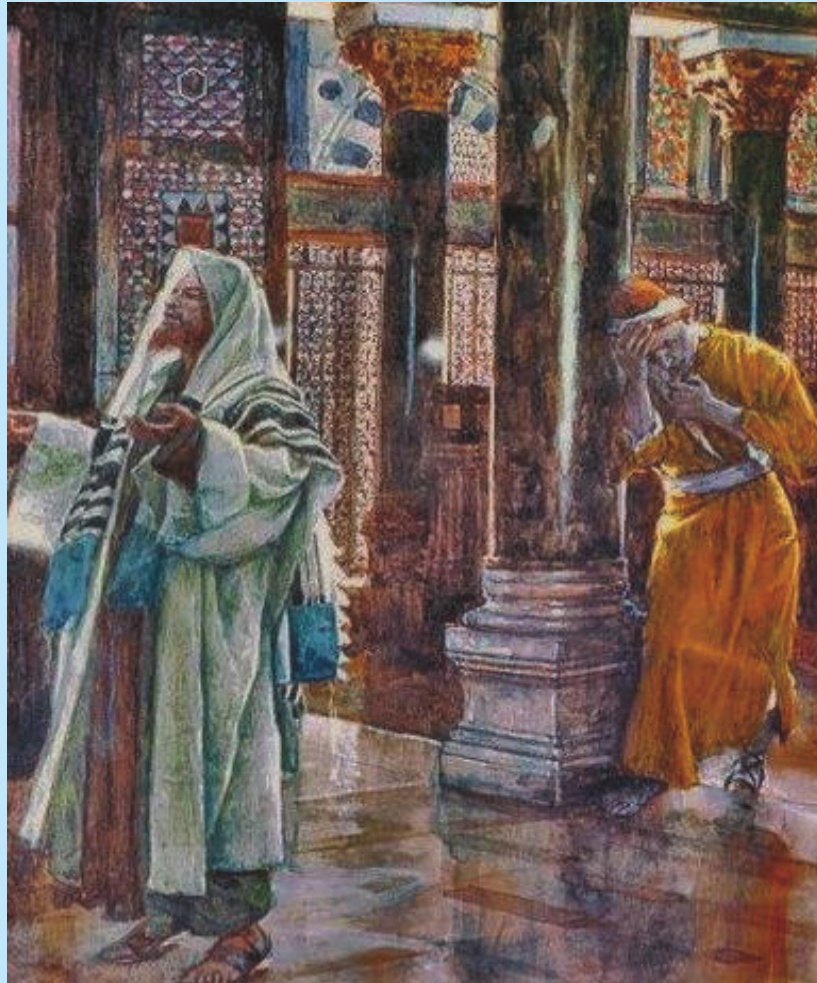


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October 27, 2019
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordered Time

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 27, 2019

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

- *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 3 continuing opportunities.

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, November 3rd. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for both weekend masses.

FAITH FORMATION

Looking for hospitality coordinators: Will plan & organize food, drinks, service, set-up, and clean-up at 4-5 events in October, December, February, March, & April. Recruit helpers & contributors. Need to enjoy being around kids. Best if 2 persons who work well together shared the coordinating job. Email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at Janelle@st-matts.org or call her at 651-457-3522.

THANK YOU!

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



Every year on Columbus Day, employees at Affinity Plus offices volunteer to help organizations in the community. This year Affinity Plus on Lafayette Rd. volunteered to clean our church and chapel. They also collected school supplies which were donated to Community of Saints School. We are extremely grateful for their hard work in beautifying our church and for helping the students at COS!

News and Events

SAVE THE PLANET

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." - C.S. Lewis



Repair, Reuse, Reclaim, Repurpose! Be the change you wish to see.

HYMNAL 'REFURBISHING'

Thanks to the volunteer receptionists who spruced up the hymnals. Many things were done to each hymnal: they were wiped with a disinfectant cloth; the Mass setting was moved to the back cover (this will be used primarily because it has the current language for the Nicene Creed); labels were put on the inside front cover with the pre-Synod prayer and with the 4th Century Creed; and the old worship aids were removed (some from 2017!!). Thanks Corinne, Elaine, Diane, Chris and Patty.

"NEW FURNITURE"

Thanks to a number of people there is some new furniture in some places in the parish center. Thanks to Marcie and Leo who told Fr. Bob - back last year - that there would be some cabinets and other things available from a house that was in their neighborhood.

Thanks to the Keglars for removing many things from that house before it was taken down. Thanks to the maintenance team for moving all of those pieces to the parish center. Thanks to the People of Praise residents and high school who moved many of those pieces into place. Thanks to Mitch who hung wall cabinets.

