

## Church of Saint Matthew – September 5, 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, **Carolina Gomez, Louise Breidel, Doris Schillinger, Michael Wood, 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

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

##### Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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## 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.



### World Day For Migrants and Refugees September 26th

#### Prayer for an Ever Wider "We" from Pope Francis' Message for the 107th World Day Of Immigrants and Refugees

Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider. We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters.