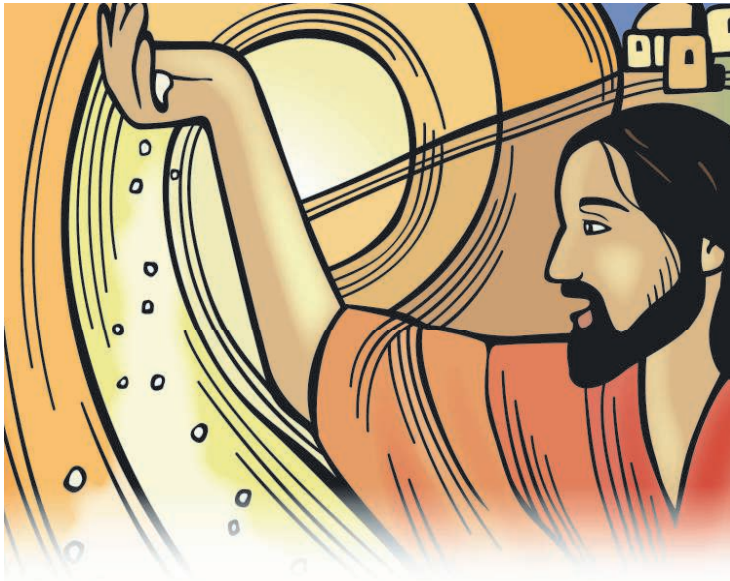




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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." *Mt 5:13a, 14*

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Please contact the Parish Office regarding baptism, marriage, first communion and confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin.

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1
Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Liturgy Schedule

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 8:00 am

Thursday - 9:30 am at Community of Saints School

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Sunday - 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:00 pm - 3:40 pm and by appointment

Our Catholic Identity



On Thursday, January 26, Archbishop Bernard Hebda placed an announcement on the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis web-page in response to President's Trump's executive order to build a wall separating the United States from Mexico and to increase border surveillance, detention, and deportation. In his announcement the Archbishop pointed out two very important principles from our Catholic Social Teaching—the dignity of each human person and the common good for all.

On Sunday, January 29, Cardinal Blasé J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago placed the following statement on the Archdiocese of Chicago web-page in response to President's Trump's executive order preventing people from seven, predominantly Muslim, countries from temporarily entering the United States:

“This weekend proved to be a dark moment in U.S. history. The executive order to turn away refugees and to close our nation to those, particularly Muslims, fleeing violence, oppression and persecution is contrary to both Catholic and American values. Have we not repeated the disastrous decisions of those in the past who turned away other people fleeing violence, leaving certain ethnicities and religions marginalized and excluded? We Catholics know that history well, for, like others, we have been on the other side of such decisions.

These actions impose a sweeping and immediate halt on migrants and refugees from several countries, people who are suffering, fleeing for their lives. Their design and implementation have been rushed, chaotic, cruel and oblivious to the realities that will produce enduring security for the United States. They have left people holding valid visas and other proper documents detained in our airports, sent back to the places some were fleeing or not allowed to board planes headed here. Only at the eleventh hour did a federal judge intervene to suspend this unjust action.

We are told this is not the “Muslim ban” that had been proposed during the presidential campaign, but these actions focus on Muslim-majority countries. They make an exception for Christians and non-Muslim minorities, but not for Muslims refugees fleeing for their lives. Ironically, this ban does not include the home country of 15 of the 19 September 11 hijackers. Yet, people from Iraq, even those who assisted our military in a destructive war, are excluded.

The United States has a long history of welcoming refugees who are fleeing for their lives and Catholic organizations have helped to resettle many families, men, women, and children, from around the globe. Many of our priests, religious and laypeople have accompanied newcomers precisely to assist them in this process. Because of our history of aiding in refugee and migrant settlement for decades, we know the very lengthy and thorough vetting process they must face before they are admitted to our country. We have seen initial fear turn into a generous willingness of local communities to accept and integrate refugees. Here in Chicago generations of migrants have found a new home. We are better for it.

The world is watching as we abandon our commitments to American values. These actions give aid and comfort to those who would destroy our way of life. They lower our estimation in the eyes of the many peoples who want to know America as a defender of human rights and religious liberty, not a nation that targets religious populations and then shuts its doors on them.

