

# Church of St. Matthew

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*(Jesus) said to them, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"*

**October 18, 2020**

**Twenty-ninth 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 October 18, 2020**

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21  
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we are in every aspect of our lives.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher Authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

*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

### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

**Do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend Mass?** If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a sacristan before Mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

**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 the **86** parishioners, including **10 Confirmation Candidates & families**, 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 pianist **Jill** and our cantor **Kathy**. To **Jerold & Kathy** who presented the readings and to Eucharistic ministers **Maggie & Jeanne**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. Thanks to **Mary** our server/sacristan. 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 **Chris, Patty, Pete, Linda, Marilyn & Mary** who addressed and stuffed the envelopes for the "Give Thanks in November Raffle" mailing. Thanks to **Bernie** who took the mailing to the Post Office!

**ISAAC GARCIA IS COMING TO SPEAK AT MASS NEXT WEEK ABOUT "BLESSING BAGS". See the insert in this bulletin.**

## 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 anyone living with you 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 loss 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 October 18, 2020**

#### **Volunteer Service**

Hours in prayer 28  
Hours in service 27

#### **Parish**

Envelopes/Cash \$ 2,811  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,351  
Holyday \$ 0  
PayPal \$ 45  
Faith Formation \$ 50  
Funeral \$ 325  
Bells \$ 7  
Masses \$ 10  
Miscellaneous \$ 12  
Vigil Lights \$ 16  
Fund Raiser \$ 420  
Sanctuary Lamps \$ 0

**School** \$ 91

**Total** \$ 91

**Thank You!**

#### **PayPal QR Code**

simply scan with your phone to make an electronic stewardship offering.

**Total Thank You!** \$ 5,031



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

The sanctuary lamp will be light October 17 to October 24 for **Paul Frank**, Saint Matthew class of 1964.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto: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 light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### **IT'S IN THE MAIL**

Last week all registered Saint Matthew's households were mailed an opportunity to join in "Give Thanks In November" fund raiser.

A winner will be picked each day, you may join in as many times as you wish. There will be 29 drawings between \$25 and up to \$150 and the grand prize is \$1,000.

The funds raised will provide a new and much needed handicap accessible restroom to be located near the current restrooms adjacent to the Social Hall.

Good luck to everyone to donate to our fund raiser.

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Confirmation Launch 2:** Students in grades 8 and above who did not attend the Confirmation launch on Saturday, October 10, are required at our make-up date of October 24. Parents/guardians should also attend, and other family members are invited, too. Join us for the 4:15 pm Saturday Mass and then stay in church after Mass for a meeting with Confirmation teacher David Sunday. The Confirmation launch is for the Wednesday evening Grades 8-10 Faith Formation students who have already registered for this school year and for Community of Saints 8th graders who plan to be confirmed with Saint Matthew.

**Faith Formation Classes formats:** **October 21** is an **at-home** family learning evening for all grades, and families will receive the materials by October 21. **In-person classes for Faith Formation students grades 1 - 10 resume on October 28.** All grades have in-person classes on November 4 and November 11. Come to Saint Matthew's those evenings; start and dismissal times are varied by grade level. Please see your family schedule for details. To get an extra copy of the schedule email [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org).

### **HOW SHOULD A CATHOLIC VOTE THIS NOVEMBER?**

**Monday, October 19, 2020 - 7:30-9:00 p.m. (CST), virtual webinar event.** Listen in live to a debate about how Catholic voters can make the most prudent and conscientious choices during the upcoming election. Event is free and open to both men and women. No registration necessary. For more details, including webinar link, please visit: [www.argumentclub.com](http://www.argumentclub.com).



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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, October 17/Sunday 18

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Jeanette Marthaler†  
Mary Jane Sperl†  
Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.†

### Monday, October 19

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, October 20

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, October 23

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, October 24/ Sunday 25

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Alice Scaramuzzo†  
Arlene Palermo†  
Anthony Rivera, Special Intention

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, October 17 Food Collection Weekend

9:00 am Harmony GTCY Registration Social Hall  
10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass with World/Home Missions Sunday Collection

### Sunday October 18

10:15 am Mass Streamed  
World /Home Missions Sunday Collection Mail in Donation  
Please

### Monday, October 19- Friday October 23

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

### Monday, October 19

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

### Tuesday, October 20

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
5:00 pm GYCYS Church

### Wednesday, October 21

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic - by appointment only  
6:30 pm Faith Formation At Home Learning This Week

### Thursday, October 22

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

### Friday, October 23

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, October 24

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass with Confirmation Launch No. 2  
5:15 pm Leadership Listening

### Sunday October 25

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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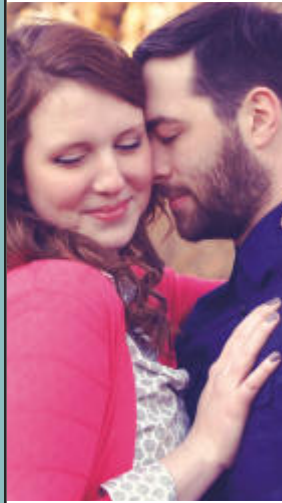
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