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The man who received one [talent] went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

November 15, 2020

Thirty-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 November 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.

Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the story — commonly known as the Parable of the Talents — of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to “entrust his possessions to them.”

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money (“talent”) commensurate with that servant’s abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they “immediately” put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master’s talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response! This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talents and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: “Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master’s joy.”

The Catholic Steward

Parable of the Talents John Morgan (1823-1886)



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

THANK YOU to the **53** 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 Pianist **Jill** and our cantor **Linda**. To **Ginny** who presented the readings and to Eucharistic ministers **Karen & Becky**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim , Tom & Doris**. 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 **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to **Kathy & Al** who weekly take care of all the vigil lights in church. They remove the burnt candles, clean the glass holder, and put a new candle in each holder. We all appreciate their diligence. Thanks to their dedication, each Saturday there are fresh vigil candles for parishioners who want to offer prayers.

News and Events

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

WITH NUMBERS RISING IN MINNESOTA, IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO DO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE ATTENDING MASS

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 been 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; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
 - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
 - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
 - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
 - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
 - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace mask and return to your place. Thank you.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS November 8, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 2
Hours in service 31

Parish

Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,219
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,106
Rent	\$ 4,400
PayPal	\$ 125
Memorials	\$ 0
Fuel	\$ 125
"Giving Thanks"	\$ 70
Christmas	\$ 50
Sanctuary Lamp	\$ 0
Vigil Lights	\$ 36
Funeral	\$ 450
All Saints Day	\$ 25

Total \$ 9,606
Thank You!

School \$ 232
Total \$ 232

Thank You!

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



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on November 17th in memory of **Mary Jane Sperl**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew ring on November 17th in memory of **Eleanor Bisciglia**.
The sanctuary lamp will be lit November 14-20 in memory of **Michael and Martha Snaza**.

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 light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes for November:

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**. **Call the Office By Monday, November 16th to place your order for tickets.**

NOTICE TO LECTORS

If you have not already picked up your 2021 **Liturgy Workbook**, You may get your copy in the sacristy before or after the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass, or come to the Parish Center during regular business hours. When you get your workbook please be sure to check off your name on the list near the books. There are **six books** yet to be picked up.

GIVING THANKS fundraiser

Another thanks to everyone for participating in this "replacement" fundraiser. We did this event instead of the fall festival and the "fix-it" dinner. More than \$16,000 was raised; that qualified us for a match of \$1,500 from the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Thanks to the winners who "refused" their winnings and returned the checks to St. Matt's.
The winners this past week—\$50 each : Nov 9—Gerald Breidel; Nov 10—Jennifer Geis; Nov 11—Irene Martinez; Nov 12—Bill Brengman; Nov 13—Tim Dalzell; Nov 14—Tim Dalzell; Nov. 15—\$75—Lu Finnegan.
Congrats to all winners. Watch for the next group in next week's bulletin.

BULLETINS

Because of deadlines from LPI [the bulletin publisher], the bulletins for 11/22 and 11/29 have to be submitted earlier than normal. One result is that the weekly scoreboard will be updated on a delayed calendar.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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sadrian

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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, November 14/ November 15

4:15 pm Our Parish
Arthur Geis†
MaryJane Sperl†
John Bejblik†

Monday, November 16

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, November 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, November 21/ November 22

4:15 pm Our Parish
Jeannette Marthaler†
Ted and Connie Rivera†

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 14

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building
4:15 pm Mass with 2nd Collection for Neighborhood House
Food Shelf

Sunday, November 15

10:15 am Mass Streamed - Support Neighborhood House
With a Monetary Donation

Monday, November 16 - Friday November 20

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

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
1:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic - by appointment only

**Faith Formation Confirmation Students In-Person Only
All Other Students, At-Home Learning**

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 21

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
9:30 am Harmony GTCYS—school building
4:15 pm Mass with 2nd Collection for Campaign Human
Development

Sunday, November 22

10:15 am Mass Streamed 2nd Collection for Campaign for
Human Development - Please support by mail

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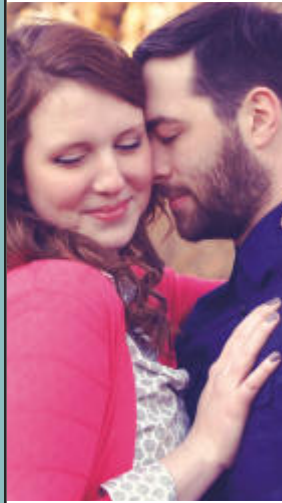
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