There is a counter with shelves in the conference room; we have counter with shelving in the reception area; there are many new cabinets in the "old sacristy" area; and there is a refrigerator - almost new - there as well.

What is left; a counter and drop-in sink to be purchased and installed. Come for a tour!!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS October 20, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 40
Hours in service 64

Parish		School	\$291
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,114	Mission Sunday	\$100
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,398	Baroque Concert	\$200
Vigil Lights	\$ 30	Total	\$591
Coffee Sunday	\$ 15		
Masses	\$ 28	Thank You	
Fix It Dinner	\$ 25		

Total \$ 4,610

Thank You



What happy, exciting or memorable event in your family life would like to mark by ringing the "Bells of Saint Matthew"?

Call Linda Rivera at the parish office to schedule your special date.

ROSARY/CCW NEWS

On Monday, October 28th beginning at Noon in our chapel the traveling picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit Saint Matthew's. We will have Rosary and novena prayers at Noon. The picture will remain for all those who wish to stay and pray longer.



We invite men and women to come join in this vigil.

RAMP/RAILING UPDATE

The men from Krech Ironworks visited on Monday to take the specific measurements for the railings. Their backlog is about three weeks; we should expect installation in about that time.

Thank you for your patience; and thanks to all those who helped "foot the bill". Everyone agrees that the change in the front of the church is dramatic; and the ramp will be so much easier to use.

FIX-IT-FUNDRAISER



We hope you are planning to attend our annual "Fix-it-Fundraiser, next Saturday, November 2nd following the 4:15 pm Mass. The menu will include homemade lasagne with meat sauce or a veggie lasagne, salad and bread. The lasagnes will be prepared by chef, Greg Arrigoni.

We are requesting donations for desserts, please!

There will also be many lovely gift baskets for you to purchase and take home with you. No bidding required!

Money raised this year will be used to refurbish the Social Hall restrooms. If there is any money remaining the Social Hall will be repainted. Money raised is matched by the Catholic Order of Foresters.

This is a great family event, with wonderful food, for a fabulous cause, come support St. Matthew's parish!!

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS NEWS



Community of Saints is halfway through our annual school marathon! We kicked off on October 3rd with obstacle courses that included a lot of hopping, running and throwing! Students loved it. The marathon ends on Give to the Max Day-Thursdays, November 14th. Our goal this year is to raise \$12,000 for flexible classroom seating and classroom STEM resources. Throughout the marathon, classes also work on service projects. Some of the service projects this year include decorating Meals on Wheels bags, making cards for residential care centers and picking up trash.

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

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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 26

4:15 pm Anthony Rivera, Special Intention
Jim Thompson†

Sunday, October 27

10:15 am Our Parish
Rudy Morales†

Monday, October 21

8:00 am Pearl Bejblik†

Tuesday, October 22

8:00 am John DelVecchio, Special Intention

Friday, October 25

8:00 am Eugene Gonsowski†

Saturday, October 26

4:15 pm Pam, Lucille, & Robert Stickler, Sr. †

Sunday, October 27

10:15 am Our Parish
Arthur Geis†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 26

4:15 pm Mass with **Confirmation Launch**
Community Dinner Following Mass SH
Boy Scout Popcorn/Wreath Sales following Mass

Sunday, October 27

10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word
Reconciliation following Mass
Boy Scout Popcorn/Wreath Sales following Mass
Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

Monday – Friday October 28– November 1

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

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
10:00 am Staff Meeting PC
6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, October 31

9:10 am Mass at COS

Friday, November 1

7:00 pm Mass All Saints Day

Saturday, November 2

8:00 am All Souls Day
4:15 pm Mass
Reconciliation Following Mass
4:30 pm Fix-it-Fundraiser SH
Blood Pressure Screening Following Mass

Sunday, November 3

9:15 am Choir Practice C
10:15 am Mass with Children Liturgy of the Word
Blood Pressure Screening Following Mass
Coffee Sunday following Mass SH

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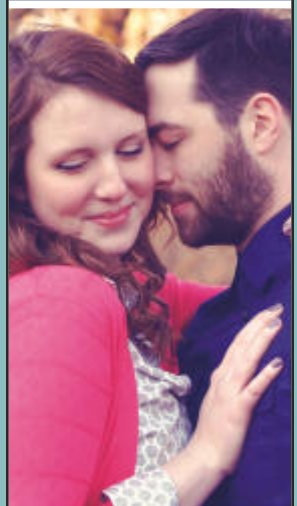
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