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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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.*

## **September 24, 2017** **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday** 8:00 a.m.

**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 September 24, 2017**

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

# PARENTS AND COMMUNITY SHARING OUR FAITH!



On Wednesday, September 20 the Church of St. Matthew began its Faith Formation Program with students from Grades 1 to 8 under the direction of Janelle Rohr, our Coordinator of Faith Formation. As a volunteer for many years, Janelle has organized and directed the formation program that cultivates the faith our students who attend public schools and helps them to prepare for their First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation along with our students at Community of Saints Catholic Regional School. Responding to the needs of families, Janelle guides parents in having their child(ren) baptized so that each begins their initiation process into our Catholic faith. This year, eleven volunteer teachers join Janelle.

The faith formation program we are using is called the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*. This program differs from other programs in a number of significant ways that make it an effective way to teach our children.

## **Liturgical Catechesis**

This is a method of instruction that integrates faith formation lessons with the life of the parish community experienced in the Sunday Eucharist. The content of the program flows from the Sunday Gospel and children learn their faith within the rhythms of the liturgical year— Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

## **Sunday Mass**

The Sunday liturgy is the heart of the parish community. The weekly celebration is more meaningful to young people because they are familiar with the Gospel proclaimed each week. They have studied it in class and wrestled with its meaning. With this program all students and their families hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They learn the Gospel. They love the Gospel. They live the Gospel in their daily lives. They share the Gospel both in the community of faith and, by their witness and loving service of others, with every person they meet.

## **Family Involvement**

Your whole family can easily share in the learning because all children are studying lessons based on the same Gospel proclaimed in church on Sunday. You can gather all your children at one time to share what they have learned and to talk about it as a family.

## **Unique Materials**

Because Pflaum Gospel Weeklies do not use a textbook, they are very appealing to young people and easy to use in class and at home. Each child receives a “catechism handbook” called *What the Church Believes and Teaches* (or *Mi fe católica*, the bilingual version). This handbook contains all the doctrinal elements that are considered essential at each grade level. Each week your child will receive a new lesson dated for each Sunday of the liturgical year. These lessons are at the heart of the program and will be used in class and then brought home for you to see and talk about with your children.

## **Five Editions**

The Weeklies follow the three cycles of Gospel readings in five editions used to cover all the grade levels: Seeds (Preschool), Promise (Kindergarten and Grade 1), Good News for Children (Grades 2 and 3), Venture (Grades 4-6), and Visions (Grades 7 and 8).

## **Online Resources**

The free resources designed for families include *The Gospel At Home*, which is a weekly summary of the Sunday Gospel and suggestions for you to use at home. You can sign up to get an email reminder with a link to the resource. **There are additional seasonal resources as well. All of these can be found at [pflaumweeklies.com](http://pflaumweeklies.com).**

## **This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16a**

Jesus' parable about the workers in the vineyard unsettles today's audience just as it unsettled the priests and elders who first heard it. It is just not fair! Some get paid a full day's wages for one hour of work while others who worked all day long receive the exact same pay. This story, after all, is not about fair wages. It is about God's love, which abounds for all. The parable is a way to talk to young people who are ever troubled by unfairness about God's generous love.

## **FOOD FROM THE HEART**

On September 16 and 17, the third Sunday of the month, 344 pounds of food and non-perishable items were collected for Neighborhood House from St. Matthew's parish. Through your generous donations friends and neighbors of the area are able to access nutritious food for themselves and their families. Your donations make a difference to families who are hungry. *Our next food collection weekend will be October 14 and 15.*

# News and Events

## THE BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW

Will ring September 29, 2017 to commemorate and celebrate the 33rd ordination of Deacon John Murray and his many years of service to the Church and parishioners of St. Matthew. God's blessings to you Deacon Murphy.

## SILENT AUCTION



Donations are greatly needed for the Silent Auction; these items (**NEW ITEMS PLEASE**) are needed to create our fantastic baskets. Our donations to the Silent Auction are low this year both from vendors and from parishioners, your help is so very much appreciated in these last couple of weeks before the festival. Our ladies want to start working on building beautiful baskets. Thank you for your generosity.

## OKTOBERFEST MEETING

The Oktoberfest Committee is meeting each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the parish center, our next meeting is on September 25th. The committee is confirming details, making last minute adjustment, etc., and volunteers are needed to help us out. Please come join us on the 25th. Our annual Oktoberfest will be held October 7th & 8th this year. Volunteers make our Oktoberfest a success, come join the team, be a part of Oktoberfest this year!



## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Students in grades 1-10 who attend public schools are welcome to join our Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Class starts at 6:30 PM and ends at 7:45. Parents/guardians can register students at <http://www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ff-register/> or register in church at the start of class. These classes, which teach children about the Catholic faith, are held weekly until next April. For those who would like to receive sacraments (First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation), weekly Faith Formation classes are required preparation.

## MEN'S CLUB

St. Matthew's Men's Club will participate in the "Shop Robert Block Party" on Saturday, September 30th. Stop by and see them 3-7 pm at Harmon Park on Bernard Street and enjoy something hot off their grill. Proceeds from their sales go to the Men's Club which in turn support parish needs.

## Children's Corner

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, September 23**

4:00 pm Ed Millerbernd†

**Sunday, September 24**

10:00 am Katie Rosas†

**Monday, September 25**

8:00 am Diane Borgan Vasquez  
Special Intention

**Wednesday, September 27**

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW  
Members

**Friday, September 29**

8:00 am Deacon John Murphy  
Special Intention

**Saturday, September 30**

4:00 pm Joseph Karas, Sr.†  
Joseph Karas, Jr.†

**Sunday, October 1**

10:00 am Our Parish  
Sarah & George Gubash†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, September 23**

4:00 pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
Celebrate the Feast of  
St. Matthew with ice cream following Mass

**Sunday, September 24**

9:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am Mass with Anointing of the Sick  
Celebrate the Feast of  
St. Matthew with ice cream following Mass

**Monday Sept. 25 - Friday - Sept. 29**

5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

**Monday, September 25**

No St. Mary's Clinic Today  
7:00 Festival Committee Meeting PC

**Tuesday, September 26**

**Wednesday, September 27**

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC  
6:30 - 7:45 pm Faith Formation Classes

**Thursday, September 28**

**Friday, September 29**

**Saturday, September 30**

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 1**

10:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Coffee Sunday

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 9-17-2017

<b>Parish</b>			
Envelopes/Cash	\$3,045	School	\$60
Electronic Giving	\$202	Food Shelf	10
Vigil Lights	\$28		
Bells	\$10		
Coffee Sunday	\$51		
Windows	\$370		
Gambling	\$500		
Rental	\$260		
Dividend	\$5.88		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,471.88</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70</b>

Thank  
you!

## PLEASE REMEMBER

*The Church of St. Matthew in a charitable will, trust, or gift annuity.*

## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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