

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sep 15	\$1,055
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

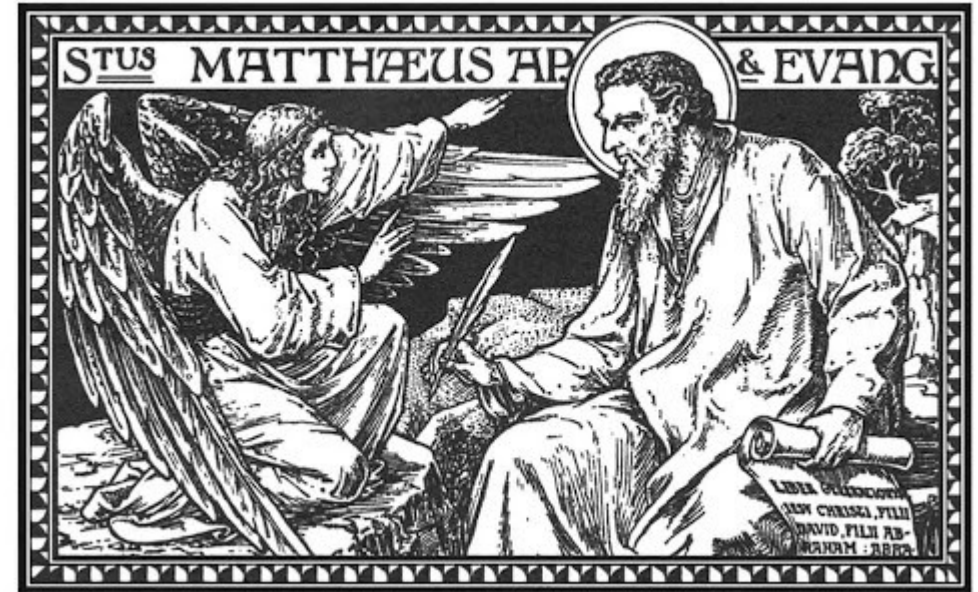
<i>THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW</i>		
Sat. Sep. 21	5:00 PM	For Tony and Wanda Bach (L)
Sun. Sep. 22	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Sep. 23	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Sep. 24	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne
Wed. Sep. 25	8:00 AM	For †Donna Schneider
Thur. Sep. 26	8:00 AM	For †Esther Jackson
Fri. Sep. 27	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sep. 28	5:00 PM	For †Randy Goodhew
Sun. Sep. 29	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, and Rita Funke.

BIRTHDAYS—Bill Schneider-Sept. 19, Brody Baker–Sept. 23, Tony Bach-Sept. 25, Owen Rawe-Sept. 29.

ANNIVERSARIES– Tom and Darlene Schutte-Sept. 2, Dina and Michael Ryan-Sept. 6, Tony and Wanda Bach-Sept. 10, William and Linda Beck-Sept. 12, Jerry and Eileen Ehlman-Sept. 26.

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

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

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$13,055 in pledges and contributions. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!** Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

CCD CLASS SIGNUPS—CCD classes will be starting up on Sunday, October 6. Please pick up a form to register your children for the classes as well as a schedule. Our classes will meet on Sundays after the 9AM Mass. Help your children to know and love God better!

LECTORS WANTED—We are looking to add some more Sunday Mass lectors to our roster. The more we have, the less often you’ll have to read! If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Straub.

LECTOR— Sept. 22—Linda Fryman, Sep. 29—Bernie Rawe

CLEANING – Sept. Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

*COME OUT TO THE
PARISH FESTIVAL!*

SUNDAY NOON-7PM

(Dinners served 12:30-6:30PM)



FROM THE PRIEST – OUR PATRON SAINT MATTHEW

It is a standard practice in the Catholic Church to dedicate a church building to a specific saint. This practice is known as patronage, and the saint is given as the heavenly patron of that church. What does this mean? It means that we have a special relationship with Saint Matthew compared to other saints, and that he is our particular and special intercessor before God for us and for our church. We ought to be devoted to Saint Matthew for our good and the good of our church.

Who is Saint Matthew? We hear about his calling in the Gospel today when Jesus calls him from his post as a tax collector. One must understand the vitriol that people of those days had for tax collectors exceeds our modern despising of the IRS. A tax collector’s duty was to collect a certain amount of taxes for the Roman Empire.



The empire set the amount, and the tax collector was to pay it by a certain time, and if he collected any more, he was permitted to keep it as profit. This gave rise to the corruption of this class of imperial workers as being greedy and self-centered.

After his conversion and elevation to being one of the 12 Apostles, Matthew would work closely with Jesus and be a witness to his teachings and miracles, in particular serving as a witness of the Resurrection. This would lead to his call to compose the Gospel which is attributed to him. This particular gospel account is seen as demonstrating Jesus to be the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament who fulfills the prophecies spoken about him. You will often see Matthew use the phrase, “this happened to fulfill what was written in the prophet...” to demonstrate Jesus’ prophesied mission being fulfilled in and for this world.

After the Ascension of our Lord, Matthew would go on to proclaim the Gospel not just in writing but in his words and his actions. It is traditionally said that he focused his ministry on his fellow Jews so that they would accept Jesus as the prophesied Messiah and believe in Him. The last years of his life are not well recorded, with various accounts of where he was martyred for the faith. Yet his memory persists not only as an author but as an apostle and witness to the Risen Lord.

Let us grow closer to our patron Saint Matthew each day by fostering devotions to him. Let us pray and ask him to help our little church in the country to persevere over any and all difficulties so that we may emulate his witness in the resurrected Jesus to all around us. May we rejoice to have such a heavenly patron, but may we seek his help and guidance daily so that we may be worth to join him forever in eternal glory.

Fr. Jacob Straub