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Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

May 23, 2021
The Feast of Pentecost

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 23, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36 1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Reflection From Father Steve

Next weekend, the last weekend of May is Memorial Weekend – the unofficial beginning of summer – a day long awaited in this “pandemic year”.

Memorial Day is primarily meant to honor those who have given their lives in military service for the defense of our country.

This year it might be good to also remember those 3,400,000 people worldwide who have perished in this epidemic, and the 600,000 of our citizens who have died.

At Sunday Mass on Memorial Weekend we will remember those who have died in battle and well as those who have died from COVID-19. Mass at 4:15 pm Saturday in person and on Sunday at 10:15 virtually.

It is part of our Church history that people gathered to remember those who have died in pandemics, e.g. The Spanish Flu, The Black Death, etc.

We have lost parish members and neighbors to this pandemic, people who were friends and family. It is fitting to remember them.

Father Steve Adrian



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Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

“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.

STRAWBERRY CLEANING for several years, members of our parish would gather to clean strawberries for the owner of a booth at the State Fair. We would begin the day before the fair opened and our last day would be the Sunday before Labor Day. Some came every day, some just weekends and others came whenever they could. It was fun and profitable! Last year COVID-19 brought this experience to an end. The governor has stated that there will be a State Fair this summer!! In past years we have earned over \$5000 for a few hours work each day. The more who volunteer the faster the job is completed each day. If our friends from the Strawberry Booth can re-open this year and you would like to help our parish earn some needed income, please email me at mleibl@st-matts.org. You may also call the Parish Center and leave your name and phone number or email address with the receptionist or on the answering machine.

We need to know approximately, how many people may be available to help. If there are not enough volunteer prospects, we will not be able to accept the job!

THANK YOU to the 281 parishioners who attended the in-person First Communion Masses last Saturday & Sunday. To Fr. Adrian who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To Andy & Linda who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist Jill & cantor Andy. Lectors Ellen, Lily & J Acosta-Palmeros, Eucharistic ministers Kathy, Josie, Tim, Ginny, Joanne & Dave. Ushers Tom, Tim, James & Doris. Sacristans Mary, Ginny & Joanne and. Thank you to Alan, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line.

Congratulations to the Children of our parish who celebrated their First Communion last Saturday. & Sunday. **THANK YOU** to Faith Formation Director Janelle, who oversees and plans all the details for these special celebrations for the children of our parish. To Teachers Lily & Joanne who prepared the children to receive their First Communion. Finally, to the Parents who help to strengthen their children's faith and will devotedly bring them to receive the sacrament.

News and Events

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

For St. Matthew's Covid-19 Mass attendance protocol please visit our website.

MASK CONFUSION!!

The news is full of information regarding the wearing or not wearing of masks indoors and out of doors. To make it simple for our parishioners; **we are in the City of Saint Paul, the City of Saint Paul says wear a mask indoors.**

We will keep you updated as the City of Saint Paul and the Archdiocese gives further directions.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following children received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 15, 2021:

Alfredo Abarca Tapia	Jason Juarez Pereyra
Gus Bungue-Jones	Mely Juarez Pereyra
Andres Mancera Coronado	Niko Schneider

Receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 16, 2021:

Jose Acosta Palmeros	Tiana Galvan
Maxwell Anderson	Rebecca Luckjohn
Samuel Anderson	Gianna Larocque Mahto
Lucia Cossetta Humanzor	Ciara Yanez
Kaiden Blu Decena	Joaquin Yanez

Both days were well attended by the children's parents, siblings and other family members.

These little children are welcomed back to the Lord's Table often, First Communion is another step in the Catholic faith journey.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 24, the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church for the **living & deceased Rosary/CCW** members. The Bells will ring on May 25th in memory of the 11th anniversary of Jerry Schillinger's death.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit May 22 - May 29 in memory of **Wallace Borgan, Sr.**

Contact Linda Rivera at Irivera@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.

SING A NEW SONG ONTO THE LORD!

Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, a worship aid will be available at each Mass. You will find the lyrics for songs we sing together in worship; songs of praise and thanksgiving! It will be wonderful to hear your voices once again! Do join in the singing and spoken responses (masks in place, of course)!

A special THANK YOU to our cantors who have added so much to our worship services during these many months of pandemic: **Linda, John, Kathy, Jeanne, and Andy.** As we return to assembly singing, St. Matthews Music Ministry is looking for more singers, cantors, guitarists, keyboardists, string players, wind instrument players.

Even if becoming more active in St. Matthew Music Ministry isn't for you at this time, DO return to lifting your voices and your hearts in song at Mass. When you sing, you are affirming what is taking place during the service; you are participating more fully and becoming more at "one" with each other as we approach the Table of the Lord.

Jill Kilzer, Director of Music and Liturgy. jillkilzer@st-matts.org

IN SYMPATHY

The parish community of Saint Matthew's extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Anita Mahler**. Mrs. Mahler died on May 11, 2021. Her funeral Mass was on May 18th.

Many teachers, staff and alumni from Archbishop Brady High School will remember Mrs. Mahler who worked at the school for many years.

May she and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

PARISH COUNCIL OPENING


This week is Pentecost, this is also traditionally the weekend elect new Parish Council Members.

This year two of our Council Members are retiring, thus leaving two seats open. We are asking you, our parishioners to give prayerful consideration to serving on the Council. Each term is three years.

If you are new to the parish, new to the area or have never served on the Council we would love to have you serve as a new member. OR if you served on the Council years ago and would like to serve again we would be pleased have you back again. **Come be a part of your church decision, planning and process making Council.**

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS May 16, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 23 Hours in service 39

Parish		School	\$ 50
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Holy Day	\$ 245		
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Bells/ Lamp	\$		
Men's Club	\$ 1,326		
Donation			
Misc. Donations	\$ 2,100		
Total	\$ <u>7,421</u>		

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
Jdelvecchio

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pgrant

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kjack

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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, May 22 Pentecost Sunday Celebrated

4:15 pm Our Parish
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr. †
Jim Pirkl †

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, May 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, May 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 29 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Celebrated

4:15 pm Our Parish
Thekla Simmons †
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members †

Sunday, May 30 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 22

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

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

10:15 am Streamed

Monday, May 24 - Friday, 28

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

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

Monday, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

Thursday, May 27

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
4:30 pm Finance Meeting Hybrid
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Hybrid
7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, May 28

Parish Office closed

Saturday, May 29

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

Sunday, May 30

10:15 am Streamed

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