

# Church of St. Matthew

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## September 22, 2019 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordered Time

### **Liturgy Schedule**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Scripture/Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:10 am</b>	Mass Community of Saints School
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:15 pm</b>	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	Mass

### **Reconciliation**

**1st & 3rd Saturday** After Mass until 5:30 pm  
**2nd & 4th Sunday** After Mass until 11:30 am

**Prayer Line** 651.457.0228

### **Readings for the week of September 22, 2019**

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor, and whose priorities are not aligned with God's.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities, and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and to the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth?

That's our lesson and our challenge.

- *The Catholic Steward*

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Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer  
Coordinator

## 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**

**We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 2 continuing opportunities.**

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD, TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED**

From mid-September until mid-May, children ages 3 to 6 may participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:15 am Mass; the children are in the chapel about 20 minutes for age-appropriate instruction and crafts. We need more teachers and teen helpers to consistently offer the program every weekend. Curriculum and supplies are provided. For more information about what is involved, email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call her at 651-457-3522.

### **SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS**

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have four 4-hour shifts and four 3-hr shifts. Hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & Monday – Thursday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

**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)**

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who helped to make our annual Fall Festival a success. We thank Stephen Mike, Greg Arrigoni & Greg Seitz for the delicious Chicken Dinner. Thank you to Evan Berg & the Men's Club for sponsoring Bingo last Saturday. Also, for tending the bar both Saturday & Sunday, and for taking charge of the outdoor grilling on Sunday. Thank you too for operating the Paddle Wheel. Thank you to Pete Rivera who cooked Tacos on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to the Kegler Family who provided & served delicious Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches and Chips & Cheese on Saturday. Thank you to Joanne Smith & the Rosary Society for sponsoring the Bakery Booth. Thank you to the following chair people: Joanne Leibl & Suzanne Clarke – Silent Auction; Tony Wilfahrt – Attic Treasures; Chris Wilfahrt – Jewelry; Al & Kathy Schowalter – Bottle Lotto; Jan Lackner – Animal Rescue; Sr. Anne Becker & Tiffany Rivera-Prescott – Pie Booth; Donna Shepherd – Root Beer Floats; The Jondro Family; David, Alberta, Ron, Christopher, Letrice & Bonnie – Kid's Games; Ellen Scheinder - Ticket Booth, Patty & Katie Kane - Bells & Ornaments; Bella & Jake Thompson - French Crepes. Lastly, thank you to the chair people of the 2019 Fall Festival – Karen Thompson, Linda Rivera & Mary Leibl. Very soon we will publish the names of all our parishioners and friends who volunteered to help at the various booths and activities. We could not have had our Fall Festival without everyone's help! As our parish founders would say - Dankeschön

## News and Events

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME - EARTH



"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall Festival.

### FALL FESTIVAL WRAP-UP MEETING

After many months of planning, and the work of countless volunteers, last week-end we enjoyed our 2019 Fall Festival!



We will have a "Wrap-Up" meeting on **Monday Sept 30th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.** We will share feedback on this year's festival and opinions on "where do we go from here." If you have ideas for future fundraisers this will be a time to offer suggestions! We Are a Volunteer Parish." Our success and our future depends on all of us working Together.

### FALL FESTIVAL LAWN SIGNS

Did you take a lawn sign for the Festival? We thank you for posting it this year, it is now time to return it to the Parish Center or bring it with you to Mass. Signs will be reused for Fall Festival 2020!

### COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Community of Saints school year is off to a great start! Our K-8 enrollment has reached more than 200 students, and we are so excited have several new additions to our community! Thank you to our school families and sponsoring parish members for spreading the word about the high quality, faith based educational experience we provide for our families.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 15, 2019

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 36  
Hours in service 82

Parish		School	\$ 55
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,996		
Electronic Giving	\$ 262		
Vigil Lights	\$ 19		
Bells	\$	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>
Fall Festival	\$ 100	<b>Thank You</b>	
Roof Donation	\$		
Ramp Donation	\$		
Rent	\$ 620		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,997</b>		

Thank You

We will soon have final numbers for the Fall Festival



Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special day in your family's life by ringing the Bells of Saint Matthew. Call Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your special date.

