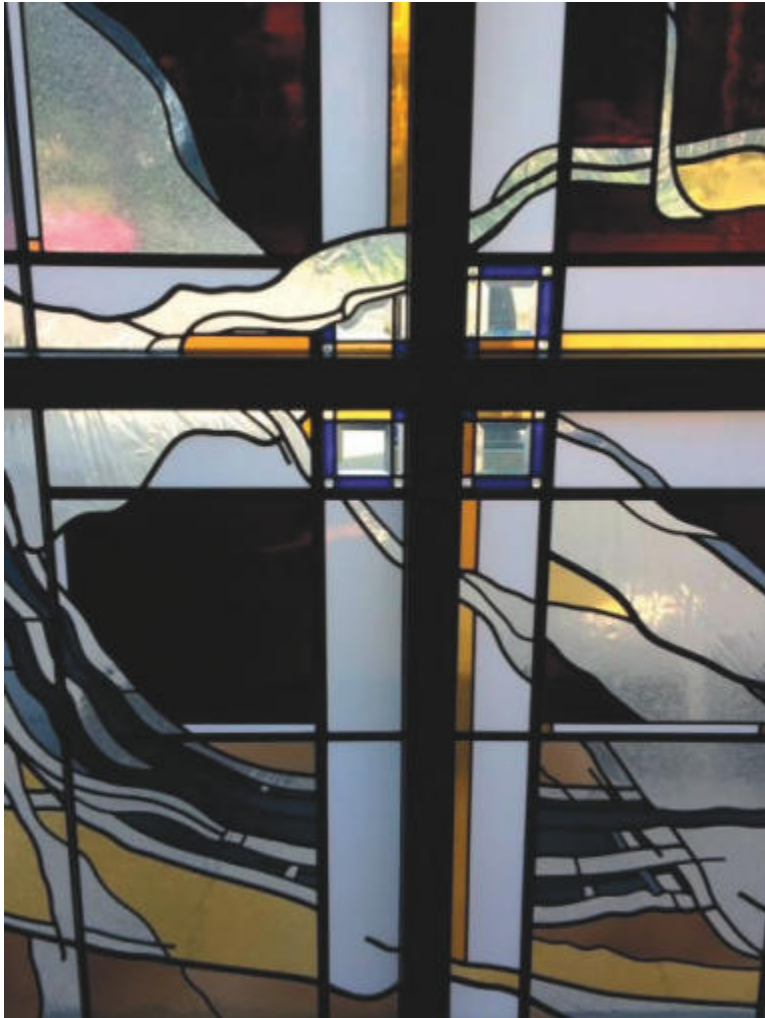


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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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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.*

Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

September 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary

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

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THE LABOR OF WASHING OUR HANDS

In this weekend's Gospel we hear about the Pharisees and in fact all Jews scrupulously washing their hands and asking Jesus why his disciples did not do the same. For the Pharisees there were definite and rigid rules for washing hands before every meal and between each course of a meal.

First, the hands had to be shaken to remove any remnants of sand and dirt. Then hands were held with the finger tips pointing upwards. Water was poured over them running at least down to the wrist. The minimum amount of water was one quarter of a log, which is equal to about one and one half egg-shells full of water. While the hands were still wet, each hand had to be cleansed with the closed fist of the other. The fist of one hand was rubbed against the palm and surface of the other. But the water was now unclean because it had touched unclean hands. So, the hands had to be held with the finger tips pointing downward and water had to be poured over them in such a way that it began at the wrists and ran off the finger tips. After all that had been done the hands were clean.

Jews believed that if they did wash their hands, they were not guilty of poor hygiene but were unclean in the eyes of God. To eat with unclean hands was to leave yourself open to the possibility of losing your wealth or suffering some type of illness or destruction. Rabbis who did not wash their hands were excommunicated. And there are stories of Rabbis, who were imprisoned by the Romans, who died of thirst because they were more concerned about washing their hands with their ration of water than drinking it for survival. All this goes to show us that the spirituality of the Pharisees was rooted in regulations and ceremony. Their spirituality was not rooted in a deep love of God, their neighbor, or themselves. Jesus recognizes this and quotes the prophet Isaiah, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts."

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 1 immediate opportunity and 4 continuing opportunities.

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Fall Festival is September 22-23. Volunteers needed Friday evening September 21st to help set up and again after 4:00 pm Sept 23rd to take down various booths. Volunteers are also needed to work in booths where needed.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Need volunteers to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers and Sacristans at the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass. Will train.

ALTAR SERVERS

Inviting youth 4th grade and older who would like to serve at the Saturday 4:00 pm or Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Training will be provided.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Need teachers and teen helpers to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word. This liturgy is offered during the school year at the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Liturgy will begin September 16th.

GRANT WRITING

Need experienced grant writers. Utilize your grant writing skills to work with the website Grant Station to find funding and apply for grants for the Church of St. Matthew and its sponsored ministries.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Need volunteers to count collection 1 Monday a month, as well as subs to count when needed. Will train.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Need Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Registered Nurses (RNs) and Physicians who would be willing to volunteer once a month after Saturday & Sunday Masses, beginning in September Blood pressure cuffs will be provided; volunteers are asked to bring their own stethoscopes.

Special Notice to Faith Formation - Confirmation Students:

As a part of your Confirmation Service Hours you will want to be at the Fall Festival. This year we have many more kid's games and this is where we are going to need your assistance. Please be sure to keep Sunday, September 23rd open for Service Hours. You will learn more about this from Faith Formation Director, Janelle Rohr on September 19th.

