

Saint Matthew Catholic Church

St. Matthew the Evangelist

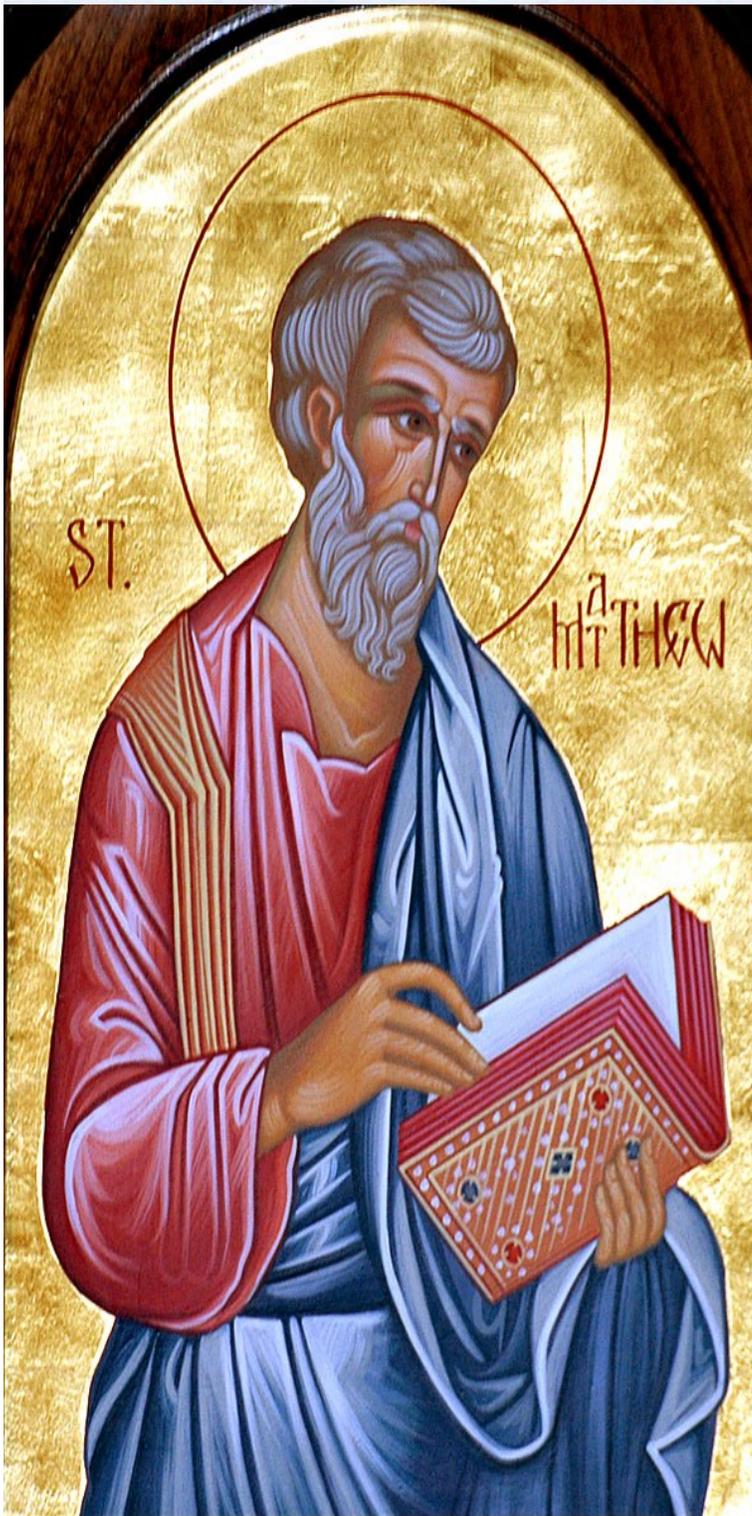
Each of the Evangelists have a particular audience for whom they are writing and a particular message that they need to bring. For Matthew, his audience is the Jewish people. His task is to teach the Jewish people that what they have studied in the Hebrew Scriptures has now been fulfilled in Jesus the Christ. In other words, following Jesus does not mean that they will be changing religions, but rather that what Jesus taught fulfills the Law given to their ancestors.