### AARP DRIVER COURSE AT ST. MATTS.

The course will be on Thursday, October 17th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the social hall. Please enter from the parking lot. \$15 for AARP member; \$20 for non-members; payable at the door. Registration only by phone to the parish center; 651.224.9793.



### BOY SCOUT POPCORN & CHRISTMAS WREATHS SALES AND ORDERS NEXT WEEKEND



On September 28th and 29, before and after Masses, Boy Scout Troop 288, Chartered by Community of Saints School, will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths and Garland. They will also be selling Gourmet Popcorn. They will be at the back of church. If you

miss those days they will be back the weekend of October 26 and 27. If you have any questions or not able to make it either of these two weekends you can call Joan at 651.227.6167.

### INCLUDING ST. MATTHEW'S IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

A parish family included Saint Matthew's in their will. Three months ago I was notified that we would receive a gift through their estate. Recently we received about 2/3 of the \$44,000 that was designated for our parish community. (The balance will come at the end of the month-different funds settle at different times.)

As a parish we thank the family for their generosity and their "forward thinking." Have you included St. Matt's in your planning? Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

- John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & PARENT NIGHT

Students in grades 1-10 who attend public schools are invited to join our Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Class begins at 6:30 pm and ends at 7:45 pm. Parents/guardians can register students at the St Matthew website under the Faith and Learning tab, or can register on Wednesday evenings in church. **September 25 is parent night**, when both Faith Formation students and their **parents should attend that evening.** For public school students who would like to celebrate sacraments (First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation), weekly Faith Formation classes are required preparation.

### COFFEE SUNDAY TODAY - BAHAMAS RELIEF

The Minus Family will be hosting Coffee Sunday this week in memory of their late father and husband, Arthur. The money donated will be given to the Bahamas relief efforts.

Arthur Minus was born and raised in the Bahamas. Mr. Minus lived for many years in Minnesota and raised his family here and was a member of Saint Matthew's.

**Parish Leadership**

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
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**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Sacraments**

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

**Bulletin**

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, September 21**

4:15 pm Joe Kegler and Bob Snyder†

### **Sunday, September 22**

10:15 am Our Parish

Madeline Perron†

### **Monday, September 23**

8:00 am John DeIVecchio, Special Intention

### **Tuesday, September 24**

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

### **Friday, September 27**

8:00 am Mary Jane Sperl†

### **Saturday, September 28**

4:15 pm Deacon John Murphy†

### **Sunday, September 29**

10:15 am Our Parish

Rose & Joseph Karas, Sr.†

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, September 21**

4:15 pm Mass

### **Sunday, September 22**

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Reconciliation following Mass

Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

### **Monday – Friday September 23– September 27**

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

### **Monday, September 23**

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary Clinic PC

### **Tuesday, September 24**

### **Wednesday, September 25**

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes CH/PC

### **Thursday, September 26**

9:10 am Mass at COS

4:30 pm Finance Meeting Pc

6:00 pm Leadership Dinner PC

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting PC

### **Friday, September 27**

### **Saturday, September 28**

10:30 am Baptism Class PC

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation following Mass

Boy Scouts Popcorn/Wreath Sales Orders

### **Sunday, September 29**

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

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Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

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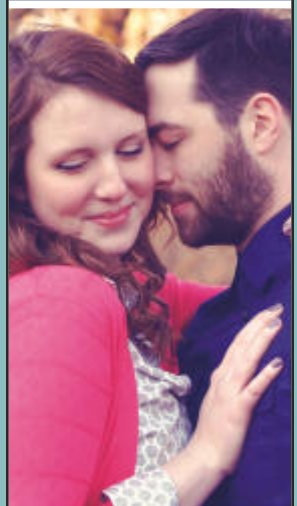
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