

# Church of St. Matthew

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*He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.*

**August 2, 2020**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordered Time**

## **Liturgy Schedule**

### **Masses**

**In person 4:15 pm Saturday**  
**Streamed 10:15 am Sunday**

### **Reconciliation**

**2nd and 4th Saturday of the month**  
**following 4:15 pm Mass**

**Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the sick**  
**Please call the parish office for each**

**Prayer Line 651.457.0228**

## **Readings for the Week of August 2, 2020**

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God, Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our God from His faithful love for us. God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this reassurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Our Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

Let's look at the opening verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us. "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love He shows.

But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with them, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up.

What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.

- *The Catholic Steward*

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Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer Coordinator

## Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"  
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8**

### PARISH RECEPTIONIST

We are looking for someone to serve as receptionist in the Parish Center on **Monday afternoon from 1:00 pm – 4:00pm**. Duties are primarily greeting visitors and answering phones. If you enjoy helping others, please consider serving the parish through this position.

**I invite anyone who could help with this volunteer opportunity to contact me through the parish office or email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)**

Nearly 4 years ago our parish made the decision to become a **Volunteer Parish**. It has been through the generosity of our volunteers that we are able to exist. If you have ever considered other ways you felt you could volunteer, some way, other than what you have seen listed, please contact the Parish Center or [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).

THANK YOU!

**We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.**

**THANK YOU** to all who made it possible for the congregation to return to public Saturday Mass. Also as we continue to film that Mass for those who wish to attend the **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers Mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our Singer **Linda** and Cantor **John** who provided the beautiful music. To **Becky & Dave** who presented the readings. To our Eucharistic Ministers **Tom & Dave**. **Paul** our Server & **Ginny** our Sacristan. To our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. **A Special thanks to Sister Helen Marie Plourde SSND** who stepped in at the last minute to provide keyboard in place of Jill who was ill. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org Website/ Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

**THANK YOU** It is hard to believe that it has already been 2 years since the youth group from Iowa painted all the outside doors on our campus. During that time, the doors have suffered the extreme winter & summer weather. We thank **Greg** who noticed the damage being done and came down one day and touched up all the doors and stripping on the campus buildings!!

A perfect example of a parishioner seeing something that needed attention and volunteering!

**SUMMER IS HERE...TIME TO CAMP, GO TO THE LAKE, CAR TRIPS...**

While you are away at the lake, enjoying a camping trip or hiking in the hills, please remember Saint Matthew's never takes a vacation. We must keep working, paying the parish bills; to do this we depend upon your support.



Enjoy yourselves, have a wonderful time and please remember to send in your stewardship envelope before you go!! Make it simple, sign up for EFT payments, or use the PayPal QR Code below and you won't have to think about it again.

Wishing you a fun, safe and healthy summer.

**PARISH BULLETIN**

Linda Rivera continues to create and publish the bulletin every week. Both the bulletin and insert are available on the St. Matt's website [st-matts.org]. If you, or someone you know, does not have access to the website, please ask them to call the parish office: we will send it through USPS.

**WEEKDAY MASS AT SAINT MATTHEW'S**

Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday were suspended in March. The primary reasons were that the celebrant [Fr. Steve] was well into the "at risk" group and almost everyone who came to worship on those days was equally in the "at risk" group.

Nothing has changed for the celebrant nor those who worship. Until there is a change, or until there is an effective vaccine, there will not be any Masses on the weekdays.

We continue to apologize for this inconvenience. We hope that those who would like this daily Eucharist for their spiritual well-being are able to find it at a neighboring parish. John Riehle, Pastoral Administrator

***Saint Matthew's motto-to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.***

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS July 26, 2020**

**Volunteer Service**

Hours in prayer 28  
Hours in service 34

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**THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit in memory of Joy Austin August 15-August 22.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:lriviera@st-matts.org) if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to lite the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

**WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY**

The parish family of Saint Matthew's sends its' condolences to the family of **Virginia La Manna**. Mrs. La Manna died on July 19, 2020 and her Funeral Mass was on July 24, 2020 at Community of Saint Regional Catholic School Chapel. Mass was celebrated by Father Adrian and con-celebrated by Fr. Ken O'Hotto. Please remember Mrs. La Manna in your prayers. May she and all faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

**MASSES AND SACRAMENTS**

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the young people of our parish and Community of Saints who celebrated their First Communion this weekend. May they be blessed by the Lord Jesus who came to them sacramentally for the first time. We pray that they, and their families, will return to the altar regularly.

**CONFIRMATION**

There has been a change in the date for Confirmation. It will be celebrated at 10:15 am on Sunday, September 13. We will be honored to have Archbishop Hebda as the celebrant and presider at the sacrament. [This is **NOT** a public Mass; it is for those to be confirmed and their families.]

**COMMUNION TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND**

Pat, Nicki, and Dave have been bringing Communion to some parishioners who are not able to come to Mass. This ministry usually happens after the 4:15 pm Saturday Mass. It is a very simple ministry: read the gospel, give the highlights from Fr. Steve's homily; pray together the Lord's Prayer and then give the parishioner communion.

Would you be willing to bring communion to someone? Do you know someone who would like to have communion brought to them? Please contact me at the parish office. Thank you. John Riehle

**FOUNDATION EXPANDS SCHOLARSHIPS AMID COVID-19 CONCERNS**

The Aim Higher Foundation, which awards need-based scholarships to families who send their children to Catholic elementary schools, has an August 7 deadline for new applications or updates to families' projected income that were made in their spring applications.

To apply for grants for the 2020-2021 school year, families must apply online at [mytads.com](http://mytads.com). TADS is a Minneapolis-based company that helps schools determine families' eligibility for financial aid. Aim Higher and TADS offer support in Spanish, and will help families find the appropriate technology if they have no computer or internet access.

To learn more, visit the foundation's website, [AimHigherFoundation.org](http://AimHigherFoundation.org), or call or email Austin at 612-819-6711 and [raustin@aimhigherfoundation.org](mailto:raustin@aimhigherfoundation.org).

## Parish Leadership

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parishcouncil

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### Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed on Friday

### Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

### Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's*

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 1

4:15 pm Glenn & Jean Baumann†

### Sunday, August 2

10:15 am Our Parish

Raymond J. Galep†

### Monday, August 3

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, August 7

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, August 8

4:15 pm Alberto Alvarez†

### Sunday, August 9

10:15 am Our Parish

Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, August 1

1:30 Avila-Tovlin Quincenera

4:15 pm Mass with First Communion

### Sunday August 2

10:15 am Mass Streamed  
with First Communion

### Monday, August 3 - Friday August 7

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being  
Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

### Monday, August 3

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, August 3

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

### Wednesday, August 4

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

### Thursday, August 5

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

### Friday, August 6

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, August 8

4:15 pm Mass

Reconciliation following Mass

### Sunday August 9

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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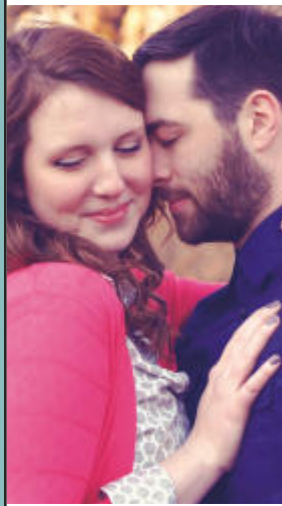
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