Mission Statement

St. Matthias Parish is committed to becoming a prayerful community by celebrating the Sacraments together, and supporting the parish and one another by sharing the time, talents and treasures God has given us. Through prayer and good works we will strive to grow in peace and unity with God and our community.

EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6
Through the resurrection of Jesus
God has redeemed us and made us his children.
   May God bless us with joy.
Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.
   May we inherit everlasting life.
By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.
May our lives be holy, so that we will be
   united with Jesus for ever.
May almighty God bless us,
source Creighton online ministries

Tending the Seed by Rev. Richard Gabuzda
Institute for Priestly Formation

Though the Easter season occurs at different times in the cycle of seasons according to our location on earth, here in the Midwestern United States it coincides with spring, the time of planting. The barren soil now receives seeds which, though now hidden, will become robust crops in a few short months.

St. Paul reminds us on this Easter Sunday that “our life is hidden with Christ in God.” Because of the gift of baptism, there is new life germinating within us, pointing us toward the future when we too “will appear with him in glory.” So sure is this future harvest that St. Paul urges us to “think and to “seek” what is above, to orient our sight there.

The farmer tending the seed with great care does so because he knows the outcome, the harvest. Even so, St. Paul, knowing that we live amid the incompleteness of our life’s journey, encourages us to contemplate what is to come. All this is not to distract us from life in the present, but to make sure that life has its proper focus and goal.

I once saw an inscription over the doorway of an elementary school which read: the hope of the harvest is in the seed. On this day of Resurrection, do I believe that the seed of future glory lies within me? How will I tend and care for the seed of faith which I have been given? How will I cherish the presence of Christ Jesus alive within me today?
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Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can’t wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don’t Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

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This is the Day the Lord Has Made! Psalm 118

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Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Verily, I have told you.”

-Mt 28:5b-7

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