



ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 9, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Aug. 2

Aug. 2: \$2,133

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

| <i>THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | | |
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| Sat. Aug. 8 | 5:00 PM | Spec. Int. for the health of Ken Steffen |
| Sun. Aug. 9 | 9:00 AM | Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish |
| Mon Aug 10 | | No Mass |
| Tue Aug 11 | 8:30 AM | Spec. Intentions for the health of Ken Steffen |
| Wed Aug 12 | 6:30 PM | Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish |
| Thur Aug 13 | 8:30 AM | For the Children of our Parish |
| Fri Aug 14 | | No Mass |
| <i>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i> | | |
| Sat. Aug. 15 | 5:00 PM | Spec. Int. for the health of Madeline Ledford |
| Sun. Aug. 16 | 9:00 AM | Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish |

PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Richard Bacon, Albert Proctor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

August 4-Brandy Kiser, August 16-Mitchell Ryan, August 17-Isaac Ryan, August 22-Cheyenne Kiser

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKS – Bishop Foys has mandated the wearing of masks for those attending Mass. We ask for your patience and prayers as we continue to deal with the coronavirus.

DPAA –**If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience.** You should have received a letter in the mail from the diocese on behalf of the DPAA. This important collection to support the work of the diocese will be conducted through the mail. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal. Please prayerfully consider pledging and contributing to this cause.

Parish Goal: \$10,700 Total Commitments (as of June 30): \$4,110

MASS VIEWINGS – There is a link to our videotaped Mass through our website (www.stmatthewskenton.org) if you are unable to get to Mass or know anyone who cannot attend. You can also watch Mass on your TV – the Cathedral Mass is broadcast on MeTV channel 5.2 Sundays at 5:00PM, or on the following websites: *WatchTheMass.com*, *EWTN.com*, *TheSundayMass.org*

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – You can still bring these in. Care Net needs your help.

FESTIVAL NEWS – Due to the virus, we are forced to cancel our festival in September. We have grand raffle tickets on order and plan to draw the winner on October 17 or 18. We plan to have something on that weekend to help us make up for the lost income of the festival, but nothing is in writing yet. We welcome ideas if anyone has thoughts on it.

CCD NEWS – You can find a separate sheet containing the upcoming CCD class schedule and how our at home classes will take place. If you have a child in CCD or one whom you wish to enroll, please take one of these sheets. You may call Rosanne Rawe with questions at 859-635-1572.

ASSUMPTION – Next Saturday, August 15, is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. It is not a holy day this year. We will celebrate this feast at both weekend Masses on August 15 & 16.



FROM THE PASTOR – THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Today's first reading is one of the most familiar passages of the Bible. The story of Elijah waiting to hear God in the cave has sparked much discussion and contemplation on what it means to find God in life. How can we tell that God is near?

We know as part of our Catholic faith that God is present to us through everything. Since God is spirit, He is not restricted to one body or one place. The mere fact that anything exists is because God actively wills it to exist, so He is present to us through that. "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19 RSV) The most intense presence of God is of course found in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist, yet this does not mean we are limited to encountering the living God only in church. We can meet Him and hear Him in our daily lives.

However, like Elijah retreating to the cave, we must also at times retreat from the things of this life in order to apprehend God more clearly. Here are a few ways that we can encounter God on a more regular basis:

- 1) Prayer – To pray is to communicate with God. If God calls us to prayer, then He must have an ear near to us to listen. A great way of finding God through prayer is through the Rosary. This devotion to Mary helps us consider the life of Jesus and Mary and draws us to see what God wants us to do in our own lives.
- 2) Silence – There is so much noise in our lives anymore. Television, radio, phones, internet – you name it! When was the last time we shut it all off and sat down in silence for 10 or 15 minutes? Remember, God told Elijah to wait in the cave to hear Him coming. How could Elijah do that without being silent? And how can we do the same if we do not foster holy silence?
- 3) Holy Reading – Reading a holy book can help us be present to God through the use of our intellectual faculties. Whether it is a life of a saint, a work written by a saint, or the Sacred Scriptures, – the holiest readings we can find – to read and to consider deeply what we have read gives us an opportunity to encounter God through His greatest works.
- 4) Nature – We can even encounter God through the beauty and wonder of His creation. Taking a walk outdoors can be a great opportunity for natural silence, for reading, and for prayer. We should make time to get out and enjoy the world God has given for our use and our benefit.

Heed the words of Christ the Lord to Peter today: "Do not be afraid!" Let us seek the presence of God more fully in our lives so that we may be prepared to enjoy Him in His real presence for all eternity in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub