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## September 11, 2022

# REPENT



“There will be rejoicing among  
the angels of God over one  
sinner who repents.”

LUKE 15:10

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30 PM  
Wednesday 8:00 AM  
Thursday 8:15 AM  
Friday 8:00 AM  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM or by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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# WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC COMMUNITY!

## Acts

*The Spread of the Kingdom*



The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom is a twenty-part Bible study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

A DVD based bible study on the Acts of the Apostles featuring Jeff Cavins will be coming this fall. For more information contact Dcn. Steve Bauer 319.363-8269. Call or pickup form in office.



### Who belongs in RCIA adapted for Children?

**Unbaptized children (over the age of 7) or teens.**

**Baptized, but catechized children who have little understanding of God or church.**

**Children baptized in another Christian faith.**

Parents of the above children/youth, while optional in the ritual, it is vitally important for the parents to be actively engaged.

**Parents: If your child has been baptized and is in public school, is at least 7 years old and hasn't received any formal catechesis, please contact Billie Burhite at [bburhite@stmatthewcr.org](mailto:bburhite@stmatthewcr.org) or 319-363-8269 to sign up for RCIA for Children. Classes will begin Sunday September 11th after 8 AM Mass in the Rosary Room.**

## 1 Week Away!

**RUN FOR PIE**

5K Run/Walk  
& Kids Run  
Sept 17, 9:00 am  
Lisbon, IA  
[RunForPie.com](http://RunForPie.com)

*Pie pops for all, whole pies for top three runners in each age group. Proceeds support Haiti sister parish of All Saints, St. John Mt. Vernon, Heart of Mary Cluster*



All 21-39 year olds are invited to join us at Parlor City on Thursday, September 15th at 6pm to hear from Dcn. Dave Harris on "The Power of Prayer" First drink is on us! Check out [facebook.com/CRTOT](https://facebook.com/CRTOT) for info!



**We are out of plastic bags** so please bring them by MCO or with donations to our Parish - if you want to double bag - even better! We need at least 2000 plastic bags a week to bag all the food that goes out of the pantry and another 35-55 for homeless snack bags.

Thank you for your support for Metro Catholic Outreach. All donations are appreciated and you can even donate from your car - call the office at 319-739-5490 when you arrive and we will come out to collect your donation. Volunteers at our main location (420 6th St SE) & our garden at Prairiewoods (120 Boyson Rd, Hiawatha) are always welcome. Email us at [info@metrocatholicoutreach.org](mailto:info@metrocatholicoutreach.org) to sign up.



### TUESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY

St. Matthew "Tuesday Morning Scripture Study" is back and will resume regular weekly meetings beginning September 27th in the Rosary Room from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Our program will feature the 10 part/week Lectio film/video series: "Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism." Learn what the Catholic Church teaches about Simon Peter – the Apostle Peter – as we encounter him in both the Scriptures and the Tradition of the Catholic Church. Was he just a poor fisherman? A bungling Disciple? Prince of the Apostles? First Pope? The Rock of the Church? Each session features a 30-40 minute video followed by a discussion.

St. Matthew parishioner, Glenn Janus, will be the course instruction/facilitator. **No registration, FREE admission and refreshments. Everyone is welcome!**

## Reading the Catechism

*in the St. Matt's bulletin*

*Join us in the bulletin every week as we read short sections of the Catholic Catechism together, to better understand what it means to be Catholic*

### Chapter 3: Man's Response to God

"Believing" is an ecclesial act. The Church's faith precedes, engenders, supports and nourishes our faith. The Church is the mother of all believers. "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother"

We believe all "that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed."

Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16).

"Faith is a foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come"

*-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 181-184*





Save the dates... 7-9:00pm  
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2022  
**"iMercy: The Divine Hotspot"**

*A parish mission directed by  
Fr. Bill Garrett, O.P.*

**Sunday - September 18** *"iMercy: The Father Blesses"*

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the unconditional love of the Father. Being a Christian means knowing your heavenly Father loves you not because you're good but because He is good. The evening concludes with an invitation to anyone, especially families (intact, broken, troubled, struggling, separated by distance, etc.), to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal. *Scripture for Reflection: Luke 12:29-32*

**Monday - September 19** *"iMercy: The Son Heals"*

Focuses on the remedy the Father provides for us in His Son Jesus who by His death on the Cross sets us free from sin, enables us to forgive and gives meaning to our suffering. The evening concludes with an invitation for those in need of healing (physical, emotional, spiritual) to adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. *Scripture for Reflection: John 19:25-27*

**Tuesday - September 20** *"iMercy: The Spirit Strengthens"*

Focuses on the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to live the Christian life and propels us to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. The evening concludes with a sending forth blessing utilizing a first class relic of St. John Paul II taken from his blood-soaked sash on the day he was shot in St. Peter's Square. *Scripture for Reflection: 2 Timothy 1:6-8*

*\*Each evening will be followed by fellowship & a light snack.  
This mission is suitable for children in 2nd grade and above.  
Please RSVP in advance for FREE toddler Childcare to:  
[mburhite@stmatthewcr.org](mailto:mburhite@stmatthewcr.org)*



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*Happy Anniversary!*

It's time to honor married couples for their long marriages. When you chat with your relatives and friends and they talk about how they survived World War II or what it was like to serve in the 1950s Korean War you should consider honoring them.

