

*St. Matthew Catholic
Church (1909)*

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May 2 & May 3, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



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See Mass Online-Instructions Inside

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please Note the Instructions for

An Act of Spiritual Communion Inside

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday & Friday

5 PM—6 PM

Confession—by appointment

Welcome to St. Matthew Parish

To register and become a member of St. Matthew: Please see Father, Linda Fryman, Rosanne Rawe, or Lisa Cooper to fill out a registration form. We welcome you and hope you enjoy attending Mass at our little parish. We pride ourselves on being a faith family that welcomes all to join and get to know us. If you aren't Catholic and have thought about becoming Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please call the rectory and leave a call back number or see Fr. Augustine after Mass.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 2 May

For Catherine Steffen

Sunday, 3 May

For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish

Tuesday, 5 May

For Anna Menefee

Wednesday, 6 May

For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish

Friday, 8 May

For Helen Fariello

Saturday, 9 May

For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish

Sunday, 10 May

For Frankie Roth Sr.

Father Aidoo offers Mass every day privately in the Church and prays each of these Masses for the intended person. Your prayer intentions are not being ignored. **Please continue to have Masses prayed for your loved ones. Call or mail in re-**

Upcomming Readings

Sunday—May 3

First—Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm—Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-6
Second—1st Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel— John 10:1-10

Monday-May 4

First—Acts 11:1-8
Psalm—Psalm 42 and 43
Gospel—John 10:11-18

Tuesday-May 5

First—Acts 11:19-26
Psalm: Psalm 87
Gospel—John 10:22-30

Wednesday –May 6

First—Acts 12:24-13:5a
Psalm—Psalm 67
Gospel— John 12:44-50

Thursday-May 7

First— Acts 13:13-25
Psalm—Psalm 89
Gospel—John 13:16-20

Friday-May 8

First— Acts 13:26-33
Psalm—Psalm 2
Gospel—John 14:1-6

Saturday AM-May 9

First— Acts 13:44-52
Psalm— Psalm 98
Gospel—John 14:7-14

Sunday-May 10

First—Acts 26:1-7
Psalm—Psalm 33:1-5, 18-22
Second—1st Peter 2:4-9
Gospel— John 14:1-12

With the President stating that states may choose to open up some activities again, we anxiously await directions from our Bishop regarding resuming Masses. This is a scary time and there is much apprehension. Please pray that our Church leaders and our governmental leaders make the correct choices and we may come together again soon and receive Our Lord without fear of illness. Lets all pray for this daily.

Cross the Bridge for Life-In the interest of the health and safety of Cross the Bridge for Life participants and their families, and to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Cross the Bridge for Life 2020 has been cancelled.

Don't forget to watch Father's Sunday Mass

Fr. Aidoo's Weekend Masses are on Youtube at <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCdGG-MmMDIkj9SQUrac09DQ> and there is a direct link on St. Matt's website at www.stmatthewskenton.org at the top of the first page. Just click 'Fr. Augustine's Sunday Mass'.

Parish News

Priests Transfers

The Lord is good,!!

Fellow members of St. Matthew, It's another season in the Church, when the Bishop, based on the needs of the entire Diocese, makes changes depending on the numbers and strengths of the personnel available. He appoints priests in his stead to shepherd the churches. This year as part of his decision, I'm being transferred from St. Matthew' to Blessed Sacrament. The appointment will take effect from June 11, 2020. I write this with mixed feelings, since it is not always easy to say goodbye. I hope another occasion will be there for me to do this in person.

The priest replacing me is very familiar with you and the church since has been with you before. St. Matthew, a very welcoming community, will make him feel at home as before.

I pray for good days to come for us to meet each other again. I hope to reach you again before the said date comes. Let's keep each other in our prayers as we remain safe and remain blessed.

....all the time....!!

Fr. Augustine

Message of Thanks from Sister Georgia

To All the Great People at the Parish:

My humble thanks from the bottom of my heart! Your generosity with the collection is unbelievable and you will be thanked by my prayers. Remember, if you need a visit or a call just let me know at 859-291-5065. And I will ask the Lord to grant you peace and many blessings.

Gratefully,

Sr. Georgia

May is the Month of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

We cannot have a May Crowning at this time but we can fill the entire month with special observances and devotions to Mary. The month of May was originally consecrated to Mary in the 17th century in Italy. From there it spread to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite. To celebrate you can bring back the making of a 'May Altar' with a statue of Mary or a picture, a candle, and May flowers. Gather the family to say a Rosary at the altar. A family praying the Rosary together is a sight most pleasing to God when they gather to praise the most High Queen of Heaven!

Prayer Requests

Jerry Ehlman , Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Joseph Cooley, Grant Kelly, Steve Elmlinger, Richard Bacon, Rita Funke, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

**Father is Available For
Private Meetings**

Please contact Father Augustine if you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession, or feel you must receive Communion. He will make arrangements for such. Call the rectory and leave a message or if it is an emergency call his cell number on the front page of the bulletin. We are making every effort to serve our parishioners and want you to know you are not alone.

**Adoration of Blessed
Sacrament Schedule**

Adoration will be on Tuesdays and Fridays, from **5PM until 6PM**. . If you are able, please spend time with the Lord at this time to remain close and connected during this time of trouble. We are asked to sit with a safe distance between us when we attend. Copies of the Spiritual Communion will be given out during this time for you to take home and use. If you cannot attend you can see a very good Adoration at TheRealPresence.org online.

. May Birthdays

- May 6—Hailey Huffman
- May 9—Bill Funke
- May 16—Kenny Neuspickel
- May 17—Brenda Baker
- May 18—Rosanne Rawe
- May 18—Nathan Thorwarth
- May 23—Estelle Thorwarth
- May 30—Mark Cooper

Shout out to Jason Feinauer for keeping our lawn mowed and looking so beautiful this spring. Even though we have not been there to see it, it really looks great! Thanks!