Matthew's Gospel focuses on transforming the emphasis from living the Law to living in Covenant with God and neighbor. It is quite easy to get caught up in following the letter of the Law, while missing out in what the spirit of the Law intends. Matthew challenges us to first look at the Commandments in light of the Beatitudes. While the Commandments focused on the negative, the prohibited action, the Beatitudes prescribe the ways in which to act.

Matthew had a difficult task in helping the Jewish people understand that Jesus wasn't asking them to turn away from what they had always believed. Rather, the teachings of Jesus were asking them to take a closer look at what they already had learned, and to challenge them to consider how they were living those teachings. The challenge being given to them was to consider how they were living out the Law.

It is quite easy to take on a legalistic understanding of Law. We see this quite clearly as we unfold the teaching stories of those who approach Jesus to let Him know how well they are living the Law. They are quick to point out how well they are following the Commandments. However, each time Jesus challenges the person to take a closer look at some aspect of their life: for each person, it is different, but the common thread is that it is something that is preventing the person from completely following God. In each case, the person is asked to consider the obstacle in their life that is preventing them from following God, fully and without hesitation.

Perhaps the most striking part of Matthew's Gospel is found in Chapter 25, when he gives an account of Final Judgment. The criteria given is not whether or not the person followed the Law, but rather, whether or not the person lived the Covenant which asks us to follow God out of love. Living the Law keeps us bound up in acting out of fear of punishment; living the Covenant invites us to do things out of love for God and neighbor, holding nothing of ourselves back from the God who gives us everything.



**The Feast of St. Matthew
September 21, 2020**

Mission

ST. MATTHEW PARISH is a welcoming Roman Catholic community of faith in the Archdiocese of Chicago with pastoral leadership provided by the Congregation of the Resurrection.

We bring joy and hope to *all* who strive to follow Jesus Christ by:

- ◆ Celebrating the Paschal Mystery
- ◆ Proclaiming Gospel Values
- ◆ Believing and living as Jesus taught us:
 - Teaching
 - Healing
 - Reaching out to others to transform lives

We put our faith into action with:

- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Hospitality

Vision

ST. MATTHEW PARISH is a community of faith dedicated to advancing the unity and renewal of its members by:

- **WELCOMING** all who seek fellowship as sisters and brothers in Christ
- **RESPECTING** each individual as a child of God and a temple of the Holy Spirit
- **VALUING** the diversity of our community and the unique gifts that each member brings to the whole
- **PROVIDING** a wide-range of ministries to meet the needs of our parish in faith and worship
- **PREPARING** all parishioners to live their baptismal commitment in the Church and in the world, especially children and young adults
- **REACHING OUT** with compassion to those in need
- **OFFERING** opportunities to all parishioners to use their time, talent and treasure in the service of the common good
- **PROMOTING** effective communication to ensure that all parishioners have a voice in our parish life
- **FOSTERING** the professional growth of all staff and volunteers who serve the parish
- **ENSURING** good stewardship of all parish resources

“Go therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations”

Matthew 28: 18-20



St. Matthew Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: **5:00 PM Starting Sept. 5, 2020**
Sunday: **8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM (Noon)**
Weekdays: **8:00 AM Monday thru Friday**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM- Church

CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER
After Mass until 1:00 PM, Mon - Fri

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
To be announced

BAPTISMS
For more information regarding Baptisms
please call the Rectory
(847) 891 - 1220

WEDDINGS
Please call Fr. Joseph Glab, CR at the Rectory Office to register.

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Served by the
Congregation of the Resurrection

Re-Opening Plans

In accordance with Archdiocese of Chicago reopening guidelines, we began offering the following services beginning on June 1, 2020. All services will follow the prescribed social distancing, group sizing, sanitizing, and face covering

WEEKEND MASSES

Mass Times:

**Saturday Vigil Mass Beginning
September 5, 2020 @ 5:00 PM**

Sunday

8:00AM - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Noon)

