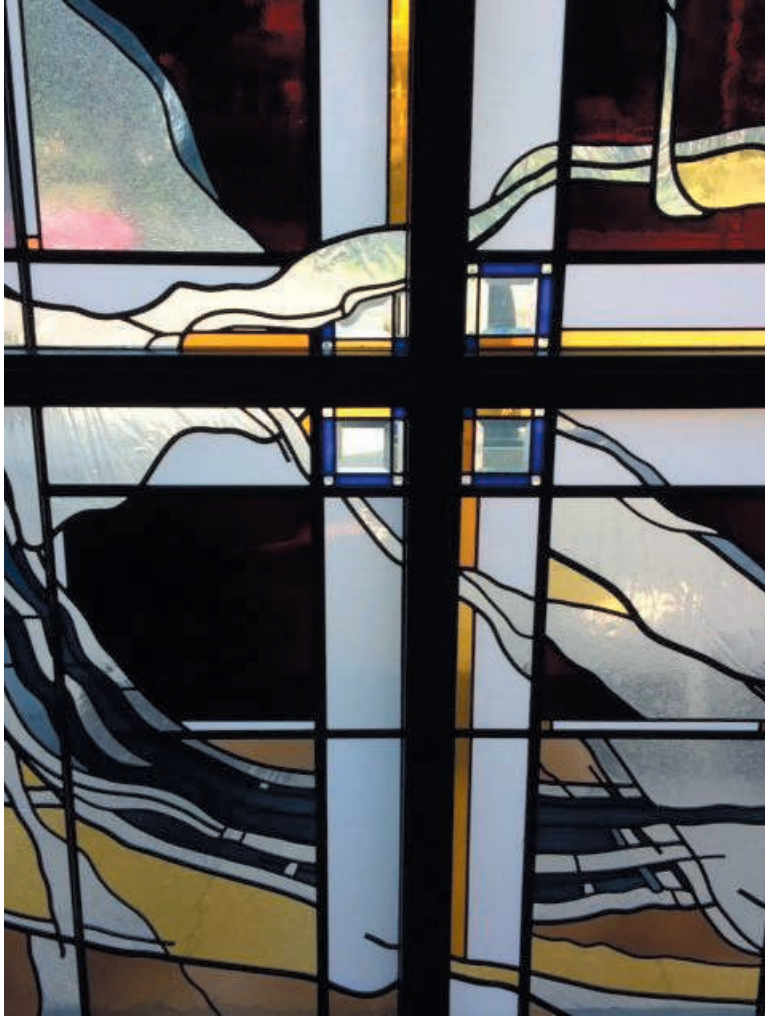


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**June 10, 2018**

**Tenth 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

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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.*

#### **Readings for the Week of June 10, 2018**

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7bc]/2 Cor 4:13--5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2

## DON'T PUT GOD IN A BOX!



When I made profession in the Order of Preachers back in 1992, I was fortunate to have a classmate in the novitiate who was a classical guitarist and song writer. With his training in music, Marty Gleeson, OP joined with two other Dominican friars to write and perform religious songs. One of the songs Marty wrote and sang is called “DON'T PUT GOD IN A BOX.” Here is the refrain:

*Is your God a HE? Does his beard flow full and free? Does he have a big ole scepter in his hand? Does he help you win your war? Help Notre Dame run up the score? Do you swear he votes the same as you and me? Don't put God in a box. Release those rusty locks. Let God be what only God can be. Just open up your mind. Stretch those images inside. And let God be what only God can be.*

In the gospel reading for the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary, the scribes accuse Jesus of using the power of Satan to cast out demons. They had made up their minds about Jesus. His good works, his life-giving message, his hope-filled attitude could not open their minds, expand their understanding, and change their attitude about him. The scribes knew sinful behavior when they saw it and no one but no one would convince them otherwise.

Jesus calls this stubborn attitude blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It is a sin of both conservatives and liberals who make their own beliefs an idol. They refuse to allow God or anyone else to break through and broaden their narrow vision. Jesus calls this blasphemy “unforgiveable” because people who imprison themselves by locking God in a box close themselves off from the inspiration, creativity, and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is a chronic affliction because it causes people to interpret any possibility for increasing their freedom and flourishing as a temptation to be avoided. Jesus' condemnation of this close-minded attitude was the harshest criticism he makes in any of the four gospels. He directed it at people who were so chained by their own beliefs that God had no effect in their lives. Their stone hearted stubbornness and attitude of “this is always the way it has always been” would lead to his crucifixion.

