

# Church of St. Matthew

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*Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly and be killed and on the third day be raised.*

**August 30, 2020**

**Twenty-Second 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 30, 2020***

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/  
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,  
102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-  
13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21  
[12]/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
[1]/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40  
[39a]/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21  
[18]/Lk 6:1-5

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Let's be honest. If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this?

Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others — which is tough, but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

*Catholic Steward*

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## 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

Mary Leibl,  
Volunteer Coordinator

### PARISH RECEPTIONIST – ON CALL

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as "**On-Call**" Receptionists. Occasionally one of our regularly scheduled receptionists is unable to come into the office on their scheduled day. Would you be available to come in and take their place? 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)**

### THANK YOU!

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

**THANK YOU** to the **62 parishioners** who attended our Public Mass last Saturday. As we continue to film that Mass for those who wish to attend the **Sunday Mass online**, we thank 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 pianist **Jill** and our newest cantor **Kathy** who provided the beautiful music. To **Jeanne & Mooreen** who presented the readings. To our Eucharistic ministers **Dave & Tim**. We thank our sacristans **Ginny & Mary**. Thank you to our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. 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** Over the years, rain and melting snow have damaged the ceiling in the front vestibule. The new roof has eliminated the leaking problem. Recently two parishioners came forward and volunteered to repair and paint that ceiling. **Greg & Tim** patched holes left from an old light fixture. They then sanded the ceiling, sprayed discolored area with Kilz and painted the entire ceiling. When **Charley** saw them working, he volunteered to be their "runner" so they would not have to keep getting off the ladder to get tools and supplies. He then helped clean up and vacuum the vestibule. When you enter the church, "look up" and see how these volunteers have made our entrance more welcoming!

Nearly 3 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).

## News and Events

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

**BEFORE ATTENDING MASS, STOP, THINK, CONSIDER**  
While Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish, we want to have a safe environment for everyone. Before attending Mass, please consider the following questions and if you answer "yes", please do not attend Mass in person, but rather follow us on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you or any one you know been exposed to Covid-19?
2. Are you or any one you know experiencing any of the following symptoms you cannot attribute to another condition; fever, chills, new cough, new sore throat, new headache, new lose of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. **For everyone's safety and health masks are required.**

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL - NEXT WEEKEND

Each month there are envelopes in your stewardship packet to help support Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. **The envelope is due the first weekend each month (September 5/6).** It is our custom at St. Matthew's to have a second collection for our school, but since many of us are not attending Mass in person due to Covid-19, we ask that your please remember to send in your school support envelope each month. Thank you for supporting Community of Saints and Catholic education; and special thanks to those who support COS by using EFT [electronic giving].

### SOULCOLLAGE SUNDAY CIRCLES


**Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13, 2020, 1:30-4 p.m., Online Event**

These four casual afternoons (via Zoom) give participants the time, space and silence they need to create, reflect on their lives, and explore their own inner wisdom. Sessions include spiritual reflection, collage making and creative exercises. No previous experience is necessary. Please register at <http://www.benedictinecenter.org>. Cost is \$25 for an individual session or \$80 for all four.

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 30, 2020

#### Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 29  
Hours in service 28

Parish		School	
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,675	Rosary Dues	\$ 5
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,343	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 525</b>
Holyday	\$ 75	<b>Thank You!</b>	
PayPal	\$ 130	<b>PayPal QR Code</b> simply scan with your phone to make a electronic stewardship offering	
Funeral	\$ 450		
Fuel	\$ 50		
Bells	\$		
Masses	\$		
Food Shelf	\$		
Vigil Lights	\$ 23		
Sanctuary Lamps	\$		
Rent	\$		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,746</b>		
<b>Thank You!</b>			



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

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit in memory of **Dave Landsberger** August 29-September 5. Dave was a St. Matthew's School alumni class of 1964.

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.

### SACRAMENTS OF 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.]

### FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Families with students in grades 1-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2020-2021 school year. Before registering, review the COVID-19 safety precautions and changes being made to the program for this year. Contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr for the COVID-19 precautions and a registration form; email [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text 651-242-6004. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in 2021. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Classes run from September 16 through May 5.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

St. Matthew's Faith Formation program needs volunteers to teach students in younger grades and needs two volunteers at the front desk. Time commitment is Wednesday evenings from mid-September until early May. Due to COVID-19 and Centers for Disease Control guidelines, we are seeking volunteers between the ages of 16 and 64. Additionally, substitute teachers are needed, so if you can only volunteer occasionally, we could still use your help! To find out more, please email Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text 651-242-6004.

### GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION September 12/13, 2020

As you are aware, this collection is held annually on Good Friday. This year, due to the COVID -19 situation, Pope Francis has approved moving the collection for the Holy Land to September 12/13, 2020, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Your support is very important as the Holy Land is also struggling with this pandemic. This collection helps maintain holy places and shrines in the Holy Land, supports Catholic schools, provides charity for the poor, and funds pastoral and religious education in 29 Holy Land parishes. Also, in these times of crisis, the Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Parish Leadership

**All emails are @st-matts.org**

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
jdelvecchio

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Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kevinjack

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jillkilzer

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## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

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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 bulletin.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 29

4:15 pm Marge Brannan†  
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†

### Sunday, August 30

10:15 am Our Parish  
Ted DeGraw†

### Monday, August 31

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, September 4

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, September 5

4:15 pm Ronald G. Crawford†  
Virginia Koenen†

### Sunday, September 6

10:15 am Our Parish  
Marina T. Galep†  
Claudette Borgan†

## Calendar of Events

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass

### Sunday August 30

10:15 am Mass Streamed

### Monday, August 31 - Friday September 4

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

### Monday, August 31

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 1

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

### Wednesday, September 2

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

### Thursday, September 3

### Friday, September 4

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, September 5

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass

### Sunday September 6

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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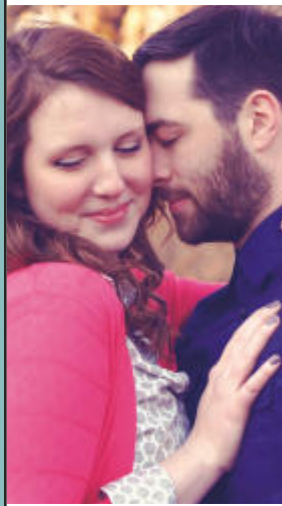
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