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY PRACTICES

- ◇ Everyone enters through the front entrance door
- ◇ Must wear A face mask (bring your own)
- ◇ Each household, up to 6 may sit together
- ◇ When NOT with your household family sit in designated alternate rows Only
- ◇ Social distancing must be observed
- ◇ Stay 6 feet apart when NOT with family
- ◇ Do NOT change seats during service
- ◇ You may EXIT Through 3 doors that will be Opened
- ◇ Dismiss by rows: Back rows go first
- ◇ Do NOT pause or STOP in the aisles or lobbies
- ◇ Proceed directly to your vehicle
- ◇ If sick, please stay at home and view Mass at home

In order to participate at Mass

You must Register Online at: www.stmatthewparish.org
Click on: Register for Mass button and follow the prompts

OR

Register by Phone: 847 - 891 - 1220, Ext 101
Monday - Friday: From 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Attendance limited to 170 people per Mass
Mass Times, Mass Registration, and safety practices
Call to Register and to Schedule

BAPTISMS

Call to register and to Schedule
Every Sunday - 1:45 PM
Limited to 15 people

CONFESSIONS

In Church

Every Thursday: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
(Until Further Notice)

Must wear face mask covering
Social distancing must be observed

FUNERAL MASSES

On weekdays: Monday - Saturday
Limited to 50 people

WEEKDAY MASSES

Daily Mass
Monday - Friday - 8:00 AM
For personal prayers:
Church is open after Mass - 1:00 PM

**Social Distancing
Face Covering
Sanitizing Practices
Must Be Observed
If Sick, Please Stay Home**

**Check our website for updates
stmatthewparish.org**



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September 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We take time this weekend to recognize, celebrate and support the forty-four seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially considering the current pandemic and other societal unrest that these new priests will face upon ordination. We ask for your prayers and financial support to help defray seminarians' educational expenses, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

Each September, gifts to our annual Catholic Bishop of Chicago/Seminarian Education second collection provide needed funds for the formation of our seminarians at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, as well as for our college seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. As the principal seminary and school of theology for the formation of priests in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, Mundelein Seminary prepares men for ordination as archdiocesan priests who will shepherd parishes, celebrate the sacraments and teach the Catholic faith.

Your contributions to this collection will make a significant impact on each seminarian. A remittance envelope will be placed in the pews the weekend of September 19-20. You may also give by sending your donation to your parish, noting that it is for the seminarians, or by making a gift online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

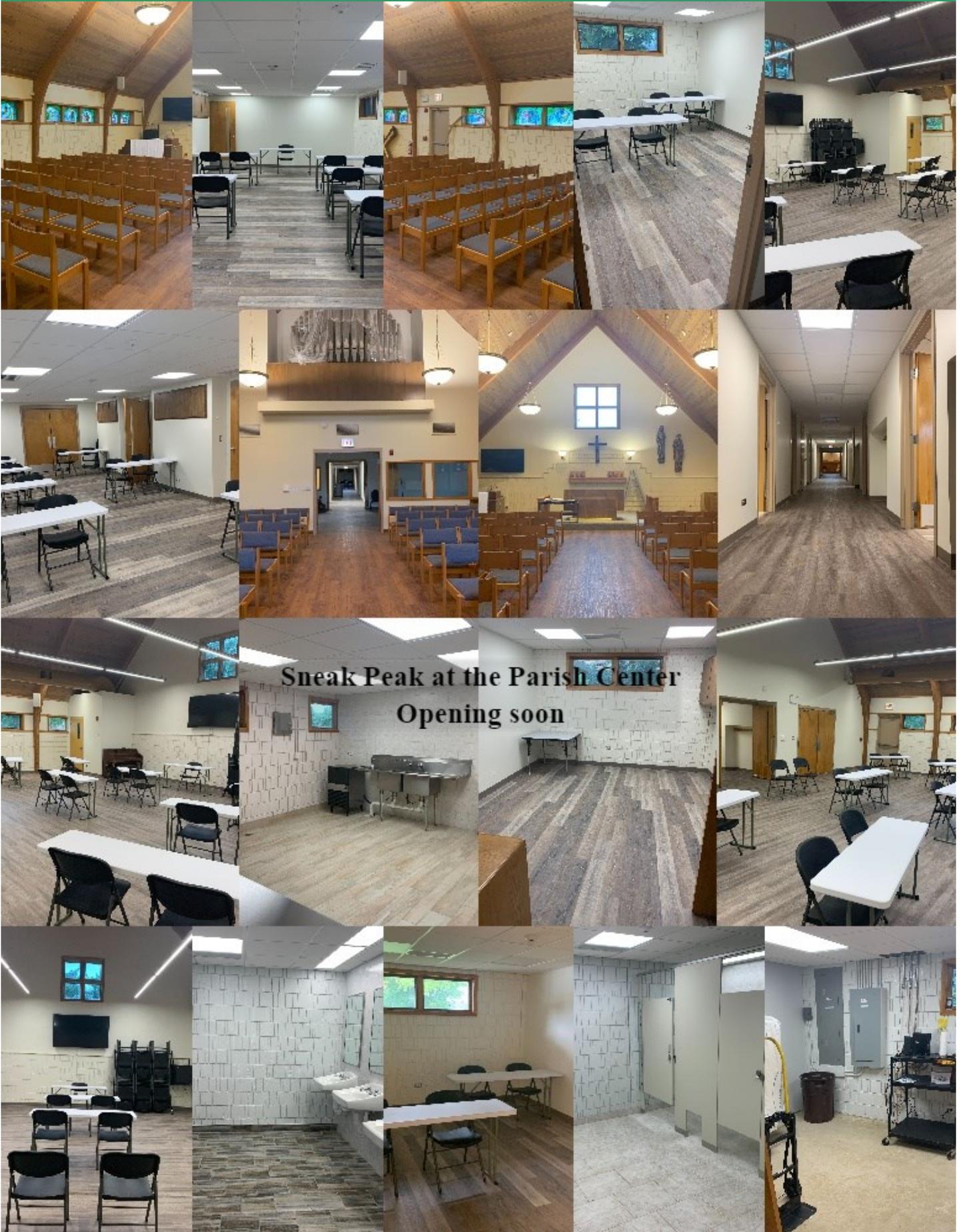
On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you.