The family of Jesus who stood at the door of the house instead of going inside sent the same message but in another way. They weren't looking for Jesus so much as looking for a way to convince him to get back to normal to their way of doing things. They had their ideas about who he should be as a member of the family and he was not cooperating. The problem they were grappling with is key to the Gospel passage: Do we only accept Jesus as our messiah because he fulfills our expectations or do we see him as our messiah who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, constantly encourages us to flourish?



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me”  
**Isaiah 6:8**

Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 1 immediate opportunity and 5 continuing opportunities.

### DIRECTOR/CO-DIRECTOR FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival is September 22-23.

Meet with volunteers to plan activities, determine schedules, discuss publicity, delegate responsibilities. Oversee festival details as they develop. This is one of our major fundraisers! Karen Thompson, previous Director, has offered to mentor the Director/Co-Director.

### GRANT WRITING

Utilize your grant writing skills to work with the web-site Grant Station to find funding and apply for grants for the Church of St. Matthew and its sponsored ministries.

### SHEET ROCKING & TAPING

Repair walls in the Parish Center where circuit boards were installed. Patch holes in damaged walls and ceilings.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT CERENITY CAMPUS

3 Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Cerenity Building 512 Humboldt Ave.

### PARKING LOT/PLAYGROUND CLEANUP

Clean-up leaves and debris in areas used regularly by the Church of St. Matthew, West Side Summit Charter School, Loaves & Fishes, Social Hall Events. (Hand tools and gas leaf blower available for use).

### GRASS MOWING

Mow grass on St. Matthew campus. (electric lawn mower is available for use.)

### WELCOME TO NEW EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We welcome four new Eucharistic Ministers to our weekend liturgies. The 4:00 pm Mass community welcomes Patty Kane and the 10:00 am Mass community welcomes Shannon Jondro, Cheryl McNellis and Pat Sekevitch. Thank you to all Eucharistic Ministers for your willingness to serve.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).

# News and Events

## BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on June 17th for **John Leibl** and also for **Anita Baldwin**.

## THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

On May 19 & 20 St. Matthew's parish collected **269 pounds** of non-perishable food and personal care items for the food shelf at Neighborhood House. **Next weekend, June 16 & 17 we will again have our monthly collection for the food shelf.**



Through your generous donations our friends and neighbors are able to provide nutritious food for themselves and their families. Thank you for feeding the hungry.

## RECEIVED IN BAPTISM

We welcome to our St. Matthew's family, **Jayson Christopher-Lee Hicks**, who was baptized on June 2, 2018. Jayson is the son of Jayson Hicks and Haju Spychalla.



## IN SYMPATHY

The parish of St. Matthew's extends its condolences to the family of **Jeanette Marie Stelter**. Mrs. Stelter's funeral Mass was here at St. Matthew's on June 1, 2018. Please remember Mrs. Stelter and all the faithful departed in your prayers.

## WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

We welcome new members **Frank and Phyllis Baumgardner and Roman Diaz and Tara McTeague** who have recently become members of St. Matthew's Church.

We are pleased to have them join our parish family!!

## STEWARDSHIP

Summer is a wonderful time get away to the cabin, take off on a road trip, vacation with family and friends...but Saint Matthew's is never on vacation. We depend on our faithful members stewardship, especially during the summer months. If you will be away for an extended time, consider mailing in your weekly contribution...we thank you in advance. Or you may consider electronic giving as an option. Have a happy and safe summer.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 06-03-2018

### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 37  
Hours in service 10

Parish		School	\$ 369
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,436		
Electronic Giving	\$ 202		
Vigil Lights	\$ 28		
Funeral Stipend	\$ 250		
Mass Stipend	\$ 50		
Cath. Comm.	\$ 25		
Rental	\$ 250		

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,241</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 369</b>
Thank You		Thank You	

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 9

4:00 pm Marina Galep†

### Sunday, June 10

10:00 am Our Parish  
Michael Martinez†

### Monday, June 11

8:00 am Anthony Rivera, Special Intention

### Wednesday, June, 13

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

### Friday, June 15

8:00 am Dorothy Linn†

### Saturday, June 16

4:00 pm Madeline Perron†

### Sunday, June 17

10:00 am Our Parish  
Anita Baldwin†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, June 9** Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 pm Mass

### Sunday, June 10

10:00 am Mass

### Monday, June 11 - Friday June 15

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

### Monday, June 11

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

### Tuesday, June 12

### Wednesday, June 13

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

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

### Thursday, June 14

9:30 am Mass COS

### Friday, June 15

8:00 am Mass

### Saturday, June 16

1:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting PC

4:00 pm Mass with Food Collection

### Sunday, June 17

10:00 am Mass - Father's Day with Food Collection

# ANIMALS

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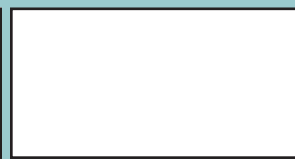


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