# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

## September 17, 2023

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Catechetical Sunday

Peter approached Jesus and asked Him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?

As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Mt 18:21-22



#### Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: \*\*8:00 am, 10:00 am Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday: \*\*6:00 pm

Tuesday: \*\*12:05 pm Wednesday-Saturday: \*\*8:00 am

#### \*\*This Mass will be "Live-Streamed" on YouTube

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#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

30 minutes before every Mass Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Wednesday 4:30 pm: Evening Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction)

#### **TV Sunday Mass**

- Channel 7.4 WSAW Sunday 9 am Cable TV
- . Channel 12 Sunday 6:30 am
- Ch 980 Public Access Sat 6 pm & Sun 9 am

#### Parish Center Office - Oficina

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)

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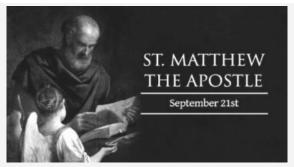
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Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday: 8:00 am - 12 noon

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Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, is celebrated by the Church today, September 21. Although relatively little is known about the life of St Matthew, the account he wrote of Christ's ministry (traditionally considered to be the first of the four Gospels) is of inestimable value to the Church, particularly in its verification of Jesus as the Messiah.

Eastern Catholics and the Orthodox churches celebrate St Matthew on November 16, along with St Fulvianus, a prince who is recorded in some traditions as converting from paganism after Matthew's martyrdom.

The Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, like Matthew's own, describe the encounter between Jesus and Matthew under the surprising circumstances of Matthew's tax-collecting duties. Jewish publicans, who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers of first-century Judea, were objects of scorn and even hatred among their own communities, since they worked on behalf of the occupying power and often earned their living by collecting more than the state's due.

Jesus most likely first encountered Matthew near the house of Peter, in Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. The meeting of the two was dramatic, as Matthew's third-person account in his Gospel captured: "As Jesus passed on," the ninth chapter recounts, "He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow Me'. And he got up and followed Him."

Matthew's calling into Jesus' inner circle was a dramatic gesture of the Messiah's universal message and mission, causing some religious authorities of the Jewish community to wonder: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus' significant response indicated a central purpose of His ministry: "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

A witness to Christ's resurrection after death, as well as His ascension into heaven and the events of Pentecost, Matthew also recorded Jesus' instruction for the apostles to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Like 11 of the 12 apostles, St Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt.

Both the saint himself, and his Gospel narrative, have inspired important works of religious art, ranging from the ornate illuminated pages of the Book of Kells in the ninth century, to the Saint Matthew Passion of J.S. Bach. Three famous paintings of Caravaggio, depicting St Matthew's calling, inspiration and martyrdom, hang within the Contarelli Chapel in Rome's Church of St Louis of the French.

Reflecting on St Matthew's calling, from the pursuit of dishonest financial gain to the heights of holiness and divine inspiration, Pope Benedict said in 2006 that "in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God's mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvelous effects in their own lives."



#### **Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows**

O Holy Virgin, in the midst of all your glory, we ask you not to forget the sorrows of this world. Cast a look of pity upon all who struggle against life's difficulties, and who cease not to feel all its bitterness. Have pity on all who have been separated from those they love. Have pity on the lonely and friendless. Pardon the weakness of our faith. Have pity on those whom we love. O Holy Mother, show a mother's compassion toward the sorrowful and those who tremble under life's afflictions. Give them hope and peace.

Amen



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

## The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with

Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works, is the first beginning of good works, said St Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight."

Sirach 27:30

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**Celebration of the Sacraments** 

#### **Confession**

30 minutes before every Mass and Saturday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

#### **⊗** Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: November 15th, 2023 at 6:30 pm
The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

#### ♠ Bautismo

Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al: 715-842-3148.

Marriage - Contact Fr Sebastian 6 months in advance.

#### Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

Call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148 for:

- \* Anointing of the Sick for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.
- \* Communion Visits to the Homebound if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.
- \* Visits at the Hospital If you are anticipating a hospital stay, call and let us know as we are not always notified by the hospital.

**In Need of Extra Prayer? -** Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or Parish Center: 715-842-3148.



St Mary's Church in Marathon Annual Charcoal Chicken Dinner Sunday, September 24th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in St Mary's School

Chicken dinner with all the trimmings & homemade pies. Carry-outs available.

Adults: \$12.00, Students: \$7.00
Pre-School Children free when dining in.

Sponsored by the men of the parish.