May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

"Formed in Tradition. Trained in Compassion. Prepared to Shepherd."



**Sneak Peak at the Parish Center
Opening soon**



Faith, Hope & Healing Program

This week you will receive a newsletter introducing our ***Faith, Hope & Healing Program***. Our community spent the last several months responding to the historical crisis in so many ways.

I'm proud to be to part of the **St. Matthew Parish** community. **On Celebration Sunday, September 27, I invite everyone to join together and participate in securing our parish's future.**

I ask that you please review this newsletter and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Matthew Parish by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the newsletter mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at stmatthewparish.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed over during Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Matthew Parish!

Fr. Joseph Glab, CR
Pastor



Rosalinda Agee	Catherine Gianakeas
Destiny Banks	Robert Hall
Stephanie Caspelich	Cliff Kosec
Maxime dela Costa	Ken Liszka
Juliette dela Torre	Val Liszka
Demie Cruz	Ofelia Parungao
Agnes Enriquez	Rada Popovic
Manuel Enriquez	Maryann Potenzo-Andersen
Ferne Earnest	Germelina Reyes
Phoebe Fajardo	Olivia Sergot
Kevin Falco	Donna Wojciechowski

Notice to Parishioners

In an effort to keep our prayer lists up to date, we ask that the rectory office be notified when a name needs to be added or removed. Also, please take a moment to check the names on the military list and let us know if someone should be added or removed.

Blasé Bigos	Jared Koch
Dean Carrion	Michael Nizzi
Anthony Chrobak	Riley Santoyo

*All Powerful God,
Watch over all our dear ones who serve this day in the
military.
Hold them safely in the palm of your hand.
Walk with them in your strength.
Bring comfort and hope when they are weary.
Remind them of our love.
Merciful Lord,
Bring a lasting peace into our midst.
Heal our hearts and help all nations find ways to live in
harmony
So that blood is shed no more.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus,
Prince of Peace. Amen*

Marriage & Banns

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Joy is an infallible indication of God's presence, just as the cross is an infallible indication of Christian discipleship. What a paradox! And Jesus is to blame.

