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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday Mass Times

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 7:15 am

St. Matthew Parish Office

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Office Hours

Mon -Thurs 10:00 am -1:00 pm
Closed Fridays

DAILY READINGS WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



17th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. Jn 6:9,11

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July, 27th

7:15 am Special Intention for Frederik & Monica

Wednesday, July 28th

7:15 am Tom Van Beek

Thursday, July 29th

7:15 am Bernard Linssen

Friday, July 30th

7:15 am Our Parish Family

Saturday, July 31st

4:30 pm Anna & Roland Weisse

Sunday, August 1st

8:30 am Paul Schneider

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.



I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

The Lighter Side



A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late ... But please don't shove me either!" ©LPI



Please remember in prayer Geneva Cieslewicz and David Nazarian who passed away recently. Please also hold in prayer Gertie & Russ Lotto (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Geneva), Joe & Sue Nazarian (brother & sister-in-law of David) and all of Geneva's and David's families.

Giving FIVE More as Missionary Disciples

Here at St. Matthew we started a process in December 2015 called **FIVE More**. It is an invitation to follow the Lord intentionally as missionary disciples; it's a process, a journey, that each of us is on. To do so will require discipline on our part. It is that discipline we call **FIVE More** in our parish.

Over the past five years our parish has distributed copies of books by Matthew Kelly as a tool to energize and evangelize parishioners. The common theme of these books is how to become a more active and dynamic catholic. From Matthew Kelly's book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, the four themes of being an active, dynamic catholic are: **praying, studying, giving generously, and evangelizing.**

If each one of us as a family, couple and individual can give **FIVE More** of themselves to be an active, dynamic catholic then we can all make a difference in our parish and within the community.

YOUTH MINISTRY - SUMMER SERVICE WEEK



Summer service trips have long been a tradition at St. Matthew. Since the year 2000 St. Matt's has been participating in a summer service trip with our parish teens through the organization Young Neighbors in Action.

This year's version of our summer service opportunity will be local and parish based. We'll be teaming up with local service agencies for the volunteer opportunities, and do some prayer and reflection on the faith-based reasons behind serving our brothers and sisters.

Our summer service week will be held **August 2 - 6.**

Our service camp will be a Monday - Friday experience. Each day we'll gather at 8 am for prayer and team building before heading out to serve. We'll plan to put in a full work day, and at the end of the day we'll do some reflection on the experiences we've had and how our faith speaks to what we have been doing. Plan to be done by 5 pm most days.

While we are still working on the details, the service camp experience would be a day-time experience; though we may add an evening session onto one of the days.

Since the experience would be based out of St. Matt's it should allow a greater degree of flexibility for those with jobs and other summer commitments.

Our service week **will include both middle school and high school students.** Depending on numbers, the middle and high school groups would be involved in separate service experiences.

Please contact the parish office for a registration form.



**The Monthly Charity for
July
St. John's Homeless Shelter**

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**The St. John's Model
is simple.**

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All are Welcome



Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack is back!

Pack dates:

Monday, October 4 - Thursday, October 7

More information and sign up coming soon.

Come Follow Me—MT 9:9

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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GENERATIONS OF FAITH

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SIGN UP

CCD - GOF Sign Up

CCD...everyone still says it but few can tell you what the letters stand for. It actually was a shortened way of expressing the name of a program of faith formation - kind of like we say **GOF** for our Generations of Faith program. CCD stands for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - a specifically structured program for children in public school which featured memorizing answers to prescribed questions from a catechism. Although most parishes haven't had a "CCD" program for fifty years, the call letters seem permanently etched in Catholic culture.

If you have children in public school, or are just looking for a way to do some faith formation as a family, we invite you to join us for our Generations of Faith program. GOF is an intergenerational, family program open to families and folks of all ages. Our program includes an optional meal to begin the evening, a large group/family session focused on the theme of the week, and small group breakouts to learn at an age appropriate level.

At this point we are planning for our 2021-22 season to be live and in person.

You can find more information, a program calendar and registration materials on the parish website stmattsgb.org

The best advertising for our program comes from participants themselves. Here's what one family wrote about their in-person experience of Generations:

Generations of Faith is the one night that everyone in our family has the same schedule. Usually, during the school year we are pretty busy running from one thing to the next and Generations helps reduce this. This is an opportunity to "schedule" your whole family together for a great evening. There's not many other activities, clubs, or athletic programs that can offer this for families. Having a family meal together is a HUGE plus as well...

Generations has offered us a chance to discuss a variety of topics regarding our religion, faith, family life, and social issues. We have found it to be a great way to meet people in a more relaxed environment, and an excellent way to connect with our church family. It is definitely worth the time, and if you're like us, you might find yourself looking forward to the next session that you have for Generations of Faith.

If you have any questions about GOF or would like more information, please call Mike at the parish office, 435-6811 or email him at mwestenberg@stmattsgb.org



READ, READ, READ!

Our church library is brimming with hundreds and hundreds of wonderful books; many are late additions recently donated. There are biographies, spiritual and healing titles, poetry, children's books including series and Christian fiction. Are you a C.S Lewis fan? A parishioner has highly recommended "Through the Shadowlands" (True story/movie). There are even historic reads; The History of the Diocese of Green Bay is one. Stop in and take the time to "reboot" with a good book.

Volunteer Opportunities



Become an Apostle!

We are looking to recruit new members of the group known as the Apostles.

What are the Apostles?

They are a group that helps out with projects and odd jobs around the parish/school buildings and grounds.

- Painting
- Lawn Care
- Tree trimming
- Repairs
- Preventive Maintenance
- And much more...

If you would like to keep busy with hands-on projects and enjoy company, this group is right for you!

Contact Stacy Smits

stacysmits.stmatts@gmail.com

The next meeting is August 30 at 8:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Come and join us to find out more.

To make great choices, you must first become very clear about why you are making them.

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Anissa Willkom ext 314

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Parish Life

Sacrament of Baptism - Contact the parish office

Marriage Prep - Contact Fr. Bob at least 6 months in advance

Prayer Tree

Jim & Joanne Raymaker

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Sandy Wellens

tweety4two@gmail.com

Rosemary & Dave Dionne

r.dionne3746@sbcglobal.net

Retirement
Just Ahead

Our Thanks to Steve Lealou



Steve Lealou has decided it is time for him to retire. He has been the Maintenance Coordinator at St. Matthew for the past 20 years.

His last day will be Sunday, August 15, 2021 – giving him time to still enjoy the last weeks of summer and get in some golfing.

To show our gratitude to Steve for his dedication and hard work in maintenance, fixing and cleaning...

Please join us for cake, coffee and juice after all the Masses on the weekend of August 14 and 15 as we say goodbye and thanks to Steve.

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