The staff and parishioners of St. Matthew parish thank all volunteers for your generosity of time and talent!

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

News and Events

BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on September 5th to remember Al Nobello on the 40th anniversary of his death.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Beginning the weekend of Sept 15 & 16, blood pressure screening will be offered to all who are interested. These screenings will take place in the worship space immediately following Mass.

Going forward, the screenings will take place on the first weekend of the month.

Each person taking part in this screening will have their BP reading entered on a card. These cards are to be kept and brought back each month to record future BP readings. Having this record will also be useful for future medical appointments.



FROM THE FAMILY OF DEACON JOHN MURPHY

Saint Matthew's Parish Community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the outpouring of prayers, support and love during John's illness and death.

He was so special as husband, father, father-in-law, grand and great grandfather. The love for God and those he ministered to, and the memories that were shared by so many, will bring us peace in the days ahead.

Thank you all again, God's blessings always,
The Murphy Family

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Time to Register for Faith Formation, First Communion, Confirmation:

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Registrations will be taken after Mass on 9/16. Or stop by the Parish Center to register or register online at www.st-matts.org. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation next spring. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes held from 6:30 to 7:45 PM. Our first evening of class is on September 19 and the classes run through April. September 19 will be family night—parents and guardians, please plan to stay that evening.

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Teachers and Helpers Needed:

Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word starting September 16 during the 10 AM Mass. We hope to offer this liturgy during the school year at every 10 AM Mass and need more teachers and teen helpers to consistently offer the program every weekend. For more information about what is involved, email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at Janelle@st-matts.org or call her at 651-457-3522

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 08-26-2018

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 5

Hours in service 8

Parish

Envelopes/Cash \$ 3,757

Holy Day \$ 105

Electronic Giving \$ 900

Vigil Lights \$ 20

Ice Cream/Festival \$ 50

Bells \$ 50

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The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20: 1-17

How well do you know the Ten Commandments?
Fill in the blanks in the sentences below. Then search for those words in the box.

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- Do not have any _____ before me.
- Do not make _____ for yourselves.
- Do not take the name of the _____ in vain.
- Remember to keep the _____ day holy.
- Honor your _____ and _____.
- Do not _____ anyone.
- Do not commit _____.
- Do not _____.
- Do not _____.
- Do not _____ other people's things.



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Like the Pharisees, we have a ritual for washing our hands. We wash our hands before meals for good hygiene and whenever we finish some work. In fact, I sometimes wonder if we, like the Pharisees, ritualize our hand washing with the use of things like soft soap, nail brushes, and hand lotions. I sometimes wonder when I wash my hands if I am following the rules and regulations that my mother taught me or if I am acknowledging something that is deep within each and every one of us—a spirituality which directs, guides, and connects us to God, namely, a spirituality of work.

First, we need to understand that our work, no matter what it might be, has an inherent purpose. That purpose is to bring us to sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. To accept a job, to do our work well, to bring our work to completion takes more than technical skill and persistence. It takes a sense of ownership in the work we are doing. It takes pride and recognition of its own value. Work calls for respect from the discipline it requires. If the discipline of our work is not valued and honored, then despite our best intentions, our work is less than it should be. This is often seen in manufactured products that are designed, fabricated, tested, and then recalled because someone did not take their work seriously.

Second, we need to understand that the purpose of work is to bring the world where we live to perfection. If our work involves producing a product, then it means building the best product possible. If our work is service, then those services ought to be done because they show our respect and reverence for other human beings. If our work is in administration, then our work involves helping employees to be responsive to the needs of people they serve.

Because with the creation of the world God created work, the work we do should bring us a sense of satisfaction. Not because we do something great but because by its nature work is sacred. In the Buddhist tradition there is a story of a woman who finally became enlightened. When she asked what the difference was, she described it this way: "Before I was enlightened, I chopped wood and I hauled water. After I was enlightened, I chopped wood and I hauled water." I think that the spirituality of work is much like this. We can be doing exactly the same work before we begin practicing the spirituality of work as we do afterward. But both our spirituality and our work are changed by the very act of making a connection between the two.

In our lifelong struggle with the meaning of work in the context of our faith, I believe that we will discover the spiritual dimensions of our lives as people who do work. But this demands that we reflect together on the meaning of our work not just on Labor Day but every time we wash our hands.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 1

4:00 pm Brian Ahern†

Sunday, September 2

10:00 am Our Parish

Elaine Schleichert†

Monday, September 3

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 am Al Nobello †

Friday, September 7

8:00 am Steven Lewseder, Special Intention

Saturday, September 8

4:00 pm Raymond Galep†

Sunday, September 9

10:00 am Our Parish

Jailyn Johnston, Healing

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 1

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 2

10:00 am Mass

Tuesday-Friday Sept. 3- Sept. 7

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

Monday, September 3 Labor Day

8:00 am No Mass

Parish Office Closed

No St. Mary's Clinic

Tuesday, September 4

6:30 pm Fall Festival Meeting PC

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 am Mass

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic

7:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting SH

Thursday, September 6

Friday, September 7

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 8

1:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting PC

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 9


10:00 am Mass

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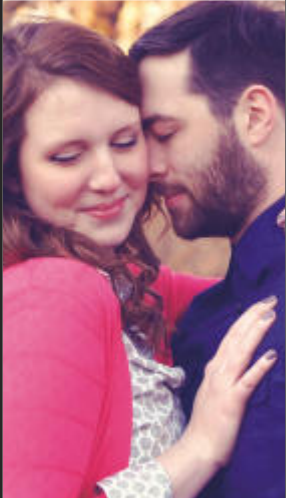
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