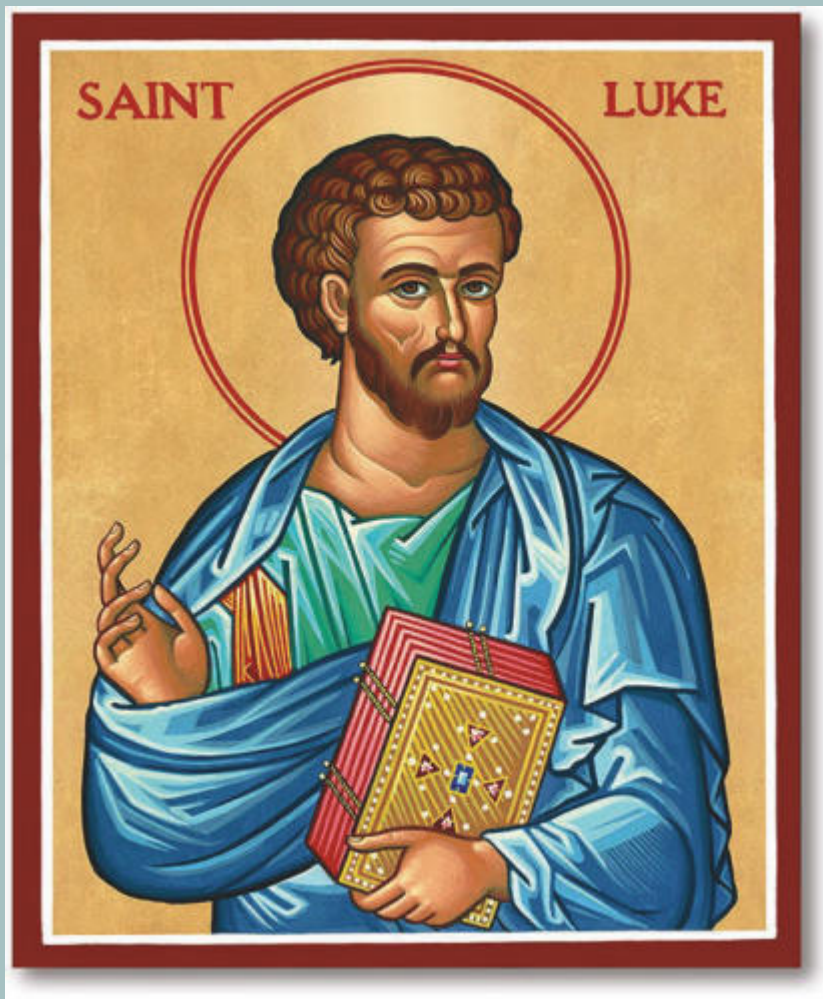




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February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 am Mass
Wednesday 8:00 am Sacred Scripture/Communion Service
Thursday: 9:10 am at COMMUNITY of SAINTS School
Saturday - 4:15 pm
Sunday - 10:15 am

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Saturday: After Mass until 5:30 pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: After Mass until 11:30 am

Prayer Line 651.457.0228

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

In fact, Jesus tells us that anything short of this is not love at all. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same."

We are made for much higher than that. Jesus says instead, "Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back." That is true greatness in God's view. When we love like that, He promises our "reward in heaven will be great." A stewardship way of life is a life worth living because it is modeled after nothing less than our Most High God.

And if that is still not incentive enough to embrace this way of life, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. "Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love. Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do!

The Catholic Steward



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.

PRAYER LEADER FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Need volunteers to lead Stations of the Cross on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm during Lent. Books are available and volunteer musicians are in place.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER WEEKEND MASSES

We invite volunteers to take communion to those unable to worship with us. This "liturgical" ministry involves taking a pyx with a host from Saturday or Sunday Mass; visiting the person in their home; reading the gospel and sharing a sentence or two from the homily; praying the Lord's Prayer together then giving the Host to the person. After we get a few volunteers for this ministry then we will invite people to request that visit. This is different from a pastoral visit in the middle of the week with a goodly amount of conversation in the visit. If you would like more information please call John Riehle at the parish office.

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!

Thank you to Beth, Carol, Corrine, Donis, Elaine, Ione, Irene, Mary, Pat, and Suzanne who collected money after Masses February 9th & 10th for Our Lady of Peace Care Home.

Thank you to the following ladies who served refreshments after the performances given by the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra: Ann, Becky, Corrine, Donis, Joan, Joanne, and Pat.

COFFEE SUNDAY

You are invited to the Social Hall most Sundays following 10:15 am Mass for coffee, donuts and other tasty treats. **All are welcome here!**



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.

THANKS FOR PROPERTY WORK...

After these last weeks of extreme cold and much snow, a long-overdue 'thanks' is due to the maintenance/janitorial team at St. Matt's. Steve, Mario, Reyes, and Scott have kept us warm, and safe and provided clean, hospitable entrances to our buildings. Thanks, guys!

