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The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

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Pre-K-4 years old to Grade 8

Catholic school whose mission is to provide quality education in a safe and caring environment. Parish students are welcomed throughout the school year. If you’d like to take a tour, please call the school offices for an appointment.
The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday begins the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time, when Jesus compares our faith to the mustard seed. Our faith, like that tiny seed, can grow large and put forth large branches touching those around us.

In the Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul is defending himself. He tells the people of Corinth -- and us -- not to receive the grace of God in vain. Paul reminds them about generosity and cheerful giving. He begs the community not to dismiss him because of his poor speaking abilities saying, “Even if I am untrained in speaking, I am not so in knowledge.” He boasts about his weakness, which he had at first begged to be freed from by the Lord, who said to him, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

In Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls us beyond simply being moral. His message is not an “eye for an eye,” but turning the other cheek, loving our enemies and praying for them. Jesus cautions us about performing good deeds for others to see. He teaches us to pray simply, because our Father knows what we need. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Focus on God, not the world; “No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Upon reflection, each of us can take the time to “locate” our hearts, by discovering what we tend to treasure. How can we really know what we treasure? We can make a list of the “five most important things” in our lives. Then we make a list of the five things we spend most of our time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to “seek first” the Kingdom of God.

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily lives, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of living more reflectively.

Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Mary’s ways or Chris’ harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Mary on the phone and let me stay focused before Chris comes home from work.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Number of Adult Envelopes: 197; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 2; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 59; Number of Regular Households: 813.

Recent Expenditures

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Faith Direct: The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial support. Please prayerfully consider helping Saint Matthias the Apostle with electronic donations through Faith Direct. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code MD41 or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

Summer Stewardship: Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure, joyfully given to the Lord in gratitude, and that treasure is needed even when you’re away from us on vacation. Please remember to mail your offertory envelope to the rectory before you go away on a well-deserved vacation, or drop it in the collection basket the week before you leave. Thank you for being a faithful steward.

Every Penny Counts: Donate your loose change to the “Every Penny Counts” Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship Awards. The scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving parish students.

A Stewardship Moment: Like the sower in today’s Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent and resources; and I trust that, by God’s grace and in God’s time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the Kingdom of God.

The Academy Raffle Winner

Kara Freeman, the winner of $300
Dawn Freeman, the seller won $50 for the June 8th drawing.
From the Administrator

Lord, Teach Us How To Pray: Renowned Jesuit theologian, Fr. Karl Rahner, offers the following instruction about praying. Prayer is not easy. It is not the speaking of many words, or the hypnotic spell of the recited formula; it is the raising of the heart and mind to God in constantly renewed acts of love. We must go forward to grapple with prayers, as Jacob wrestled with the angel. We must lift high our lamp of faith that it may show us what prayer is, and what are its power and dignity. Into the darkness we must whisper our prayer: Lord, teach us to pray. Take some time today to pray the Lord’s prayer slowly and in a quiet place.

Items of Note

Faith Formation Registration: Ms. Catherine Tolnay, Director of Faith Formation, asks that if your child/children do not go to a Catholic School, you register them for our Faith Formation classes (grades K-8) which will begin in September. You will find registration forms in the pamphlet racks in the vestibule of the Church. Please fill out one form for each of your children who will attend classes, include the registration fee in a sealed envelope with Ms. Tolnay’s name on the envelope and bring it to the Parish Offices. Please understand that children need to be in Faith Formation Classes for two years in a row to receive a sacrament. Register and pay by July 20th as the registration will increase on July 21st due to the rising costs of materials. We look forward to aiding you in passing on the full deposit of the faith to your children.

Bible Study: Beginning on Wednesday, June 17th, Saint Matthias will offer a Wednesday night adult Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will meet in the Hughes Center from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Bring your Bible and a friend.

Father’s Day Altar Wine Gift: At Saint Matthias, it has been our custom as a parish family that mothers contribute food to the food pantry on Mother’s Day and fathers contribute to the annual cost of altar wine used for Mass on Father’s Day. We are inviting all fathers to join the Father’s Day Mass offertory procession as we give our gifts to God and the parish on Sunday, June 21st during the 10:30 am Mass. Special offertory envelopes marked “Father’s Day Altar Wine Gift” are in the pamphlet racks at the entrance of the church.

Father’s Day Novena: This year, the Novena for our Fathers will be held from June 20th through June 28th with a Mass offered each day for the intentions received. Names received for the Novena will be called aloud once during each Mass throughout the nine days. The Knights of Columbus will be selling Father’s Day cards after all Masses on the weekends of June 7th and 14th.

Friendship Hall: This is to let our parishioners know that Friendship Hall will now be available for rental. If you have any questions, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814.

Mass Intentions for the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, June 15:
8:30 am Delores Krawczewicz
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, June 16:
8:30 am Alicia Camacho (Lvg.)

Wednesday, June 17:
8:30 am Ed Densmore

Thursday, June 18:
8:30 am Adamma Ugoh

Friday, June 19: St. Romuald, Abbott
8:30 am Mike Paolino (Lvg. B-Day)

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 20: Vigil Mass
5:00pm Father’s Day Novena

Sunday, June 21:
8:00 am Father’s Day Novena
10:30 am Father’s Day Novena
6:00 pm Father’s Day Novena

Readings for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
1st Reading: Job 38:1,8-1
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Grace Buck; Yvette Butler; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Gali Galiciniao, Patricia Garner; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Womana Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Terry Looney; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Murray; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Marion Prout; Martin Reedy; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Lisseth Salvador; Lucille Strenge; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Krystal Williams; John and Sam Zannin; Eugene Zehner and Mary Ann Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas; Protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed: Amanda Hopkins & Ben Self; may they rest in peace.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of June 20th/21st

5:00 pm Father Stan
8:00 am Father Gerard
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Milt