

# Church of St. Matthew

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*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again.*

**July 26, 2020**

**Seventeenth 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 26, 2020***

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.

In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

- *The Catholic Steward*

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## 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**

Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer Coordinator

### PARISH RECEPTIONIST

We are looking for 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.

**I invite anyone who could help with this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto: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 return to public Saturday Mass, as we continue to film that Mass for those who wish 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, & Cantor **Linda** who provided the beautiful music. To **Mary & Bob** who presented the readings. To our Eucharistic Ministers **Kathy, Ginny & Mary**. To our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. 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 **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 last week possible!

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

**THANK YOU** to **Reyes** for the work on the garden statue. It was removed before the installation of the ramp. It has been painted and re-set.

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## News and Events

### 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.

### WEEKDAY MASS AT SAINT MATTHEW'S

Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday were suspended in March. The primary reasons were that the celebrant [Fr. Steve] was well into the "at risk" group and almost everyone who came to worship on those days was equally in the "at risk" group.

Nothing has changed the celebrant nor those who worship. Until there is a change, or until there is an effective vaccine, there will not be any Masses on the weekdays.

We continue to apologize for this inconvenience. We hope that those who would like this daily Eucharist for their spiritual well-being are able to find it at a neighboring parish. John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

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

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS July 19, 2020

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 34  
Hours in service 33

#### Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 4,909  
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Masses \$ 158  
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**Total** \$ 470

**Thank You!**

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### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit July 25-August 1 for Pam Stickler.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:lriviera@st-matts.org) if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to lite the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew's sends its' condolences to the family of Lila Alice Cotton. Mrs. Cotten died on June 20, 2020 and her Funeral Mass was on July 20, 2020. Please remember Mrs. Cotten in your prayers. May she and all faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

### MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

#### FIRST COMMUNION

Next weekend, August 1 and 2 will the celebration of First Communion for 2nd graders from the parish and Community of Saints School. The children will be present at the Saturday afternoon community Mass [which will be videoed, as usual.]. The Sunday Mass will be for only the first communicants and their families.

#### CONFIRMATION

There has been a change in the date for Confirmation. It will be celebrated at 10:15 on Sunday, September 13. We will be honored to have Archbishop Hebda as the celebrant and presider at the sacrament. [This is NOT a public Mass; it is for those to be confirmed and their families.]

#### MASS ON THE GRASS

The annual Mass with a picnic has been postponed [at least]. There will not be mass outside on Saturday, August 15. [The original plan was to do that at Community of Saints.] Watch the bulletin and website to determine if it has been re-scheduled yet this summer/fall.

#### PUBLIC MASS will be a HYBRID

It was wonderful to see some parishioners in Church for 4:15 Mass last Saturday. [There were 40, to be exact.] A reminder: we will be doing two things "at the same time." Some parishioners will be attending "in person." At the same time we [Alan] will be videoing the same Mass for broadcast on Sunday morning at the usual 10:15am time.

We ask for the indulgence of both groups. Saturday folks will listen to [but not sing] the songs. Saturday folks will be able to receive communion, but the sense of community will be much reduced. Sunday watchers may notice that some liturgical actions may take longer than on previously recorded Masses.

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

#### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

I have had two requests from parishioners for communion to be brought to them...after the 4:15 Mass. We have been supporting that ministry for more than a year. If you would like to bring communion to someone, or if you would like communion brought to you, please contact me at the parish office.

John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

## Parish Leadership

### All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

Rev. Biju Mathew, CFIC, Parochial Administrator  
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mleibl

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## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

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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 25

4:15 pm Mary Jane Sperl†  
Living & deceased Rosary/CCW members†

### Sunday, July 26

10:15 am Our Parish  
Ronald G. Crawford†

### Monday, July 27

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, July 31

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, August 1

4:15 pm Glenn & Jean Baumann†

### Sunday, August 2

10:15 am Our Parish  
Raymond J. Galep†

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, July 25

4:15 pm Mass with Baptism  
Reconciliation Following Mass

### Sunday July 26

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Monday, July 27 - Friday July 31

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

### Monday, July 27

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, July 28

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

### Wednesday, July 29

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

### Thursday, July 30

### Friday, July 31

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, August 1

1:30 Avila-Tovlin Quincenera  
4:15 pm Mass with First Communion

### Sunday August 2

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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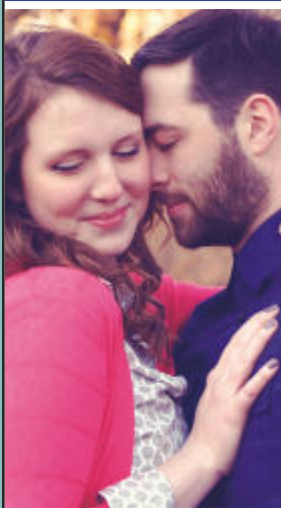
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