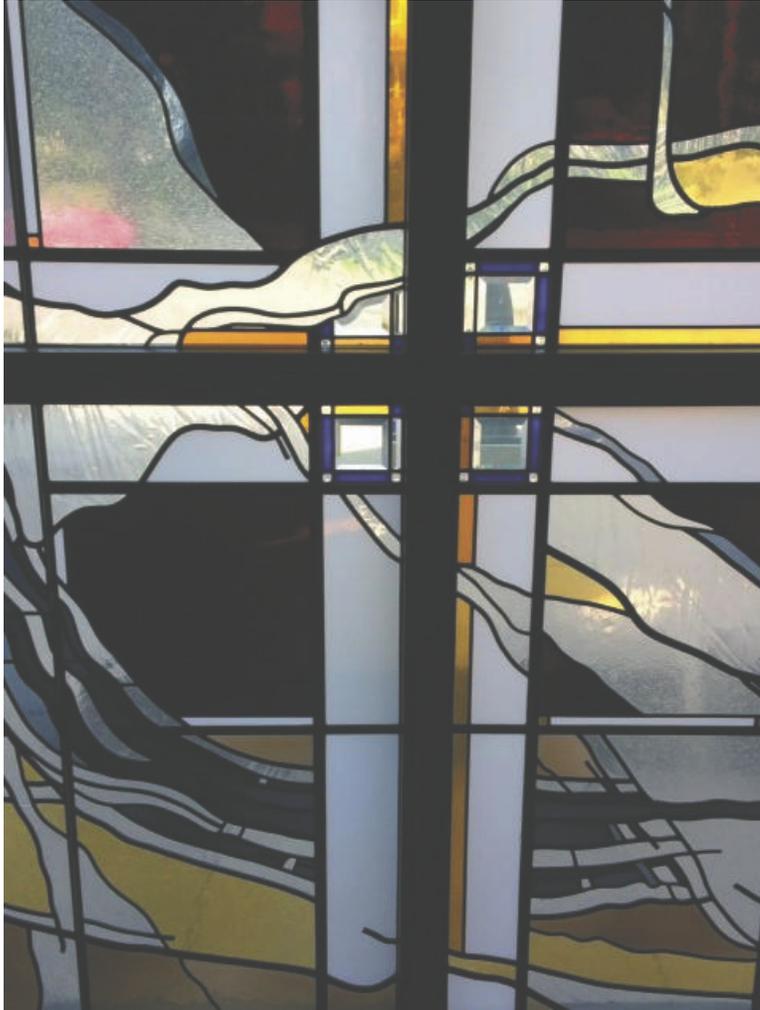


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Sacraments

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 July 8, 2018

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

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

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MY EXPERIENCE

In today's Gospel, Jesus returns home and teaches in the synagogue. His neighbors and friends knew him as the son of Mary and had heard about his teachings and the miracles he had performed. They understood the truth of Jesus' words and they acknowledged what he had done. But there were those who had never left home. They had stayed and had worked hard to gain recognition, status, power, and control in their own community and place of worship. Their response to whatever the words Jesus spoke reflects a combination of belief and disbelief. They seem to believe that what he said was of divine origin ("What kind of wisdom that has been given to him? What mighty deeds has he done!"), yet they are unable to believe that such a great gift would be given to someone they knew.

The people of Nazareth had something far more dangerous than a small-town mentality. They wanted to make themselves the measure of everything, the only norms to be followed. So, they rejected anything that they could not control including the truth about God. They didn't want to give that power and control up to someone who had not earned his way even when he spoke the truth.

The hometown crowd first reflects on their own experiences of Jesus, "Where did this man get all this?" "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" to become aware of what is influencing their attitudes and behaviors. But then he invites, he challenges them to be humble enough, to be brave enough, to be open to new experiences.

I believe that I, as well as most people in the Western world, are inclined to draw circles around ourselves to keep some people in and most other people out—to stay in control so to speak. In popular language, we call these circles my boundaries, my space, and my turf. "You're in my space!" is a phrase sometimes spoken by people who want control. "According to my experience!" is the invisible fence by which we set norms for the rest of the world.

South African journalist Unarine Ramaru says it this way, "Past experience doesn't go away, so the secret is to accept, embrace and learn from it. However, the key to the secret, is to keep it at bay and be open minded about the future from the second after the experience and never let the experience be the bar or commission of anything thereafter."



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 3 immediate opportunities and 4 continuing opportunities.

DIRECTOR/CO-DIRECTOR FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival is September 22-23.

Meet with volunteers to plan activities, determine schedules, discuss publicity, delegate responsibilities. Oversee festival details as they develop. This is one of our major fundraisers! Karen Thompson, previous Director, has offered to mentor the

Director/Co-Director. **It is imperative that we find a director/co-directors soon!!**

GRANT WRITING

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT CERENITY CAMPUS

2 Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion on Tues. mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 at Cerenity Building 512.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

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

Will train.

