

Church of St. Matthew

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May 9, 2021
Sixth 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 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

"Welcome to St. Matt's. We're glad you're here."

I've lost track of how many times I've heard those words since I began as your new Pastoral Administrator. Those words exemplify the spirit of hospitality I've seen at St. Matt's. Everyone I've met has made me feel welcome. Thank you!

As you may know, John Riehle has retired. I'm grateful to him for showing me the ropes for a couple of weeks, and I wish him all the best.

Now, I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks and months. I'm eager to learn more about our parish, build on our strengths, and work together to meet our challenges.

A bit about myself. I previously served as parish administrator at The Church of St. Patrick in Edina. Before that, I was an administrator and teacher in Catholic, public and private schools. My wife Maria and I live in Waconia, and we are planning to sell our house and move soon. Our daughter Beatrice is finishing her first year at Vanderbilt University.

Feel free to call, email, or stop by and say hello if you'd like. I have a lot to learn, and I'm counting on you to help.

St. Matt's, I'm glad to be here!

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



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. Or contact the Parish Center during office hours [or leave a message after regular hours].

THANK YOU to the **84 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. To **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Linda** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**. Lectors **Joe & Mary**, Eucharistic ministers **Jerald & Tom**, ushers **Tom, Tim, James & Doris**. Sacristan **Mary**, 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, Debbie & Jim.**

CONGRATULATIONS to the **17** young members of our parish who were Confirmed last Sunday!
THANK YOU to the **190** family members and guests who attended the Confirmation Mass.

THANK YOU to **Fr. Biju Mathew** our Parochial Administer who was the Minister of Confirmation. To our Sacramental Minister, **Fr. Steve Adrian** who assisted. To pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**. To **Janelle** our Faith Formation Director and to **Dave** the confirmation catechist. To server **Paul** and sacristans **Joanne & Ginny**.

THANK YOU to Confirmation candidate **Christian Hozza and family**, who volunteered to put up and take down the amber perimeter lights for Confirmation weekend.

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!

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 May 9, 2021

Volunteer Service	Hours in prayer	61	Hours in service	58
Parish	School		\$ 298	
Envelopes/Cash		\$ 3,555		
Electronic Giving		\$ 1,045		
PayPal		\$ 25		
Fuel		\$ 110		
Masses/Memorials		\$		
Rent		\$ 4,400		
Vigil Lights		\$ 33		
Holy Day		\$ 20		
Bells/ Lamp		\$ 44		
Miscellaneous		\$ 83		
	Total		\$ 298	

Total **\$ 9,315**
Thank You!

Total **\$ 298**
Thank You!

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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The sanctuary lamp will be lit May 8 - May 15 in memory of **Mary Jane Sperl**.

Contact Linda Rivera at 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 light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Wishing a happy Mothers Day to all mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers and all women who serve as mothers in our lives. Thank you for all you do everyday for our families. God's blessings to you.



SING A NEW SONG ONTO THE LORD!

As Covid-19 restrictions are relaxing a bit, we are again going to sing during Mass! However, we will continue to wear our masks and continue to safe distance within our own household for the time being. **MASK ON WHILE SINGING.**

Let's all raise our voice to the Lord, it has been a long time since we have been able to do so!

CONFIRMATION 2021

Father Biju Mathew along Father Steve Adrian confirmed our seventeen students from Saint Matthew Faith Formation and Community of Saints Region Catholic School on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

These students have been preparing for many years for this momentous occasion which was proudly seen by their parents, siblings, sponsors and grandparents.

We congratulate each and everyone, parents, grandparents and sponsors who helped to teach and encourage their child to commit to seeing this tough year through. God's blessings to everyone.

Thank you to Janelle Rohr our Faith Formation Director, Dave Sunday, confirmation teacher, and all of our Faith Formation teachers who have seen Faith Formation through the ups and downs of teaching through Covid-19. They all have been wonderful dedicated leaders.

Our proud Confirmants are:

Jesus Antonio Abarca Tapia
Angela Abla Barranco
Doryan Acosta Palmeros
Erika Danielle Brandt
Cecilia Bungue-Jones
Antonia Cruz
Andrea Cuenca Medina
Brooklyn Garcia
Frank Herman, Jr.
Ricky Hernandez, III
Christian Paul Hozza
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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 8

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

Sunday, May 9

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, May 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, May 11

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 15

4:15 pm Our Parish
Eva Alvarez†
Thekla Simmons†
Helen & John Leibl†

Sunday, May 16

10:15 am Steamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 8

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
10:00 am GTCYS - School Building
1:00 pm Grant Quinceanera
4:15 pm Mass (in person)
Reconciliation after Mass

Sunday, May 9

10:15 am Streamed

Monday, May 10- Friday, May 14

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

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

Monday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Men's Club Meeting Social Hall

Thursday, May 13

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

Friday, May 14

Parish Office closed

Saturday, May 15

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

Sunday, May 16

10:15 am **First Holy Communion**
10:15 am Streamed
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Piano Recital Church

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