It is time to put aside fear and join together to recover who we are and what we represent to a world badly in need of hope and solidarity. “If we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities.” Pope Francis issued these challenging words to Congress in 2015, and followed with a warning that should haunt us as we come to terms with the events of the weekend: “The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us.”

I share these two responses at a very critical time to emphasize that our Catholic identity is proclaimed in how we work together to welcome the stranger, provide for their well-being, and defend their human dignity. Some people have chosen to challenge the Trump administration by filing lawsuits, participating in rallies, and speaking out through social media. Other people have chosen to embrace the refugees and immigrants who are the victims of the executive orders by providing legal counsel and sanctuary. Still others are using their ingenuity and creativity to both challenge the administration and embrace our Muslim sisters and brothers. Whatever we do, and we must do something, our Catholic identity should guide our way!



News and Events

CHURCH BELLS

The St. Matthew's church bells will ring on the following days in honor of:

February 6	Patrick Murphy
February 8	Bridget Lannon Kane
	Tina Saucedo Baker
	Connie Bartolle†
February 22	Jerry Smith†

FEBRUARY CALENDAR CORRECTION

The Rosary/CCW will meet on Tuesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, not on the 7th as indicated on the monthly calendar. Please adjust your calendars accordingly. Our monthly meetings are generally the second Tuesday of every month. We hope to see many of our friends at our next meeting on the 14th. Perhaps some new friends too!!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next ministry schedule will cover 3-1 to 5-28. Please let Jan Lackner know your availability to serve by the end of the week. You may contact Jan at jml3242@aol.com. Now that we have two Masses additional ministers are needed. Are there ministers from St. Michael who would like to minister at St. Matthew? Call either Jan Lackner, or Linda Rivera at the parish office if you are interested in becoming a minister. No experience is necessary, training is provided. Young people, please come join us!!

FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING

On Wednesday, February 8, there will be a meeting for parents with children who have registered to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Matthew. The meeting will begin at 7 PM in St. Matthew Church and end at 7:45 PM. Children preparing for the sacrament should also attend, along with the parent/guardian. **This meeting is for both Faith Formation parents and Community of Saints parents who intend for their child to receive sacraments at St. Matthew Church.**

WEEKLY BULLETIN TO THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who can no longer attend weekly Mass and would like to receive a bulletin? Please call Linda Rivera at the parish office and a bulletin will be sent to them each week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 4
 4:00 pm Claudette Borgan
 Special Intention

Sunday, February 5
 10:00 am Our Parish
 Ronald G. Crawford†

Monday, February 6
 8:00 am Patrick Murphy
 Special Intention

Wednesday, February 8
 8:00 am Tina Saucedo Baker
 Special Intention

Friday, February 10
 8:00 am Paul Maslow†

Saturday, February 11
 4:00 pm David Andrews†

Sunday, February 12
 10:00 am Our Parish
 Marina T. Galep†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 4
 9:00 am—2:00 pm Parish Council
 Retreat PC
 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 5
 10:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Coffee Sunday
 4:30 pm Doors Open Big Game Party
 Social Hall

Monday Feb. 6- Fri. Feb 10
 5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

Monday, February 6
 Noon - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, February 7
Wednesday, February 8
 8:00 am – 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic
 6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes
 7:00 pm 1st Recon./1st Com. Parents
 Meeting with Father in the Church
 8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting Social Hall

Thursday, February 9
 9:30 am COS Mass at St. Michael
 4:30-6:00 pm Finance/Parish Council
 Meetings Parish Center

Friday, February 10
Saturday, February 11
 4:00 pm Mass—CSA Kick Off

Sunday, February 12
 10:00 am Mass CSA Kick Off
 11:00 am Coffee following Mass Social Hall

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

January 29, 2017

Parish Family		Extended Family	
Basket	\$682	Alumni & Friends	\$0
Envelopes	\$2,348	Total	\$0
Vigil Lights	\$30		
Stole Fee	\$35		
Total	\$3,095		

Children's Corner Word Search

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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Andrew
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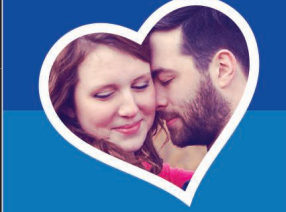
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