

# Church of St. Matthew

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*He found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, "Pay back what you owe."*

**September 13, 2020**  
**Twenty-fourth 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 September 13, 2020**

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions.

Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

*The Catholic Steward*

Cover art provided by Catholic Studies Program at St. Louis University : *He found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, "Pay back what you owe."*



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

### FAITH FORMATION

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. We are seeking volunteers at least 16 years of age. Additionally, substitute teachers are needed. Even if you could 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

### 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)**

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).

THANK YOU!

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

**THANK YOU** to all 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 **guest** pianist **Mary Ann Renner** from Guardian Angels Parish and our cantor **John** who provided the beautiful music. To **Miles and Anthony** who presented the readings. To our Eucharistic ministers **Mary & Paul**. 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**.

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## 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 loss of smell or taste, new muscle aches or new shortness of breath?
3. For everyone's safety and health masks are required.

### CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

1. The long-handled collection baskets that were ordered many months ago have arrived—finally. The ushers will take up the collections [both for the parish and special collections] at the usual times of the Mass. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Everyone coming will be asked to record their name and telephone number on a sign-in sheet. The only—but important—reason for this is the use of that information for contact tracing. [To date we have not had any cases of COVID-19 connected to attendance at Mass. There is no guarantee that our 'clean record' will continue.]

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 13, 2020

<b>Volunteer Service</b>	<i>Updated figures next week</i>		
Hours in prayer	<i>Because bulletin was prepared early</i>		
Hours in service			
<b>Parish</b>		<b>School</b>	\$ 0
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 0		
Electronic Giving	\$ 0	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
Holyday	\$ 0	<b>Thank You!</b>	
PayPal	\$ 0		
Funeral	\$ 0		
Fuel	\$ 0		
Bells	\$ 0	<b>PayPal QR Code</b>	
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Vigil Lights	\$ 0	phone to	
Sanctuary Lamps	\$ 0	make a	
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<b>Total</b>	\$		
<b>Thank You!</b>			



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

The Sanctuary lamp will be light September 12-19 in memory of **Carol Murphy**. May she rest in peace.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 13 in memory of **Arthur Minus**. May he rest in peace. The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 13 to celebrate **Ethan Andrew's** 22nd birthday. He is currently serving in the Army stationed in Kuwait.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:lriviera@st-matts.org) or 651.224.9793 by 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday 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.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS SUNDAY

We are honored to welcome Archbishop Hebda as the celebrant and presider at Mass and for the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation on 15 young people. [This is **NOT** a public Mass; it is for those to be confirmed and their families.]

Please pray for our candidates who have waited many months to celebrate their Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit fill them and guide them now and forever.

### 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.

### 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; if you will not be at Mass, consider mailing in your contribution.

### VOTING

This website can be very valuable: [MNVOTES.ORG](http://MNVOTES.ORG) On that website, you can do many things. Among them:

You can register to vote if you are not already registered  
You can apply for an absentee ballot; you do not have to have any qualifying reason

You can check the status of your ballot: has it been received, etc.

## Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian  
John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
jdelvecchio  
Scott Hertzog, Janitor  
Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kevinjack  
Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry  
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lrivera  
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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
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## Parish Pastoral Council

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### Members:

Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
Suzanne Clarke	Linda Sellars
Jerald Dosch	Joanne Smith
Jackie Lackner	Barbara Strom
Tiffany Rivera-Prescott	John Riehle, Ex Officio

## Finance Council Members

John DelVecchio	Joe Stevens
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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, September 12

4:15 pm Arthur Geis†  
David Andrews†  
John & Pearl Bejblik†

### Sunday, September 13

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

### Monday, September 14 Labor Day

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, September 18

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, September 19

4:15 pm Mary Jane Sperl†  
Art Fischer†

### Sunday, September 20

10:15 am Our Parish  
Arthur Minus†

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, September 12

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass with Collection for the Holy Land

### Sunday September 13

10:15 am Mass Streamed with Collection for the Holy Land  
4:15 pm Mass with Confirmation - Not a Public Mass

### Monday, September 14 - Friday September 18

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

### Monday, September 14

#### Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

### Tuesday, September 15

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

### Wednesday, September 16

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

### Thursday, September 17

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

### Friday, September 18

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, September 19

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
11:00 am Harmony GTCYS Social Hall  
4:15 pm Mass with Food Collection for Neighborhood House

### Sunday September 20

10:15 am Mass Streamed with Food Collection for Neighborhood House

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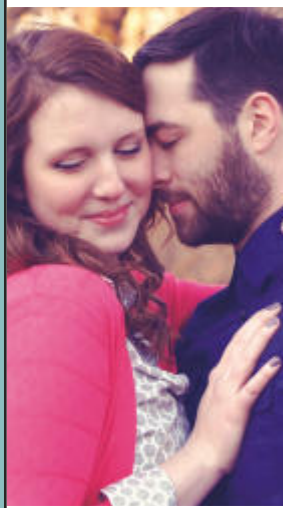
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