Proceeds go to support the school.



Eucharistic Revival
A Minute with Jesus

# The Vital Connection Between the Eucharist and Confession

Part of the greatest preparation we can make to receive Jesus' Body and Blood is to experience His forgiveness and healing in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. If there is sin in my heart, there is no room for Christ.

Jesus forgives us of our sins in confession and this frees us, opens our heart to fulfill the deepest desire of our heart - to receive Him. Receiving Jesus brings about a strengthening of faith, hope and charity - a desire to love Him, ourselves, and others.

#### Let's pray this right now and every day this week:

"Jesus, please give me the desire as soon as possible to make a good confession."

This week, read how St John describes the importance of confession in 1 John 1:9.

#### Marlene's Breakfast Club



All ladies are invited to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, September 20th at 9 am at the 6th Street Filling Station Restaurant.

No dues, no meetings, no agenda, just friendship offered! Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!

#### Ray's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on

Wednesday, September 20th at 9 am at the Log Cabin Restaurant.

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various restaurants for good food and good fellowship!







Holy Name of Jesus Parish Fundraiser
Supporting Newman Catholic Classical School: Holy Name

Friday, September 29th Simmons Hall

4:00 pm Building Tours & Music by Frankie Moscato begins 5:00 pm Dinner is served 5:30 & 7:00 pm Headmaster Introduction/Announcements

7:30 pm Raffle Drawings

Bucket Raffles - Silent Auction Fund a Need - Special Raffles

Cash Bar

#### Dinner includes:

2 El Tequila Salsa Tacos Mexican Rice & Beans Chips/Salsa Ice Cream

> Freewill Donation Suggested donation \$10 per plate



#### This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

#### Tuesday, September 19

Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - Rectory: 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, September 20

Men's Morning Group: Bible Timeline - Emily's Room: 6 am

Marlene's Breakfast Club (all women) - 6th St Filling Station Restaurant: 9 am

Ray's Breakfast Club (all men) - Log Cabin Restaurant: 9 am

Choir Practice - Church: 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, September 21 - Parish Feast Day - St Matthew

Bible Timeline - Emily's Room: 9 am

Parish Feast Day Breakfast (Dutch Treat) - 2510 Deli Restaurant: 9 am

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm

Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group -  $\mbox{\sc Angelorum:}\ 6:30$  -  $8:00\mbox{\sc pm}$ 

#### Saturday, September 23

Ministry Fair after 4:30 pm Mass

#### Sunday, September 24

Ministry Fair after 8 am and 10 am Masses - Angelorum & Emily's Room Choir Sings at 10 am Mass



Weekly Minimum Amount Needed per Budget: \$12,217.00

Envelopes (September 10th)	\$7,882.00
Offertory	\$906.91
Debt Reduction	\$60.00
Assumption	\$50.00
Candles	\$95.00

#### **Buying Scrip Supports St Matthew Parish**



#### Next Scrip Sale: October 7th & 8th

In the Angelorum before and after Mass (Saturday: 4:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am)

#### You can always buy Scrip at the Parish Center.

Scrip lists available in back of church by cry room and the Parish Center.



Saturday, October 14th: 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Plan to join us in St Matthew Parish Angelorum at 11:45 am for the "Public Square Rosary Rally"

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#### Prayer

The most powerful weapon against trials. The most effective medicine against sickness. The most valuable gift to someone you love.

### Please pray for the members of Saint Matthew Parish:

"Dear Jesus, please help and heal all parishioners who are homebound, lonely, depressed, grieving, sick, in the hospital, those who are terminally ill and those who have died. Amen



# Mass Intentions September 18 - 24, 2023



Mon, Sep 18 - 6:00 pm - †Randy Patnode

Tue, Sep 19 - 12:05 pm - †Sharon and †Chris Seubert

Wed, Sep 20 - 8:00 am - †Randy Patnode

Thu, Sep 21 - 8:00 am - †Carl Borowczyk and †Mary Jo

- Special Intention

Fri, Sep 22 - 8:00 am - †Mary Lindow

- †Virginia Siewert

Sat, Sep 23 - 8:00 am - Father Isaac Pecha

4:30 pm - Helping Hands Volunteers and Supporters

Sun, Sep 24 - 8:00 am - † John and †Rosie Bauer

10:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

Spanish - 12 noon - †Sergio Hernandez

\*Two Mass Intentions are available when 2 priests concelebrate a Mass.

