

THE EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MATTHEW
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sept. 13

Sept. 13: \$678
 Hurricane Relief: \$350

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 EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MATTHEW</i>		
Sat. Sept. 19	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Sept. 20	9:00 AM	For Drew Kordenbrock
Mon Sep 21		No Mass
Tue Sept. 22	8:30 AM	For John Dwyer
Wed Sept. 23	6:30 PM	For the Special Intention of Fr. Mario Tizziani
Thur. Sep. 24	8:30 AM	For the Special Ints. of Marie & Cole Musial and Family
Fri Sept. 25		No Mass
<i>THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 26	5:00 PM	For Lois Spangler
Sun. Sept. 27	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

PRAYER LIST

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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays –September 19-Bill Schneider, September 24-Madeline Thorwarth, September 25-Tony Bach.

Anniversaries – September 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, September 6-Dina and Michael Ryan, September 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, September 26-Jerry and Eileen Ehlman.



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
 Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377
 Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal.

Parish Goal: \$10,700 Total Commitments (as of Aug. 31): \$9,370

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS – Tickets are going pretty well. We have them in envelopes in the gathering space. We must keep track of who has what numbers for the Gaming Commission’s requirements. We will also be mailing an order sheet out to those who have not been attending Mass. If you received tickets at church, please just ignore the order sheet you receive in the mail. Ticket stubs will be mailed back to those who return their order sheets and payment. The drawing will be held at noon on October 18. Also, a big thank you to Warren Richardson who paid for the printing of the tickets.

CCD PARENTS – Please contact Rosanne Rawe at 635-1572 for details. This year’s classes will use new books and will be done at home until we are able to resume in-person meetings/classes. There are also forms for you to fill out that we must return to the Diocese.

BOOK STAND IN GATHERING SPACE – The Knights of Columbus have placed a stand filled with free books in the gathering space. Please take some to read. There are a variety of subjects from which to pick.

NO. KY. RIGHT TO LIFE – Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Celebration for Life, sponsored by No. Ky. Right to Life, which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, at Cincinnati Airport Marriott (2395 Progress Dr., Hebron, KY 41018). Offering the invocation will be Fr. Matthew Cushing of All Saints Church in Walton. At 1 PM, exhibits and refreshments will be available, along with a pro-life film; and the guest speaker at 2 PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained from Stan Barczak (859-431-6380), or at the door. Free childcare will be available.

FR. MARIO UPDATE – Please continue to keep Fr. Mario in your prayers. He is somewhat responsive but still in need of more therapy and recovery. Our Wednesday evening Mass will be offered for his intention if you wish to come and join us in prayer.

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