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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.*

Readings for the week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

December 30, 2018

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



A REFLECTION ON "FAMILY"

Fr. Bob

With Christmas over, gift-wrap recycled, and holiday cookies nearly gone, we are given the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The opportunity lends itself to consider family life in the many and various ways in which we experience it. Speaking for myself, I belong to three families—my birth family, my Dominican family, and my parish family.

My birth family currently extends across five generations. My mother is a member of the Silent Generation born before 1945. The oldest of my siblings, like myself, are Baby Boomers. The youngest are members of Generation X. The seventeen grandchildren are Millennials. Most of the thirty great grandchildren are likely to be members of Generation Z depending upon where generational lines are finally drawn. This wide expanse of age means that some members of my family belong to a church while others do not. Those that do belong, might go to a Catholic parish while others go to the churches of their spouses. The similarities and differences in our faith lives invites us to be, understanding, patient, and tolerant like Mary and Joseph were with Jesus their "wondering" child.

My Dominican family includes priests, brothers, sisters, nuns, and laity. As members of the Order of Preachers, we know that our mission like that of our founder, Dominic de Guzman, is to preach the Word of God for the salvation of souls. We do this relying upon the four pillars of our Dominican life—study, prayer, ministry, and community. Our vowed religious life obliges members of the Dominican family to be committed to the traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith and like Jesus who remained obedient to the religious traditions and teachings of his Jewish faith to take on unjust practices.

My parish family has changed during thirty years of ordained ministry. Some were located in the Western states of Colorado and New Mexico. Others were located in the Mid-western states of Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. While the families at each parish are unique, all families encounter and share the same struggles, disappointments, successes, and joys of human life. I believe that parish families are like the many and various family members in the gospel stories. Simeon, Anna, John the Baptist, Elizabeth, Zachariah, Mary Magdalene, and the poor widow to name but a few. While I was moved again and again, a parish family remains. I believe they are entrusted with the responsibility of keeping the story of our salvation alive like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, the Holy Family.



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 4 continuing opportunities.

MUSICIANS

In need of Choir members, Cantors & Instrumentalists. The choir sings for Sunday 10:00 am Mass and practices on alternate weeks September-May. Choir practice is 9:00 am. Cantors and instrumentalists are needed for any of the weekend Masses.

SUBSTITUTE PARISH CENTER RECEPTIONISTS

Need volunteers to be on call and fill in when needed. Duties include answering phone and greeting visitors. We have five 4-hour shifts and four 3-hours shifts. Hours are: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Looking for **Hospitality Coordinators**: Will plan & organize food, drinks, service, set-up, and clean-up at 2 events in early March. Planning would begin in January. Recruit helpers & contributors. Need to enjoy being around kids. Best if 2 people who work well together share the coordinating job.

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

THANK YOU!

The Men's Club held an auction at their Dec. meeting. The proceeds of this auction were to be given to needy families. In less than 1 hour they raised \$2100.00. 12 families were given a grocery gift card valued at \$150.00. 4 two-member families each received a \$75.00 grocery gift card. Thank you to the members of the Men Club who made it possible for 16 families to enjoy a Merry Christmas!

News and Events

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW WINTER WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months, the Church of St. Matthew Parish Center is closed whenever the St. Paul Public Schools are closed. Cancellation of Parish Center events and activities will appear on WCCO (Channel 4). Independent organizations using the Church of St. Matthew buildings should be contacted directly for their open or closed status



FAREWELL TO FATHER BOB

On the 28th of November 2016 Father Bob Kelly, OP became the Parochial Administrator of the Church of Saint Matthew. Father Bob has helped direct the parish and parishioners to accomplish some very necessary and important things; replacing the clere story windows in the church and new lighting in the sanctuary space and Social Hall, re-configuring the altar floor, cleaning/reorganizing the sacristy and liturgy rooms, replacing new exterior doors on the church building, painting the exterior campus doors, and many other projects. Some of the more controversial projects at the time Father led were cleaning out the Social Hall "garage" and the all too famous Parish Center "trunk room". We now, must say "thank you" for leading the charge, it is all much improved!! We will miss your guiding hand, encouraging voice and quick wit. We wish you well and please remember us and we will surely remember you!!

Father Bob's last Masses will be on January 5th and 6th. To say a farewell to Father, following the Saturday, January 5th Mass at 5:00 p.m. light refreshments will be served at the back of church.

Following Mass on Sunday, January 6th at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall breakfast will be served in Father Bob's honor. All are invited to attend this breakfast.

Sunday, January 6th, is Father's last Mass at Saint Matthew.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS December 16, 2018

Volunteer Service

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| Hours in prayer | 40 | | |
| Hours in service | 29.5 | | |
| Parish | | School | \$ 120 |
| Envelopes/Cash | \$ 3,096 | Religious Retire. | \$ 212 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 1,419 | Total | \$ 322 |
| Vigil Lights | \$ 21 | Thank You | |
| Fuel | \$ | | |
| Rent | \$ | | |
| Holy Day | \$ 4,525 | | |
| Memorials | \$ | | |
| Flowers | \$ 430 | | |
| Coffee Sunday | \$ 0 | | |
| Total | \$ 9,491 | | |
| Thank You | | | |

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



Remember a loved one, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, announce an engagement. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule a date.