#### Daily Mass Readings

#### Monday, September 18

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19 - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20 - St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and St Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19/Mt 9:9-13

#### Friday, September 22

1 Tm 6:2-12/Ps 49/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100/Lk 8:4-15

Sun, September 24 - 25th Sun in Ordinary Time - Priesthood Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145/Phil 1:20-24, 27/Mt 20:1-16

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday September 23 4:30 pm	Sunday September 24 8:00 am	Sunday September 24 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm		Kay Washebek
Musicians		
Joanna Boornazian Annette Southworth	Marie Stubbe Sara Schmitt	Choir Nancy Losinski
<b>Ushers and Greeters</b>	4	
John Bocke Marie Burish Mike Lawrence	Al Seubert Tom Mullaley Dennis Janssen	Tom Brzezinski Chuck Miller Gary Butler
Altar Servers	\$ 7. Vs	
Yonathan Ramirez Luke Riehle	TJ Sondelski Joey Huebsch	Matthew Meyer Sam Meyer

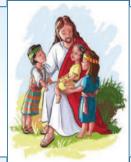


#### St Matthew Parish Catechists 2023 - 2024

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday across our nation. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The theme for this year is "Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). It reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn't want to add to our burdens, He wants to lighten them.

We are especially grateful to our catechists who lovingly and generously give their time, talent and love to teach our children and young adults.

Julia D. Alyssa S. Hannah S. Ava S. Kathy L. Kathryn W. Andrea K. Jasmin A. Kristin W.



Nevaeh N. Kim D. Marie B. Michelle L. Maria R. Jeannie H. Andrea Z. Zach D. Kim D.

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#### connect-grow-serve

#### St Matthew Ministry Fair

It is time to Connect, Grow, and Serve as a community of St. Matthew's Parish!!

Join your fellow St. Matthew Parishioners at the Ministry Fair in the Angelorum, this coming weekend and next, following Saturday and Sunday Masses.

At the Ministry Fair, we will have the opportunity to talk with those involved in the many ministries, committees, and community services our Parish has.

To help each of us see how we can better Connect, Grow, and Serve, look at the Survey Insert in this week's bulletin. This will help you and your family discern the interests and gifts you have and match them up to the many ministries, committees, and community services available at our Parish.

Do you see an area of ministry not listed that our Parish can grow in?? Then this is the place and time for you to share those ideas!

WE WELCOME YOU in any way you are able to Connect, Grow, and Serve with our St. Matthew's community and as members of the Body of Christ.

Bring your Completed Survey and your ideas with you to the Ministry Fair!! You can use it as a guide as you meet and talk to those involved in the ministries. Then enter your survey in the Raffle basket! See you there!!!

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4



Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:

James "Jim" Low

He died Sunday - September 10, 2023 He is the Husband of Sharon Low

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen



#### Saint Matthew's Feast Day Thursday, September 21st

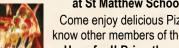
Celebrate our patron saint's feast day by attending Mass at 8:00 am.

Join us after the 8:00 am Mass. for a "Dutch Treat Breakfast" at 2510 Restaurant Deli (2510 Stewart Avenue)

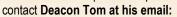


#### St Matthew's Pizza Night!

Saturday, September 30th at 5:30 pm (or after 4:30 pm Mass) at St Matthew School Cafeteria



Come enjoy delicious Pizza and get to know other members of the parish family. Have fun!! Bring the whole family! If you would like to help or have questions



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Thank you for Freewill Offerings made to support this event.



#### Subscriptions to "The WORD Among Us"

The Word Among Us magazine offers the daily Mass readings, wonderful meditations, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more! If you are interested in receiving a 1 year subscription, contact Judy Koy at: 715-675-9215 by Monday, October 16th.

"The WORD Among Us" starts with the December 2023 issue. The cost is \$20.00.



#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

"Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them."

Mark 10:14

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held every Sunday during the 10 am Mass celebration from September - May beginning September 17th.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed for children ages 4 and up offering the opportunity for children to hear the Scripture in words they understand.

After the opening of the Mass, before the first reading, Fr Sebastian invites the children to come forward for a blessing and they are dismissed with the leader for the Liturgy of the Word.

The children follow the same format used in the Mass – including the readings, the psalm, Gospel Acclamation, a brief reflection on the reading, the profession of faith and prayer of the faithful. The children are escorted back to church to rejoin their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.





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