

## Church of Saint Matthew – September 26, 2021

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Rick Lopez, Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Doris Schillinger, Grant Littler, Cecelia Glenn, Jerry Jenniges, and Jan Steinbrenner**

**If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one.**

We are strong as a community praying together.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In our readings this week, Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another's gifts and talents.

We often look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families.

Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. They stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clenched tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

## New Members Welcome!

### ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW - PLEASE COME JOIN US!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Linda Rivera at [lrivera@st-matts.org](mailto:lrivera@st-matts.org) to register as a member of our parish family. We will be happy to get you signed up or welcome you back.



The Loaves and Fishes Program, which is so vital to our community, is missing the portable royal blue canopy shown above.

It was stored in the Social Hall area known as "the garage" and went missing between August 16 - 29, 2021.

Ruffo Romero, the general manager, of Loaves and Fishes needs the canopy returned as soon as possible. If you have any information on its whereabouts, please contact the Parish Office. 651.224.9793.

It is very difficult for Loaves and Fishes volunteers to work outside in the hot sun, rain or snow without this tent. With the continued Covid Delta variant it does not appear that dining will return indoors for sometime to come. Shelter is needed for the dedicated volunteers.

### MASS OF SOLIDARITY

(World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Immigration Sunday)

**Date(s):** Sunday, September 26

**Start Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul

September 26 marks the World Day for Migrants and Refugees and also Immigration Sunday in Minnesota. Join in this Mass of Solidarity featuring members of various ethnicities.



Mark your calendar and save the date.

Saturday, October 16th - 9:00 am

We are going to clean up the campus grounds,  
and shine up the church.

Watch the bulletin for full details.