

Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold

July 12, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordered Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

In person 4:15 pm Saturday

Streamed 10:15 am Sunday

Reconciliation

**2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
following 4:15 pm Mass**

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office for each

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

- *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

USHERS

The weekend of July 18/19 we will resume worshipping in church. As we look at the guidelines put forth by the Archdiocese, that we need to follow as we begin a "New Normal", we will need additional volunteers to serve as **Ushers at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass!**

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 all who made it possible for the congregation to attend the **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers Mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To Pianist Jill & Cantors **Richard** and **Linda** who provided the beautiful music. To **Becky & Dave** who presented the readings. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org Website/Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to **All** who brought food, toiletries, and other goods for the St. Vincent de Paul drive!

THANK YOU to **Linda, Ann, Chris, Mary & Ginny** who served as **Receptionists** during the **Food drive**.

THANK YOU to **Ginny** who transported the donations to Nativity Parish!

THANK YOU to **John DeVecchio** for overseeing the removal of unwanted furniture in the school building.

News and Events

MASS SCHEDULE

All parishioners should have received a mailing [via USPS] or an e-mail concerning the return to public Mass. Parish leadership has recommended a "gradual return." Public Mass will be at 4:15 pm on Saturdays. Mass will be streamed on Sundays at 10:15 am. [**There will be no public Mass on Sunday.**] Confessions will be heard after Saturday Mass on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. [July 25; then August 8]

SUMMER IS HERE...TIME TO CAMP, GO TO THE LAKE, CAR TRIPS...



Vacation time looks very different for us this year because of Covid-19, but we are finding some resourceful ideas to have a vacation together. Some are camping for the first time in years. Others are borrowing friends and family members cabins, others are taking road trips. Whatever you plan to do this

summer, please remember St. Matthew's is never on vacation. We must pay the bills, make repairs, and pay wages.

Enjoy yourselves, have a wonderful time and please remember to send in your stewardship envelope before you go!! Make it simple, sign up for EFT payments, and you won't have to think about it again.

Wishing you a fun, safe and healthy summer.

MASS ON THE GRASS

The pastoral council has decided to postpone [at least] the Mass at Community of Saints School. This was scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2020. Mass there may be re-scheduled to observe the feast of Saint Matthew [feast is September 21]. Please watch the website for an announcement either confirming the Saturday, 9/20 date, or the cancellation for this summer.

Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS July 5, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 35
Hours in service 58

Parish		School	\$ 120
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,330		
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Thank You!			



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on July 12th for the Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW members.

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit July 18-23 for Claudette Borgan.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the lamp for your special memory or event. The bells ring on the hour 6 am to 6 pm daily.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

For the past few months we have been helping our friends at Neighborhood House through monetary contributions and we and they thank you for your support. Next week is our first Mass after many weeks away and also our customary monthly food collection for Neighborhood House.



We will have collection box outside the front entrance of the church for you to drop off your non-perishable food and personal care items. **Please do this as you enter 4:15 pm Saturday Mass.** You may continue to make monetary donations if you are choosing to view Mass on Sundays from home.

Too many folks are still out of work and food remain a issue for many; your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.

THANKS

In June, both **Sister Anne Becker, SSND, and Deacon Gregg Sroder** left their ministry posts at Saint Matthew's. We acknowledge and thank them for the influences they have brought to our parish community: Deacon Gregg for almost five years, and Sister Anne for many, many years.

I encourage each of you to pen a few words of thanks for their ministry at St. Matt's, and ask for blessings as they begin the next part of their life/ministry.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

Sister Anne Becker, SSND. 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato MN 56001

Deacon Gregg Sroder, 324 Moreland Circle. West St. Paul MN 55118.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Church of Saint Matthew has a website and a Facebook page. In the future, the church may have a presence on other social media platforms.

It is important that any and all things posted on the Church's website or other social media platforms adhere to the policies and practices of both the parish and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis.

The oversight of these postings will be the responsibility of the pastoral administrator or others in positions of authority as designated by the pastoral administrator. Those with such oversight will exercise good judgment in these matters, consistent with the church's social media policy.

The policy, in full, is available on the parish website: www.st-matts.org.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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Office Hours - Until further notice

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

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, July 11

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, July 12

10:15 am Our Parish

Marina T. Galep†

Monday, July 13

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, July 17

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, July 18

4:15 pm Ted Snyder†, Glen & Jean Bauman†

Sunday, July 19

10:15 am Our Parish

Virginia Koenen†, Diane Borgan Vasquez,
Special Intention

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 11

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday July 12

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, July 13—Friday July 17

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, July 13

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, July 17

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, July 16

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

Friday, July 17

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 18

4:15 pm in person Mass

Sunday July 19

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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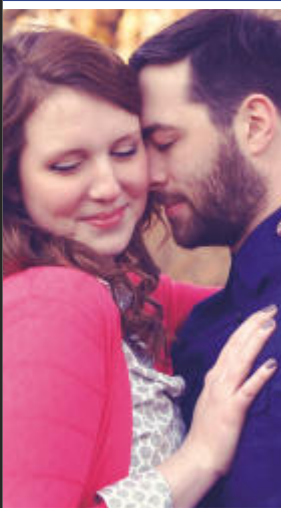
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