

Church of St. Matthew

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First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth 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 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward as Jesus uses several parables to describe the kingdom of heaven and our role in it.

First, He compares it to a field where both wheat and weeds have been sown. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at harvest time are they separated, or "judged" — the wheat gathered into the sower's barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. Similarly, He compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds." But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where "birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

So often, the prayers we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and mustard seed, that is not the truth! God sees and "grows" our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine.

In justice, in gratitude, in love, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

- *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**

PARISH RECEPTIONIST

We are looking for a someone to serve as receptionist in the Parish Center on **Monday afternoon from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**. Duties are primarily greeting visitors and answering phones. If you enjoy helping others, please consider serving the parish through this position.

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 Fr. Adrian, John, Linda, Liturgy Committee, Parish Council, Maintenance staff and all who have worked for the past few months, following Archdiocesan guidelines, to make our return to church today possible!

THANK YOU to Chris, Linda & John who prepared and sent the latest parish mailing. Giving everyone the opportunity to understand how we "Return to Church" during a Pandemic!

THANK YOU to Linda, Ann, Chris, Elaine & Patty. Our faithful Parish Center receptionists, who returned from their 4 month "Pandemic Vacation"! Their presence returns "Normalcy" to the building.

THANK YOU to Bob Krueger (St. Matts Class of 75) Bob volunteered to help prepare the school for our new tenants. As he tore up the carpet in the Teacher's Lounge (talked about) his years at St. Matts and of **Sr. Beatrice SSND**. A 2nd grade legend! Your amateur appreciates your help, please come see us anytime!!

News and Events

THANKS

Earlier this month, for person and professional reasons, Richard Schletty left his leadership in parish ministry in the areas of the parish website and other social media.

It is hard to imagine anything “techie” around Saint Matthew’s without thinking of the role that Richard played in making it happen and making it work almost without a hiccup.

Richard went to Saint Matthew’s school as did each of Pat and Richard’s children. Richard wired the school for communications almost 25 years ago! The system still works! [Thanks, Richard.]

Richard has helped each of the staff get hooked to the internet...and many other things. He was a great help to Fr. Bob.

Richard has been training Kevin Jack to take the responsibility for these programs and practices.

St. Matt’s appreciates the work, so much of it unnoticed, that Richard did to get us on board in the 20th Century and to bring us into the 21st Century.

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.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS July 12, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 14
Hours in service 26

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 4,835
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit July 18-23 for Andrea Zelenak. The Sanctuary lamp will be lit July 25-26 for Pam Stickler.

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.

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew’s sends its’ condolences to the family of Rose Patton. Mrs. Patton died on July 11, 2020. Her Funeral Mass was on July 15, 2020. Please remember Mrs. Patton in your prayers. May she and all faithful departed rest in God’s peace and love.

PUBLIC MASS will be a HYBRID

We are happy to return to ‘public Masses’ beginning Saturday, July 18—at 4:15pm. As we begin we will be doing two things “at the same time.” Parishioners will be at Mass for the first time in four months. At the same time we will be videoing that same Mass for broadcast on Sunday morning at the usual 10:15am time. [We have been videoing on Sat. and broadcasting on Sun. almost every week since the beginning of April.]

The indulgence of both groups will be needed for this to be successful. Saturday attendees will listen to [but not sing] the music; Saturday attendees will be able to receive communion but the experience of community will be lacking; Sunday watchers will note that some liturgical actions will take longer than previously recorded Masses.

Please correspond with the parish office if you have some suggestions or reactions as we move forward as a worshipping community.

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 rescheduled 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.

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.

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

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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Office Hours

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 18

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

Sunday, July 19

10:15 am Our Parish

Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†

Monday, July 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, July 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, July 25

4:15 pm Mary Jane Sperl†

Living & deceased Rosary/CCW members†

Sunday, July 26

10:15 am Our Parish

Ronald G. Crawford†

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 18

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday July 19

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, July 20—Friday July 24

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

Monday, July 20

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

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

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

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, July 23

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

4:30 pm Finance Council Meeting Zoomed

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Zoomed

Friday, July 24

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 25

4:15 pm Mass with Baptism

Reconciliation Following Mass

Sunday July 26

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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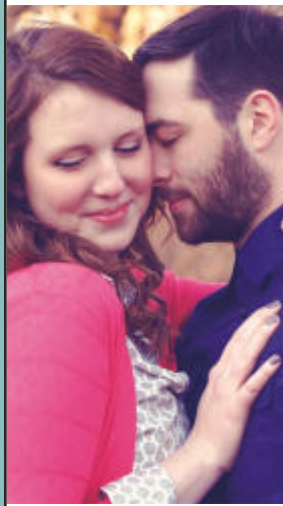
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