Ron Rolheiser, OMI

THE GOSPEL CHALLENGE TO ENJOY OUR LIVES

In scripture, we know Jesus was asked why his disciples don't fast, whereas the disciples of John the Baptist do fast. His answer: Why should they fast? The bridegroom is still with them. Someday the bridegroom will be taken away and they will have lots of time to fast.

Jesus' counsel here speaks in a double way: More obviously, the bridegroom refers to his own physical presence here on earth which, at a point, will end. But this also has a second meaning: The bridegroom refers to the season of health, youth, joy, friendship, and love in our lives. We need to enjoy those things because, all too soon, accidents, ill health, cold lonely seasons, and death will deprive us of them. We may not let the inevitable prospect of cold lonely seasons, diminishment, ill health, and death deprive us of fully enjoying the legitimate joys that life offers.

This challenge, I believe, has not been sufficiently preached from our pulpits, taught in our churches, or had a proper place in our spirituality. When have you last heard a homily or sermon challenging you, on the basis of the Gospels, to enjoy your life more? When have you last heard a preacher asking, in Jesus name: Are you enjoying your health, your youth, your life, your meals, your wine drinking, sufficiently?

Granted that this challenge, which seems to go against the conventional spiritual grain, can sound like an invitation to hedonism, mindless pleasure, excessive personal comfort, and a spiritual flabbiness that can be the antithesis of the Christian message at whose center lies the cross and self-renunciation. Admittedly there's that risk, but the opposite danger also looms, namely, a bitter, unhealthy stoic life.

It's only when we can give our lives away in self-renunciation that we can thoroughly enjoy the pleasures of this life, just as it is only when we can genuinely enjoy the legitimate pleasures of this life that we can give our lives away in self-sacrifice.

To read more copy this address into your browser http://ronrolheiser.com/the-gospel-challenge-to-enjoy-our-lives/#.XzqwQZNKg_8
www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser



September 19th through September 27th, 2020

SATURDAY: September 19

5:00 PM Special Intention for Martha Lisiewicz,
+Nara Giuntini

SUNDAY: September 20

8:00 AM +Joseph Pudela
10:00AM +Linda Wcislo, +Salomea Vuk, +Robert Kleisner,
+Mark Manka
12:00PM +John Varallo

MONDAY: September 21

8:00 AM + Gregory Struard

TUESDAY: September 22

8:00 AM + Rev. Denis Oross, CR

WEDNESDAY: September 23

8:00 AM +Mother Theresa Dudzik,
Foundress Franciscan Sister of Chicago

THURSDAY: September 24

8:00 AM +Henry Zwierzyna

FRIDAY: September 25

8:00 AM +In Remembrance of All Souls,
+Benedicta Pascual

SATURDAY: September 26

5:00 PM +Chester & Mae Madrzak, Michael Biegel,
+Nara Giuntini

SUNDAY: September 27

8:00AM For the People of St. Matthew Parish
10:00 AM +Theresa Grace Piombino
12:00 PM +Paul Marinko

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Food Drive For Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Northwest has reached out to us to ask if we can help them refill their food pantry. They are struggling to meet the needs of the families that come to them each week. If you can help, please drop off the non-perishable (and not expired) items in boxes or bags in front of the main doors of the church from 10am-2pm Mondays-Fridays. If you prefer to drop off a gift card or monetary donation, please drop that in the Rectory Mail drop box.

- Cereal
- Pasta, Rice
- Canned soups
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meats
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned meals
- Baby foods



Blessing of the Animals

Annual Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 we will hold our annual blessing of the animals at 8:00 am in front of the Church building.

The Blessing of the Animals is an annual tradition in honor of St. Francis of Assisi who is known for his care of all God's creation.

Please join us at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 3rd for a blessing of all God's creatures, great and small.

Sunday Offertory - Only

	Received	YTD
<i>Prior Months' Balance</i>		<i>86,582.00</i>
September 6, 2020	\$11,425.00	\$98,007.00
September 13, 2020	\$7,072.00	105,079.00
September Totals	\$18,497.00	

Senior HelpLine:

1-800-252-8966

1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

Illinois Department on Aging Report Abuse

To report suspected abuse, financial exploitation or neglect of a person 60 or older or an adult with disabilities age 18-59; call the statewide, 24-hour **Adult Protective Services Hotline: 1-866-800-1409.**



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