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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them

September 6, 2020
Twenty-third 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 September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, friends and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves.

St. Paul gives us simple instruction in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others, reminding us what Christ Himself taught: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the overarching principal that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely — with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters. Jesus also speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

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**

FAITH FORMATION

St. Matthew's Faith Formation program needs volunteers to teach students in younger grades and needs two volunteers at the front desk. Time commitment is Wednesday evenings from mid-September until early May. We are seeking volunteers at least 16 years of age. Additionally, substitute teachers are needed. Even if you could only volunteer occasionally, we could still use your help! To find out more, please email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004

PARISH RECEPTIONIST – ON CALL

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as **"On-Call" Receptionists**. Occasionally one of our regularly scheduled receptionists is unable to come into the office on their scheduled day. Would you be available to come in and take their place? 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

THANK YOU!

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

THANK YOU to the **45 parishioners** who attended our Public Mass last Saturday. As we continue to film that Mass for those who wish to attend the **Sunday Mass online**, we thank 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 our **guest pianist Mary Dinisen** from Guardian Angels Parish and our cantor **John** who provided the beautiful music. To **Kathy & Ginny** who presented the readings. To our Eucharistic ministers **Mary Ann & Bob**. We thank our server **Paul** and sacristans **Ginny & Mary**. Thank you 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 **Kathy Goldenstein** who has volunteered to be an **"On-Call Receptionist"**.

News and Events

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

BEFORE ATTENDING MASS, STOP, THINK, CONSIDER

While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you or any one you know been exposed to Covid-19?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new lose of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health masks are required.**

CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets that were ordered many months ago have arrived—finally. The ushers will take up the collections [both for the parish and special collections] at the usual times of the Mass. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Everyone coming will be asked to record their name and telephone number on a sign-in sheet. The only—but important—reason for this is the use of that information for contact tracing. [To date we have not had any cases of COVID-19 connected to attendance at Mass. There is no guarantee that our 'clean record' will continue.]

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 6, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 32
Hours in service 64

Parish
Envelopes/Cash \$ 4,050
Electronic Giving \$ 945
Holyday \$ 20
PayPal \$ 0
Funeral \$ 450
Fuel \$ 50
Bells \$ 0
Masses \$ 72
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Total Thank You! \$ 340

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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

Contact Linda Rivera at lriviera@st-matts.org or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday 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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY

We will be honored to welcome Archbishop Hebda as the celebrant and presider at Mass and for the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation on 15 young people. [This is **NOT** a public Mass; it is for those to be confirmed and their families.]

Please pray for our candidates who have waited many months to celebrate their Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit fill them and guide them now and forever.

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2020-2021 school year. Before registering, review the COVID-19 safety precautions and changes being made to the program for this year. Contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr for the COVID-19 precautions and a registration form; email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in 2021. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Classes run from September 16 through May 5.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION September 12/13, 2020

As you are aware, this collection is held annually on Good Friday. This year, due to the COVID -19 situation, Pope Francis has approved moving the collection for the Holy Land to September 12/13, 2020, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Your support is very important as the Holy Land is also struggling with this pandemic. This collection helps maintain holy places and shrines in the Holy Land, supports Catholic schools, provides charity for the poor, and funds pastoral and religious education in 29 Holy Land parishes. Also, in these times of crisis, the Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please be as generous as you are able.

VOTING

This website can be very valuable: MNVOTES.ORG
On that website, you can do many things. Among them:
You can register to vote if you are not already registered
You can apply for an absentee ballot; you do not have to have any qualifying reason
You can check the status of your ballot: has it been received, etc.
Now is the time to apply for an absentee ballot. They will be mailed out in mid-September and you will be able to vote thereafter.



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Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & 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, September 5

4:15 pm Ronald G. Crawford†
Virginia Koenen†
Arlene Palermo†

Sunday, September 6

10:15 am Our Parish
Marina T. Galep†
Jeanette Marthaler†
Claudette Borgan†

Monday, September 7 Labor Day

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, September 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, September 12

4:15 pm Arthur Geis†
David Andrews†
John & Pearl Bejblik†

Sunday, September 13

10:15 am Our Parish
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 5

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall
4:15 pm Mass
with second collection for Community of Saint School

Sunday September 6

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Tuesday, September 8- Friday September 11

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

Monday, September 7 Labor Day

Parish Office Closed
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled
No Loaves & Fishes Today

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 12

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall
4:15 pm Mass

Sunday September 13

10:15 am Mass Streamed
4:15 pm Mass with Confirmation - Not a Public Mass

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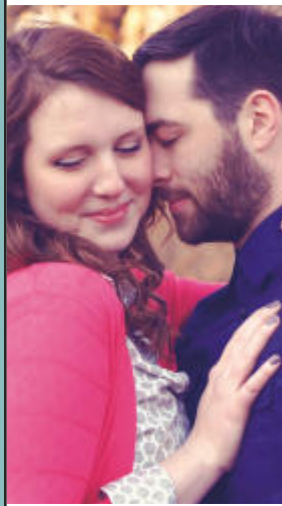
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