

# Church of St. Matthew

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Please accept my deepest gratitude for making the Season of Lent and the Easter Triduum wonderful celebrations for the members and friends of the Church of St. Matthew and for me.

The Fish Fries, the Stations of the Cross, the Confirmation community meal, the Anointing of the Sick, the Easter celebrations, your Easter greetings, cards, and gifts are a glimpse of how the resurrection of Jesus Christ continues in our lives.

Fr. Bob

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## **Sacraments**

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. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

## **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday - Wednesday - Friday** 8:00 a.m.

**Thursday** - 9:30 a.m. at Community of Saints School

**Saturday** - 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday** - 10:00 a.m.

## **Reconciliation**

**Saturday** 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

## **Prayer Line**

**Hope 651.457.0228    Cathy 651.455.5473**

## **Readings for the Week of April 30, 2017**

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps

90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## WE ALL HAVE GIFTS—WHAT ARE YOURS?



During the Season of Easter, the stories we hear from the Acts of the Apostles describe the beginning of the church and the people who played a part in such a divine undertaking after receiving spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. How the Holy Spirit empowers people to flourish through their use of spiritual gifts is described further in Paul's letters to his Christian communities.

In 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, Romans 12:1-8, and Ephesians 4:1-16, Paul identifies twenty-nine spiritual gifts that he believed would contribute to the growth of individuals and the communities for whom his letters were written. If the gifts that are repeated in the different passages are eliminated, there are a total of twenty-one spiritual gifts. In the letters, the variety of spiritual gifts Paul names are: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, tongues, interpretation, discernment, teaching, administration, service, exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, evangelism, apostles, healers, helpers, and pastors.

Paul uses the analogy of the body to explain how each member of the community is given special gifts to be used for the benefit of building up the body of Christ. Paul emphasizes, most likely to the discontented members of his Christian communities, that through a variety of spiritual gifts the members of a community are transformed and become interdependent so that no one is greater than another and all depend upon one another.

Paul's letters are very important as a starting point for reflecting upon our own spiritual gifts and how we use them for the benefit of our church community. Yet we have to remember that Paul wrote for a particular people, at a particular time, for a particular reason. We should not be intimidated by spiritual gifts like "prophecy," "exhortation," and "evangelism" identified by Paul but rather reflect upon the collective qualities of the spiritual gifts found in Paul's letters:

- A spiritual gift is expressed with a servant motive. We are called by a specific faith community.
- A spiritual gift is expressed with a steward motive. I am called because I have a gift that is to be used not for my own sake but as God's gift to me for the sake of my faith community.
- A spiritual gift is expressed as sacred worship. I am called to give God the glory and the credit due to God through the use of my gifts.
- A spiritual gift is expressed through the strength that God supplies.

As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, descriptions of spiritual gifts needed by the Church of St. Matthew community with reflection questions to help discern whether or not God is calling you to use your spiritual gifts for the sake of our community will be in the bulletin. And perhaps additional spiritual gifts and the need for those gifts will be recognized as well. We all have gifts—what are yours?

### Thank-You, Cindy!

Cindy Hoffman who was hired by Fr. Steve Adrian in 2005 for the Church of St. Matthew, who worked with Fr. Michael Rudolph in 2013 when St. Michael and St. Matthew were clustered, and who has served the parish with Fr. James Adams, Fr. Andrew Brinkman, and Fr. Bob Kelly, OP has accepted new employment. Cindy is leaving her position at St. Matthew's on May 1 to pursue her career in the private sector. Cindy, the people of St. Matthew's wish you success!

# News and Events

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

You may receive 10% reduction on your car insurance if you participate in this course. This refresher course will be Friday, May 12 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in St. Matthew's Social Hall. Cost for the course: AARP members: \$18; non-members: \$23. To register, please call the Parish Center: [651-224-9793](tel:651-224-9793)



## WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Lucas Norgren Richard, Jr. baptized on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at St. Matthew's. Lucas' is the child of Alicia Cortez and Lucas Norgren Richard, Sr.; Raymond Bartolo Ibarra-Ledesma, baptized on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at St. Matthew's. Raymond is the child of Margarita Ibarra and Raymond Warns-Ledesma.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 3rd Sunday of the Month Food and Non-food Drive to support the Neighborhood House Food Shelf totaled 140 lbs. The next collection date is May 20th-21st.



## FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE, ST. MATTHEW

For children registered to receive First Communion in May at the Church of St. Matthew, please come to First Communion practice on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 pm in St. Matthew Church. **Registered First Communion children must attend the practice on May 3 with at least one parent or guardian.**

## 70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

Celebrate the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima. Come with family and friends to the annual Family Rosary Procession in Saint Paul, Sunday, May 7. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will lead the procession. Assemble at the State Capitol at 1:30 p.m. The procession to the Cathedral begins at 2 p.m. Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary. For more information, please visit [www.archspm.org/Events](http://www.archspm.org/Events).



## OUR LADY OF FATIMA EVENT

**Church of St. Michael 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN**

It's a *Retreat and Celebration* commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Fatima Apparition which will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Fr. Altier and Fr. Kasel will be the speakers. All are invited. Free Will Offering.

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 4-23-17

### Parish

Plate	\$234	Home Missions	\$77
Envelopes	\$3,491	COS School	\$300
Electronic Giving	\$1,253	Men's Club	\$15
Easter Envelope	\$205	Faith Formation	\$50
Bells	\$50	Hall Deposit	\$100
Vigil Lights	\$44	Casa	\$200

**Total \$6,019 Thank you!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 29**  
4:00 pm Pamela Stickler†, Robert Stickler Sr.† and Lucille Stickler†

**Sunday, April 30**  
10:00 am Our Parish  
Bea Groetsch†  
Dick Potzman, Special Intention

**Monday, May 1**  
8:00 am Gerry Gutzmann†

**Wednesday, May 3**  
8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Healing

**Friday, May 4**  
8:00 am Deacon John Murphy, Healing

**Saturday, May 6**  
4:00 pm Hank Goers†

**Sunday, May 7**  
10:00 am Our Parish  
Vernon Achman†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, April 29**  
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, April 30**  
10:00 am Sunday Mass  
11:00 Coffee Sunday SH

**Monday May 1 – Friday, May 5**  
5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

**Monday, May 1**  
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Clinic

**Tuesday, May 2**

**Wednesday, May 3**  
8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC  
7:00 pm First Communion practice Church  
7:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting SH

**Thursday, May 4**  
9:30 am COS Student Mass at COS Chapel

**Friday, May 5**

**Saturday, May 6**

4:00 pm Mass  
**Sunday, May 7**  
10:00 am Sunday Mass  
First Holy Communion  
11:00 Coffee Sunday SH

## Children's Corner

### Prayer

#### Word Search

g p e i d e s p i t e f u l l y e h t  
d f r m s f t r r c e a s i n g u t k  
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r i h i e n e m t n s n c t b n s o i  
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p l i d r s e m r l i t l h f u c s t  
e e e f f s n o i t i t e p e r s v p

prayer	spirit	believing
confess	weak	faith
faithful	sick	humble
counsel	sing	name
prosperous	Father	strengthen
despitefully	repetitions	ceasing
temptation	afflicted	promise

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