CHURCH BUILDING ROOF

A retired architect spent 90 minutes reviewing the bids that we have received. He told us the questions that we should ask before we consider whom to hire. We will get answers to those questions before the finance and pastoral council meetings on Thursday. Then we will be able to make a more prudent decision and engage one of the companies. The bids vary greatly in price; and they vary in the recommended product as well. Stay tuned for the details and how you can help cover the cost of the cover over your head.

2019 ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saint Thomas Academy, Mendota Heights

Guest speaker: Patrick Madrid, Catholic author and radio host. The conference also includes Mass, break-out sessions with dynamic speakers, and the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring your own lunch or purchase from the on-site food trucks! Find details and register at TheCatholicWatchmen.com. Cost: \$30. Group discounts available. Questions? Contact Enzo Randazzo at randazzov@archspm.org or 651-291-4483.

THE BELLS OF SAINT MATTHEW



The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on February 24th to celebrate Jess Murphy's birthday.

You too can have the bells ring to commemorate, celebrate or announce a special day your family life. Remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or announce the birth of a child, or grandchild. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule your special date.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us for Mass on Saturday, March 2, and support our Confirmation candidates as they are blessed prior to the celebration of the sacrament at the Cathedral on March 17th. Then please come to the Social Hall after the service for a community dinner. Confirmation families will also come to the dinner and have a meeting during the meal. The meal is free of charge but free-will offerings are accepted. If you would like to help with the dinner—either before or after Mass on March 2—please contact Faith Formation coordinator Janelle Rohr, janelle@st-matts.org or 651-457-3522.

DESSERTS FOR COMMUNITY DINNER

Bakers or dessert shoppers needed: can you make a dessert (or purchase one) that will feed 10 to 15 persons? Please bring the dessert to the St. Matthew Social Hall on Saturday, March 2, anytime between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR LENT

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the church environment for the Lenten season. This will take place immediately after the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday March 3rd. If you attend Mass on Saturday please consider returning to help on Sunday. We will change the banners and altar cloths, clean up the songbooks, sweep and clean the entryways and whatever else is needed to make our worship space inviting.

Names in the New Testament

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 U D E F E C H S C J H D F K M
 T E Y P W Z L A O A E A N R G
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JESUS	JOHN	JOSEPH
JUDAS	LAZARUS	LUKE
MARK	MARTHA	MARY
PAUL	PETER	NICODEMUS
THOMAS	TIMOTHY	

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS February 17, 2019

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 21
 Hours in service 40

Parish

Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,352		
Electronic Giving	\$ 202	School	\$ 50
Vigil Lights	\$ 24		
Funeral	\$ 550	Total	\$ 50
Fuel	\$ 340	Thank You	
Men's Meat Raffle	\$ 2,210		
Coffee Sunday	\$ 47		

Total \$ 6,725

Thank You

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All emails are @st-matts.org

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Rev. Rick Banker, Parochial Administrator
rbanker@stedwardschurch.org

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 am for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 23

4:15 pm Mary Joanne Roubik†

Sunday, February 24

10:15 am Our Parish

Pam, Robert Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

Monday, February 25

8:00 am John DelVecchio, Special Intention

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 am Roberta Grady, Special Intention

Friday, March 1

8:00 am Deacon John Murphy†

Saturday, March 2

4:15 pm Claudette Borgan, Special Intention

Sunday, March 3

10:15 am Our Parish

James Thompson†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 23

4:15 pm Mass

Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off

6:00 –9:00 pm COS "Night of Community: Spring Fever" SH

Sunday, February 24

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:15 am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Annual Catholic Appeal Kick Off

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

Reconciliation after Mass until 11:30 pm

Monday, February 25- Friday, March 1

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

Monday, February 25

8:00 am Mass

12:00 - 5:00 pm Clinic Today PC

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 am SS/Communion Service Chapel

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

6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Faith Formation CH/PC

Thursday, February 28

9:10 am School Mass COS

4:30 pm Finance Meeting PC

6:00 pm Leadership Supper PC

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting PC

Friday, March 1

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, March 2

4:15 pm Mass & Baptisms

Confirmation Students Sending Mass

Community Dinner following Mass SH

Reconciliation after Mass until 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 3

10:15 am Mass & Baptisms

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:15 am Coffee Sunday SH

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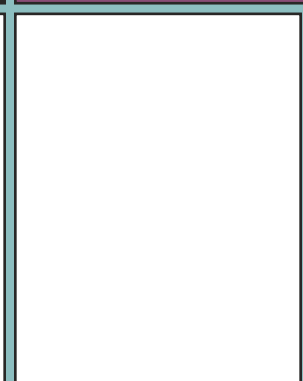
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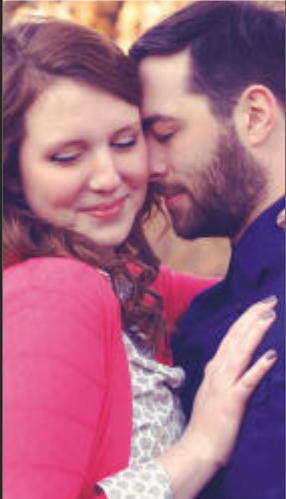
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