Please nominate that couple for the Longest Married Couple Project, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) starting today. Go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) longest married couple link to place your nomination or call 321-544-3440 or email [dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org](mailto:dick.diane.baumbach@wwme.org)

**FORMED**

PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 11, 2022

**DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
BY KIMBERLY HAHN**

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



**ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING**

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)." ©LPi

## 2nd on the 2nd Total August 2022

Thank you for your generosity.  
We collected **\$1774.54** for  
*Mary's Meals*

**Adult Giving Total for August 2022**  
**\$58,969.11**

\*Includes Sunday collections, ACH/Electronic Giving,  
and PayPal donations

**September 11th  
second collection  
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### AT OTHER PARISHES:

**Sept. 17 - Last Kolach Bake Until 2024** at St. Ludmilla, 211 21st Ave SW this year 7:30am –noon until sold out. No pre-orders. No limit per person. Drive through only.

**Sept. 18 - Annual 2022 Sacred Heart Fall Festival** this year will be Drive Through Take Out - 516 Rowley St, Walker, IA Serving from 11 am to 1 pm

**Sept. 25 - 100th Annual Goulash Days** at St. Wenceslaus. Stop by to listen to music, enjoy some food, and to socialize. Commemorative Raffle Tickets are available to pickup or purchase after all of the weekend Masses or at the parish office. Quilt Raffle Tickets can be purchased after all weekend Masses. One ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5!

**Oct. 2 - A Mass for Mental Illness Awareness** is scheduled for 2pm Sunday at St. Patrick Church, 500 First Ave. NW in Cedar Rapids. This Mass, held annually in Cedar Rapids, is an opportunity for individuals with mental illness, their families, caregivers, and providers to gather in faith to praise God for His presence among us in all situations.

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## A PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMMIGRATION

The Social Justice Committee of St. Ludmila Parish is sponsoring a special presentation on the topic of immigration. **Immigration: Challenges and Possibilities** will be held at **St. Ludmila on Monday, September 12, 6:30-8 pm in the Social Hall** (church, lower level.) The panel will feature representatives from Catherine McAuley Center and Iowa City Catholic Worker House as well as parishioners who will speak about their personal experiences as an immigrant or as a translator for immigrants. There is no cost to attend. All are invited to join us for this important discussion.



**Grandparents Day Mass** will be celebrated on September 16th at 1:00pm. This will take the place of the regular 8:00am Mass that Friday. Mass on Thursday September 15th will be at 8:00am and will not be a School Mass.

*If you would like to be a stand-in Grandparent for a student please contact the school at: 319-362-3021*

## ST. MATTHEW 100 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

### September 17-20, 2022

#### Parish Mission

We welcome Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P. who will be visiting us for a few days. Fr. Garrott is a very talented Dominican who will give the homilies and offer reflections each evening.

### November 7-17, 2022

#### Pilgrimage to Italy

Father Loecke and a group of St. Matthew parishioners will tour Venice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome.

### December 3, 2022

#### Centennial Mass

Archbishop Jackels will help us commemorate our centennial at 4:00 Mass.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, September 13**

5:30 P MASS

† Dorothy Duffy

6:00 P Eucharistic Adoration, until 7 PM

**Wednesday, September 14**

8:00 A MASS † Deceased members of the Curphey Family

6:00 P Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 15**

8:00 A MASS (Not a school Mass)

† Robert Haage

8:30 A Eucharistic Adoration, until 11:30 AM

7:00 P Men of Action (with Gary Smith)

**Friday, September 16**

8:00 A NO MASS

10:00 A Novak Funeral Mass

1:00 P Grandparent's Day Mass

† Rita Corrigan

**Saturday, September 17**

2:45 P Reconciliation

4:00 P MASS

† Steven O'Neal

**Sunday, September 18**

8:00 A MASS

† For the People of St. Matthew

10:30 A MASS

† Arlene Pennington

### Observances for the week of September 11, 2022

Sunday: Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday, September 12**

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 13**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday, September 14**

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Thursday, September 15**

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Friday, September 16**

1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 17**

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday, September 18**

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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