



# Church of St. Matthew

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*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.*

**May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## **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 May 2, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

— *Stewardship Reflections & Cover Art by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*  
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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

**COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND do you have family, neighbors or friends who are unable to attend Mass?** If you would like to take communion to them in their homes, call the Parish Center or see a sacristan before mass. If you do not have a pyx one will be provided.

**PROJECT SLIDE DECK during filming of Saturday 4:15 pm Mass:** Need a 2nd volunteer to project, by use of an iPad, a prepared slide deck, containing the words to prayers & songs. These slides appear on the screen during airing of Sunday 10:15 am streamed Mass. An iPad is available. Training will be provided. If you know of someone who enjoys working with computers, please share this opportunity with them. It is preferable that more than one person would be available to take part in this ministry.

**If you are interested in, or if you have questions, about these ministries email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org). Or contact the Parish Center during office hours [or leave a message after regular hours].**

**THANK YOU** to the **123 parishioners** who attended the in-person mass last Saturday. To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **John**. Lector **Mooreen**, Eucharistic ministers **Kathy, Tim & Mary**, Ushers **Tom, Tim, Greg & Doris**. Sacristan **Mary**, server Paul, and slide operator **Ginny**. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line!

**WE THANK** those who brought the Eucharist from Mass to parishioners or to their family & friends. **Ann, Ginny, Tim, Delfina, Sue, & Dave**.

**THANK YOU** to **John Riehle!** John is a “Son of St. Matthew parish!” A graduate of the parish school. The School Sisters of Notre Dame impressed on their students the importance of “Giving Back” to one’s parish. As a parish we are fortunate that John learned this lesson well! He has returned multiple times to serve as our parish administrator! He has helped to negotiate a new roof for the church, tenants for our school building and guided us through all the guidelines to deal with Covid-19. John worked with Alan to make it possible to “stream” Masses to all unable to attend. He will no doubt continue to watch these Masses and perhaps send emails with personal suggestions! We hope so. No matter where life takes him, he will always be a part of St. Matthew’s parish. He has helped to make the parish who we are today! So, we return to our roots and say to him – Auf Wiedersehen, Viel Glück! (Goodbye & Good Luck!)

## News and Events

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

**Even though many members of our parish may have received both vaccination shots, Covid-19 is still here!!** We still need to take precautions. It's common sense and it's the state law. Please consider the following things before coming to Mass, for your sake and the sake of your fellow parishioners too. Thank you.

Saint Matthew welcomes all to our parish. At the same time, we pledge to keep 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 been exposed to Covid-19 or been in contact with someone who has been exposed?
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; distance is requested; and signing in for contact tracing is necessary.**

### **CHANGES FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE**

1. The long-handled collection baskets will be used for the regular and any special collections. There will NOT be a basket near the entrance.
2. Please follow these guidelines for communion reception.
  - A. Use personal sanitizer [that you brought]
  - B. Come forward with your mask in place.
  - C. Keep distance as you come forward.
  - D. Keep your left hand as flat as possible.
  - E. Accept the host from the person distributing; take 2 or 3 steps to the side; move your mask up or down; communicate yourself; replace your mask and return to your place. Thank you.

**TO REPEAT: Keep your mask in place for the entire time; keep distance from those in other households!!**

### **WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS April 25, 2021**

<b>Volunteer Service</b>	Hours in prayer 31	Hours in service 54
<b>Parish</b>	<b>School</b>	\$ 400
Envelopes/Cash		\$
Electronic Giving		\$
PayPal		\$ 100
Fuel		\$
Masses/Memorials		\$
Rent		\$
Vigil Lights		\$ 30
Funeral		\$
Bells/ Lamp		\$
Miscellaneous		\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,146</b>

**Thank You!**



**THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**  
The sanctuary lamp will be lit May 1 - May 7  
memory of **Jim Pirkel**.

**The Bells of Saint Matthew** will ring on Saturday, May 1st in remembrance of the 73rd wedding anniversary of **John and Mary Jane Sperl**.

Contact Linda Rivera at [Iriviera@st-matts.org](mailto:Iriviera@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 light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### **NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

We will be writing the new Ministry schedule the week of May 9th. This schedule will begin Saturday, June 5th and run through Saturday, September 4th. Please let us know by **Monday, May. 10th** as to what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthews Parish!

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Please note this important information regarding Covid-19 measures at practices and during Masses.**

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, meaning everyone will wear a mask inside and we will keep physical distance from those who do not live in our household.

### **Faith Formation Final Classes**

May 5 will be our last regular session. Students and families should attend together that evening of May 5, and all of us will be in the church. Please arrive by 6:45 pm on May 5.

### **First Communion Practice**

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students planning to receive First Communion in mid-May should come to First Communion practice on Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in St Matthew Church. At least one parent or responsible adult must attend with the child. This is a required practice for all families. Questions? Contact Janelle Rohr, [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or 651-242-6004.

### **FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION**

**Sunday, May 2, 1:15 p.m. from the State Capitol to Cathedral of Saint Paul**

Please join Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda for the May Family Rosary Procession. The gathering at the Capitol will begin at 1:15 p.m. and the procession will begin at 2 p.m. For more information visit [minnesotarosaryprocessions.org](http://minnesotarosaryprocessions.org).



### **PAYPAL OR ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Have you given any thought to using the PayPal app? Or perhaps signing up to give electronically? Both are easy to use and the funds go directly to the parish. With electronic giving one hundred percent of your giving comes to us; with PayPal there is a fee and we receive a portion of your giving.

No matter your giving method, we are heart fully gratefully to each and everyone who supports our parish. Thank you!

## Parish Leadership

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

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
Jdelvecchio

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator  
pgrant

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kjack

Jill Kitzer, Music Ministry  
jillkitzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
bklein

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
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## Parish Pastoral Council

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### 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*

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 1

4:15 pm Our Parish  
George Lackner†  
Bruce David†  
Patricia Szalapski†

### Sunday, May 2

10:15 am Confirmation Mass  
Confirmandi and their families  
10:15. am Mass Streamed

### Monday, May 3

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, May 4

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, May 8

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Connie Alvarez†  
Arthur Geis†  
Jeanne Lordi†  
Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, May 1

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
10:00 am GTCYS - School Building  
4:15 pm Mass (in person) 2nd Collection for Community for  
Community of Saint Regional Catholic School

### Sunday, May 2

10:15 am Confirmation Mass ( For Confirmation families)  
10:15 am Streamed

### Monday, May 3- Friday, May 2

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes

**Meals Are Being served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

### Monday, May 3

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

### Tuesday, May 4

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

### Wednesday, May 5

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
6:45 pm - Faith Formation **all students** & families meet in  
church

### Thursday, May 6

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

### Friday, May 7

Parish Office closed

### Saturday, May 8

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
10:00 am GTCYS - School Building  
4:15 pm Mass (in person)

### Sunday, May 9

10:15 am Streamed

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