POWER WASH

Volunteers to power wash Social Hall tables & chairs. Power washer available

POWER WASH AND PAINT

Church Doors needs to be power washed and painted. Power washer available.

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 TO:

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

News and Events

BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW

The Bells of St. Matthew can ring for a special or memorable day in your family's life. Call Linda Rivera at the Parish Office to schedule your date.

MIESVILLE MUDHEN'S BASEBALL

St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting a bus trip to Miesville for Mudhens baseball game on Wednesday, July 11. We invite anyone (men, women, and accompanied children) to hop on the bus with us. Refreshments will be available on the bus. Ballpark admission is \$3 for adults and free for kids under 18. We leave St. Matthew's at 6:00 pm, arrive by 7 pm. Ballpark concessions will be open and there are 2 restaurants close to the ballpark (King's Bar & Grill or Wiederholt's Supper Club). Game time is 8 pm. Questions or to reserve a spot on the bus, contact Tim Nowak via text or call 612-269-9471, email timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.



FALL FESTIVAL 2018



The Fall Festival can use help going to area businesses and soliciting donations. Besides the Silent Auction, donations are need for the Paddle Wheel and other games such as Bingo. This might sound like a job no one wants to do but it is really not that hard. Most of the businesses have already received a letter. They just forget to send an item. We can work in pairs so you

would not have to go alone. Consider helping out with this task. We will be starting this the first part of August. Let me know if you have any questions. If you have questions or want to help contact Ann Contreras (drcontreras@msn.com) or leave you name with the parish office.

Also, keep checking the St. Matthew's website for updated information about the Fall Festival and silent auction.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Are you new to the area? New to St. Matthew's? Perhaps you have been coming to Mass and have not officially registered as a member. You can easily so do by going to the parish website and filling our an on-line registration form or forms are also available on the Care Notes Wall near the Scrip table. Come, be a part of St. Matthew's parish family and community!!



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 07-01-2018

Bulletin was published one week early. Collections will appear next week.

Volunteer Service

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your time

Hours in service Please volunteer
your time

Parish			
Envelopes/Cash	\$	Total	\$
Electronic Giving	\$	Thank You	
Vigil Lights	\$		

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 7

4:00 pm David Andrews†

Sunday, July 8

10:00 am Our Parish
Anita Baldwin†

Monday, July 9

8:00 am Pam, Robert, Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

Wednesday, July 11

8:00 am Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW
Members

Friday, July 13

8:00 am John & Carol Murphy, Spec. Intention

Saturday, July 14

4:00 pm Madeline Perron†

Sunday, July 15

10:00 am Our Parish
Raymond Galep†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 7

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 8

10:00 am Mass

Monday, July 9 - Friday July 13

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

Monday, July 9

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic SH

Tuesday, July 10

Wednesday, July 11

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

6:00 pm Miesville Mudhens Baseball Game,
Leaving St. Matt's Parking Lot

Thursday, July 12

Friday, July 13

8:00 am Mass

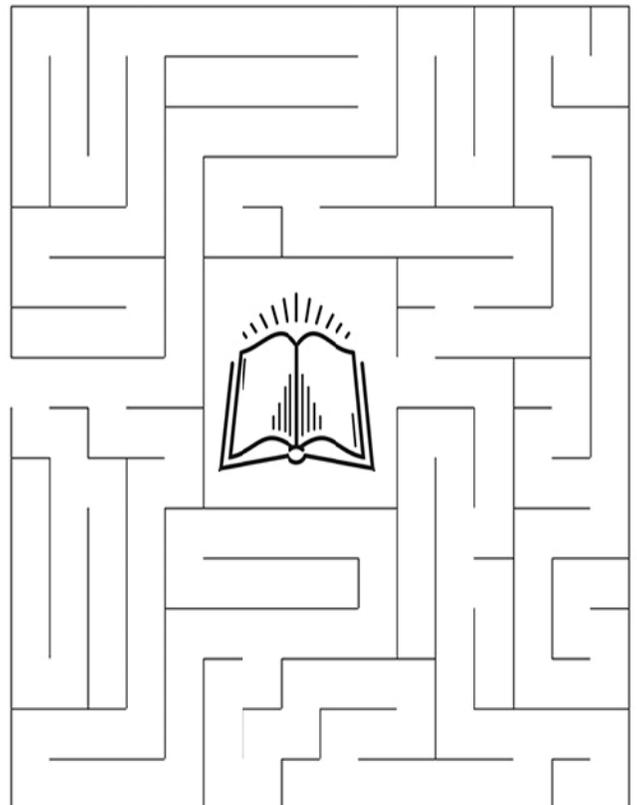
Saturday, July 14

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 15

10:00 am Mass

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