Seniors 2020

If you have a senior graduating this year please send their name and address to Linda at frymanlinda@gmail.com. If you wish ,we will publish it so all can send cards of support and congratulations. If you do not wish the address published, just send their name so we can list them and honor their accomplishment!

VERY IMPORTANT!

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly donation for our collection. As most everyone knows, we operate on a very close budget so your weekly gifts are very important. Unfortunately, the bills continue to come in during this time. Your help is greatly appreciated. The mailing address is on the front page of the bulletin. Thank you so much. May God Bless Each and Every One of You!

God Bless Our Parishioners! Thank You So Much!

Collections

April 19: Collections \$890.00

GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR CONTINUING TO HELP DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME!

Mass has been canceled , but your support to to St. Matthew is still needed.

PARISH NEWS

Suggestions on Keeping our Faith During this Crisis

If at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion. By making an **Act of Spiritual Communion**, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. We must attempt to bring and keep ourselves as close to Our Lord as we possibly can. If at all possible:

Pray the rosary daily

Read scripture or some spiritual writing

Visit adoration if you feel comfortable doing so on Tuesday and Friday from 5-6

Watch daily mass, or Sunday mass online with Fr. Augustine or Bishop Barron or watch EWTN, and make a spiritual communion before, during, and after your viewing of the mass,

Pray for those who are sick and for the health of the Church

Pray the Liturgy of the Hours (can be found at ibreviary.org)

Please continue to give generously

Do penance and fast when you can.

As Jesus once calmed the stormy sea, he will eventually calm this uncertain time. Have faith!

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Online Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: TheRealPresence.org

EWTN Rosary Daily at 11:30AM

EWTN Chaplet of Divine Mercy Daily at 3 PM

Remember John 8:12—No one who follows me will ever walk in darkness.

Helping You to 'Participate' Fully in Mass at Home

Come Holy Spirit-Is this a "real" Mass? Yes! Even though we are not able to celebrate as one community together, we are celebrating as one community apart; united in our love of God through Jesus and united by the power of the Holy Spirit. When you open yourself to receiving the Holy Spirit, listen to the holy scriptures, reflect on the words offered in the homily and pray the Act of Communion with a receptive heart, this is a real and valid Liturgy.

Amen-Do you say the responses out loud? Please do! It may feel uncomfortable at first, but we promise you will get used to it. Proclaim your responses and sing with us as well!

Be comfortable-Do you stand, sit and kneel? Whatever makes you most comfortable. If you are physically able, please participate as you would normally, as if you were in church.

Peace-What about the Sign of Peace? If you are present with family, acknowledge those around you with eye contact, a nod, a wave and certainly a smile. If you are alone, you may consider closing your eyes and picturing your loved ones and praying for them..

Share-What about my Offertory Gift? There are a few options for you. You may mail it to us, come by church and drop it in the drop box outside the office, or save your envelopes for when you return. Our parish still serves those in need and relies on the support of our church community to continue our mission.

The Body of Christ-What about Communion? In times of crisis, when it is not possible to receive the Body of Christ, it is acceptable to make an Act of Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is a deep rooted desire to receive Jesus and to remain close to Him even though we are unable to be physically present with the community. The Spiritual Communion is included in the bulletin.

Relax - Your week has been a busy one, perhaps even chaotic. Thank God you made the conscious decision to be here today - to take time to pray, time to acknowledge that we are always in the presence of God and time to renew and re-energize yourself through this Liturgy. Let us prepare for today's celebration.

Before Watching Mass...

Prepare-Is there a way to prepare myself for Mass at home? Short answer is YES. The next few points will lead you through a quick exercise to help you prepare for the next time (and each time) you are ready to celebrate Mass at home. We invite you to prepare yourself just a few minutes before clicking play or turning the channel on your television. Thank you for being with us, staying with us and, of course, praying with us!

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Breath -Take a deep breath in. Think about your morning, your week, your month. As you exhale, rid yourself of the worry, stress and anxiety that come with it. Breathe in again. Be aware of your body and mind calming. Exhale any tension and pressure that the rest of the day and your week ahead may hold. Be in this moment; safe and in tune to God's love, peace and plan for you.

During the Mass.....

Make a Spiritual Communion- See prior page of bulletin for a good prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Offer an Intention - Generous God, today as I join in the sacrifice of the Mass, help me to remain open to your Word and to your plan for me. May I be strengthened by today's experience to do Your will and to steward the many gifts you have entrusted to me. Help me to be aware of Your presence always, especially when I am not in church, for Your home is everywhere. I ask in a special way for {special intention} My trust is in you, oh Lord, forever. Amen

Be Open - Prepare a list of things for which you are grateful this past week. Acknowledge and thank God for each of them. Continue this process during today's celebration. Allow one word, phrase, idea or action speak to you. Take this "one thing," write it down and pray with it for the coming week. How can you incorporate this thought into your own life?

Afterwards....

Take A Step - Our understanding of the Eucharistic celebration does not cease when the Mass has ended. Take it with you! You may wish to work with or talk with someone about your "one thing" this week; prepare for next week by looking at the readings <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>; or choose a new intention. You may also choose to get involved. There are numerous ways to help during the present crisis including; staying home, donating goods or funds, sewing masks, calling loved ones, checking in on neighbors, etc. When we are past this critical time, consider serving in a ministry or two with us! There is always plenty to do!

Thank You-We are continually called to discover our role in building God's kingdom here on earth. Thank you for doing your part today! We hope you will continue to take steps each day on this wonderful journey of discipleship! Together as the one Body of Christ, we stay united in faith to glorify God with our lives. AMEN!