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"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven"

November 1, 2020
Thirty-first 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 November 1, 2020

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talents and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom. ."

The Catholic Steward

Fra Angelico, The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs 1423-24 Detail



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

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.

Nearly 3 years ago our parish made the decision to become a **Volunteer Parish**. It has been through the generosity of our volunteers that we are able to exist. If you have ever considered other ways you could volunteer, some way, other than what you have seen listed, please contact the Parish Center or mleibl@st-matts.org.

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 to the **85** parishioners, who attended our Public Mass last Saturday. This includes **7 Confirmation Candidates & families**. The Mass that was on-line last Sunday was filmed the previous Thursday. 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 was cantor for the filmed Sunday Mass and who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** and to **Andy** who was cantor at the Saturday Mass. To those who presented the readings, **Jeanne & Bob** on Saturday, and **Ginny & Mary** Sunday. To our Eucharistic ministers **Dave & Ginny**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim & Tom**. Thanks to **Ginny & Mary** our server/sacristans. 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 **You Tube**.

THANK YOU to **Dave** who each month faithfully delivers the food collected for Neighborhood House!

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 exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
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 25, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 29
Hours in service 26

Parish		School	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,587	Giving Thanks	\$ 5,620
Electronic Giving	\$ 945	Mission Sunday	\$ 50
Rent	\$ 800		
PayPal	\$ 200	Total	\$ 6,090
Faith Formation	\$ 135	Thank You!	
Fuel	\$ 0		
Bells	\$ 9	PayPal QR Code	
All Saints Day	\$ 20	simply scan with your	
Sanctuary Lamp	\$ 0	phone to make an electronic	
Vigil Lights	\$ 27	stewardship offering.	

Total \$ 5023
Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on November 1st for the living and deceased Rosary/CCW members.

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit October 31 - November 7 for Andy Koenen's health and recovery.

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes for November: Faith Formation students in grades 1-10 have **in-person classes on November 4 and 11**. Come to St Matthew those evenings; start and dismissal times are varied by grade level. Please see your family schedule for details. On November 18, Confirmation candidates have class from 6:50 to 7:50 in the church. Students in grades 1-7 have at-home family learning on November 18. There are no classes on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FROM JAMESON IRISH PUB (FORMERLY CHEROKEE TAVERN)

The good news is the wonderful tradition of the free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings will continue this year! Due to Covid-19 there are a few changes; there will be **NO** dine-in-service, **all meals will be pick-up only**. Meals will be available for pick up Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at the Church of Saint Joseph parking lot, 1154 Seminole Avenue, West Saint Paul. To make a reservation to pick up your meals please contact Linda Rivera at the parish center at 651.224.9793 with your name, pick-up time, and number of meals of meals you will be picking up. There are three time slots for pick up 10:30 - 11:00 am, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or 12:00 - 1:00 pm .

FEAST OF ALL SOULS DAY

Fr. Adrian will celebrate Mass for the Feast of All Souls Day - 7:00 pm, Monday, November 2nd. All are invited to attend with masks and distancing, please.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE - PLEASE SIGN UP

We will be writing the new Ministry schedule the week of November 9th. This schedule will begin Saturday, November 28th & go through Saturday, February 13th. This schedule will include 2 Masses for Christmas. One on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day. Times TBD. There will also be one Mass for New Years which will take place at 4:15 pm on New Years Eve. **Please let us know by Sunday November 8th** what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Please email me at mleibl@st-matts.org .

TIME TO FALL BACK

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed tonight. We gain one hour of daylight.



Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
jdelvecchio

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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 31/ November 1—All Saints Day

4:15 pm Our Parish
Pauline Dalzell†
Arthur Geis†
Marina T. Galep†
Raymond J. Galep†

Monday, November 2

8:00 am Cancelled
7:00 pm Feast of All Souls Day
Our Parish

Tuesday, November 3

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, November 6

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, November 7/ November 8

4:15 pm Our Parish
Alice Scaramuzzo†
George Lackner†
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 31

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building
4:15 pm Mass with 2nd collection for COS School

Sunday November 1 Feast of All Saint

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, November 2 - Friday November 6

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

Monday, November 2 Feast of All Souls Day

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

7:00 pm Mass - **Feast of All Souls Day**

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
1:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic - by appointment only
Faith Formation K-10 Check Schedule For Class Start Time

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 7

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building
10:15 am Mass Streamed

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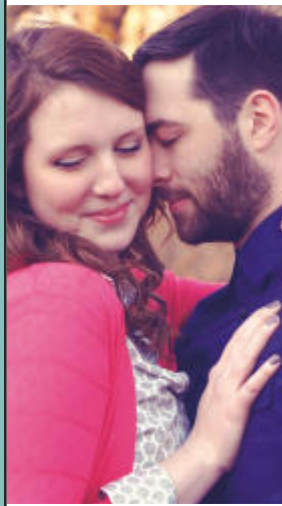
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