THE POWER OF PRAYER



You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.

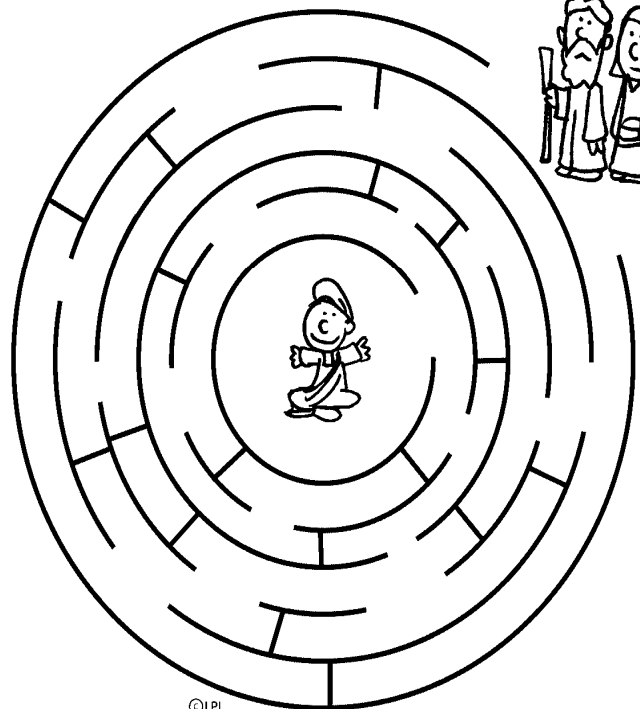
FATHER ADRIAN'S ANNIVERSARY

In last week's bulletin we attempted to thank everyone who planned and worked on Father Adrian's 50th Ordination Anniversary Dinner. We forgot to thank the two ladies who so spent much time on the beautiful setup of the dinner, Kathy Goldenstein, as well as her family, and Mary Bejblik. Please be assured if we have not named you personally it is not our intention to overlook your service. We are gratefully to everyone who came to help at the dinner in every way they served. Again, thank you to all.



Puzzle

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Office will close at 1:00 pm on **Monday, December 30th** New Year's Eve and be closed on **Tuesday, January 1st**, New Year's Day

Father Bob and the parish staff wish the parish family of Saint Matthew's a safe and happy New Year's.

COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:00 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats. **All are welcome to attend.**



We are looking for families, friends or groups to host a Coffee Sunday, if you are interested contact Becky Montgomery at montgomery_bec@hotmail.com, she will let you know what Sundays are still open and how it all works.

SCRIP NEWS:

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NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Are you new to the neighborhood or new to the parish? Would you like to become a registered member of the Church of Saint Matthew? Perhaps you have never "officially" registered and would like to do so. You will find registration forms on the Care Notes Wall located at the southeast corner of the church, go to the parish website for a form, or call Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary for a form.

Please, come join the Saint Matthew's parish family and community. All are welcome here!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 29

4:00 pm Marina Galep†

Sunday, December 30

10:00 am Our Parish

Rose Karas†

Monday, December 31

8:00 am Peter Rivera, Special Intention

Wednesday, January 2

8:00 am Maxine Schmitz, Special Intention

Friday, January 4

8:00 am Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Deacon John Murphy†

Sunday, January 6

10:00 am Our Parish

Ronald Crawford†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 29

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 30 The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Parish Office Closing at 1:00 pm

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

Parish Office Closed, St. Mary's Clinic Closed

Wednesday, January 2

8:00 am Mass

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

NO Faith Formation Classes

7:30 pm Men's Club Board Meeting SH

Thursday, January 3

9:10 am School Mass COS

Friday, January 4

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 5

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Farewell Refreshments for Fr. Bob

Sunday, January 6


10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am Farewell Breakfast for Fr. Bob SH


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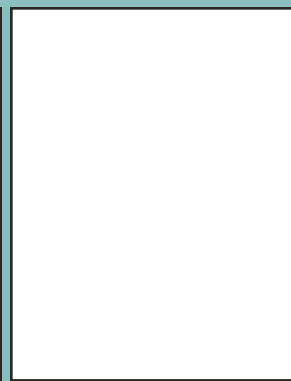
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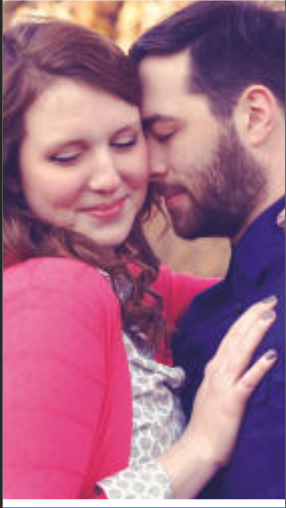


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