

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW (OBSERVED)

Sat. Sept. 18	5:00 PM	For Helen Fariello
Sun. Sept. 19	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Sept. 20	8:00 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Sept. 21		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Sept. 22	8:00 AM	For Vincent Fariello
Thur. Sept. 23		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 24		<i>No Public Mass</i>

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sept. 25	5:00 PM	For Ed Gripshover
Sun. Sept. 26	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

***PLEASE LET LINDA OR FATHER KNOW IF SOMEONE CAN BE REMOVED FROM OUR PRAYER LIST. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON IT FOR MANY MONTHS.**

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering with a horrible disease, Mike Leming, Dave Verst, Donnie Lauer, Mary Lamb, Lena Bach, Wayne Huffman, Justin Seiter, and Dave Neuspickel.

BIRTHDAYS— Sept. 19-Diane McMahan, Sept. 19-Bill Schneider, Sept. 24-Madeline Thorwarth, Sept. 25-Tony Bach

ANNIVERSARIES— Sept. 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, Sept. 6-Michael & Dina Ryan, Sept. 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, Sept. 26-Jerry & Eileen Ehlman

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request.



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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

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

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

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

****IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO HELP WITH THE FESTIVAL. WE STILL NEED TWO LITERS AND DESSERTS FOR THE MEAL. BRING THEM WITH YOU TO THE FESTIVAL.**

TICKETS—Please do not forget to bring in your raffle tickets to the festival (both sold and unsold). Thank you.

COST FOR DINNERS—Dinners will be \$10 for a large and \$8 for a small. The large dinner is a 4 piece chicken dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or succotash, slaw, dessert and drink. Small has two pieces of chicken. Beef dinners have a large portion and small portion as well.

CCD SIGN UP SHEETS—If you are planning on your child being in Sunday School/CCD classes this coming year, please pick up a registration sheet in the back of church and return it next week.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW—We will observe the solemnity of our church patron Saint Matthew this weekend in conjunction with our festival. The regular date to celebrate Saint Matthew is September 21, but we are able to celebrate on the Sunday nearest to the date.

LECTOR-SEPTEMBER 19-Rita Funke, SEPTEMBER 26-Bernie Rawe

CLEANING TEAM—

SEPTEMBER 25-As many as we can get to help clean up from the festival. (Both kitchen and garages). Put this on your calendars!

“Calling of Saint Matthew” by
Carravaggio



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 versus 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’ fulfilling mission in 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