

Church of St. Matthew

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But when [Peter] saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me"

August 9, 2020
Nineteenth 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 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
[103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt
18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt
18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
[1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. *Day*: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-
56

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition of the simple fact that all we have is a gift from Him.

Today's readings illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully invite God to take charge of our lives by embracing the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all we have is a gift from Him. We lose trust in the Lord and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What a grand adventure he could have experienced walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

When we embrace the stewardship way of life — letting go of a tight hold over our money, time and talents — our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

- *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 – 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

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.

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 Pianist **Jill** & Cantor **Linda** who provided the beautiful music. To **Anthony, Lili and Mooreen** who proclaimed the readings. To our Eucharistic Ministers **Joanne, Jeanne & Ellen**. **Mary** our Sacristan. To our ushers **Tim & Tom** & doorman **Mike**. A Special thanks to **Janelle, Joanne & Lili** who prepared the **First Communicants** for their special day! 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 to **Marilyn Gonsowski** who has volunteered to serve as Parish Receptionist on Monday afternoons.

News and Events

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 Mass on our website.

1. In the past 14 days have you or any one 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.**

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

Summer life is in full swing, families are getting away to well deserved time at a cabin, on a road trip, perhaps camping in the woods. Life and business here at the St. Matthew's must carry on as usual; we depend on your stewardship to keep our parish vibrant for our generation and many more.



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.

REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT PRESENTATION BY ARCHBISHOP HEBDA AND BISHOP SVENNINGSEN Monday, August 31, 7-8:30 p.m., Online Presentation

The Church of St. Frances Cabrini invites all to its upcoming online presentation by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and Bishop Ann Svennungsen, Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA. The bishops will expand on their earlier joint statement, Resettlement Policy: Create a Welcoming Society, not more Barriers, for Refugees (*Star Tribune*, December, 2019). This presentation will challenge each of us to examine what is holding us back from creating a welcoming society for refugees and immigrants. To register for this free online live event, visit cabrinimn.org/tegeder-talk-signup.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 2, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 36
Hours in service 36

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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 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.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves we thank our parishioners who have supported the food shelf these last months with monetary donations.



Next weekend August 15-16 will be our regular collection for Neighborhood House. If you will be attending Saturday 4:15 pm Mass you may bring non-perishable food items or personal care items. If you are watching Mass via the website, please continue supporting our friends at Neighborhood House with a monetary donation. Mail your donation to 179 E. Robie St., St. Paul MN 55107. You can indicate you are a St. Matthew's parishioner if you wish to do so. With so many out of work the use of food shelves is higher than ever before. Thank you for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.

MASSES AND SACRAMENTS 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, Jane, Ginny 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
Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis.

The over sight of these postings will be the responsibility of the pastoral administrator or others in positions of authority as designated by the pastoral administrator. Those with such oversight will exercise good judgment in these matters, consistent with the church's social media policy.

The policy, in full, is available on the parish website: www.st-matts.org.

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

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

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jdelvecchio

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kevinjack

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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 8

4:15 pm Alberto Alvarez†

Sunday, August 9

10:15 am Our Parish
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members
Helen Leibl†

Monday, August 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, August 14

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, August 15

4:15 pm Arthur Geis†
Connie Fleming†
Mary Jane Sperl†

Sunday, August 16

10:15 am Our Parish
Rudy Saucedo, Jr.†

Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 8

4:15 pm Mass
Reconciliation following Mass

Sunday August 9

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, August 10 - Friday August 14

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

Monday, August 10

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

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

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

Thursday, August 13

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

Friday, August 14

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 15

4:15 pm Mass

Sunday August 16

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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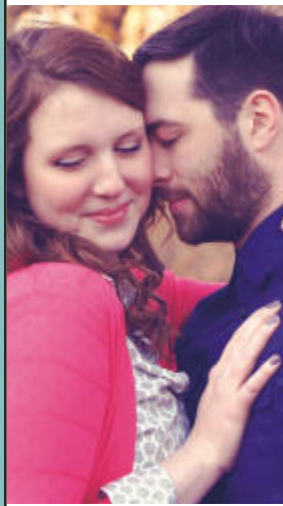
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