



Church of St. Matthew

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October 6, 2019
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordered Time

Liturgy Schedule

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

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday After 4:15 pm Mass
2nd & 4th Sunday After 10:15 am Mass

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

- *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 4 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 or call her at 651-457-3522.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Need Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Registered Nurses (RNs), Physicians and EMTs who would be willing to volunteer on the first weekend of the month, after Saturday & Sunday Masses. Blood pressure cuffs will be provided.

MUSICIANS

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:15 am Mass and practices on alternate weeks September- May. The Choir practices at 9:15 am. Next practice will be Sunday, October 20th. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend masses.

ALTAR SERVERS

Inviting youth 4th grade and older who would like to serve at the Saturday 4:15 pm or Sunday 10:15 am Mass. Training will be provided.

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

THANK YOU!

We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to those who are volunteering in the Faith Formation program this year: Chris Avalos, Sister Anne Becker, Abby Schneider, Ellen Schneider, Joanne Smith, Dave Sunday, Lily Sullivan and Victoria Wanna.

News and Events

FIX-IT-CLINIC

Dakota County - Saturday, October 19th
 Noon - 3:00 pm
Central Square Community Center
 100 7th Avenue N., South St. Paul
 See co.dakota.mn.us for details



DONATIONS TO THE BAHAMAS

The Minus family hosted Coffee Sunday on September 29th in memory of their husband and father Arthur Minus. Arthur was born in the Bahamas and was a member of St. Matthew's parish for many years.

A collection was taken at Coffee Sunday in Arthur's memory for the relief efforts in the Bahamas. The \$221.00 collected will be donated to a Church in the neighborhood where Arthur grew up.

From the Minus family and the Church of Saint Matthew, thank you to all who gave to the relief effort.

BAPTIZED AND SENT: WORLD MISSION

Sunday, October 20, 2019

This year World Mission Sunday is very special. Pope Francis has named this October as the "Extraordinary Missionary Month" with World Mission Sunday as its celebration. This month we honor and celebrate our role as missionaries through our baptism with prayer and a collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which supports over 1,100 small and struggling mission dioceses worldwide. Also this year, we honor two missionaries with ties to our archdiocese who have chosen to go beyond borders and home to share the Gospel message of love and hope. Please remember your own missionary call by supporting mission dioceses this World Mission Sunday. We are all Baptized and Sent.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 29, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 27
 Hours in service 80

Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,049		
Electronic Giving	\$ 962	Total	\$ 50
Vigil Lights	\$ 26		
Coffee Sunday	\$	Thank You	
Memorials	\$ 500		
Bells	\$ 10		
Masses	\$ 7		
Faith Formation	\$ 250		
Fall Festival	\$ 165		
Silent Auction	\$ 335		
Rental	\$ 100		
Funeral	\$ 550		
Rosary Reimburs.	\$ 130		
Equip. Refund	\$ 101		

Total \$ 5,185
Thank You



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on October 5th to celebrate John Sperl's 95th birthday. Happy birthday, John.

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.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER

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.**



FALL FESTIVAL LAWN SIGNS

Thank you to everyone who has returned a Fall Festival lawn sign, but there are still many more that were taken and need to be returned. If you have one in your yard or posted one at an intersection, please bring it back to the parish. They are expensive to replace.

HOST A COFFEE SUNDAY



Following most Sunday Masses from September to June we have coffee and treats in the Social Hall. On some Sundays we have a full wonderful breakfast.

Help is needed to plan and serve these Sunday morning gatherings. If you have a large family, card group, girls coffee klatch, or can just pitch in, please call the Parish Center and speak with Linda Rivera.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS

Pozole in the Park was a HUGE success! We fed approximately 150 people, and many kids played free games such as fort building, basketball, face painting, yard games and arts and crafts. The rain held off for us, and we are so grateful!



A special thank you to staff members Nick Yannarely, Angie Lopez, Brigid Krause and Doug Lieser for volunteering their time and energy toward the event.

Another special thank you to many of our families who donated their time and talents to make and serve delicious food for the event-thank you Maricruz Hernandez for organizing food AND cooking!

Fundraising Totals: \$1,277.85 was raised for the 8th grade field trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center!

PRE-SYNOD LISTENING SESSION THAT ARE CLOSE...

10/11 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Guardian Angels in Oakdale
 10/12 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Saint Paul (bi-lingual)

Please remember the Church of Saint Matthew in your estate plan, will or trust.

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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, October 5

4:15 pm Alice Scaramuzzo†

Sunday, October 6

10:15 am Our Parish

Deacon John & Carol Murphy†

Monday, October 7

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Tuesday, October 8

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

Friday, October 11

8:00 am John DeVecchio, Special Intention

Saturday, October 12

4:15 pm Joe Kegler and Bob Snyder†

Sunday, October 13

10:15 am Our Parish

Bob Nowak†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 5

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation following Mass

Blood Pressure Screening following Mass

Sunday, October 6

9:15 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Blood Pressure Screening following Mass

Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

Monday – Friday October 7– October 11

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

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

6:30 pm Rosary/CCW Meeting SH

Wednesday, October 9

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

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes CH/PC

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting SH

Thursday, October 10

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday, October 13

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word

Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

Reconciliation following Mass

2:00 pm Sospiri Da Mante Concert CH

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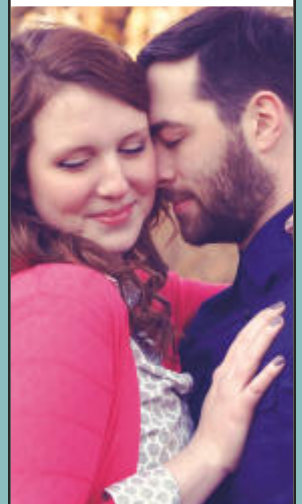
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