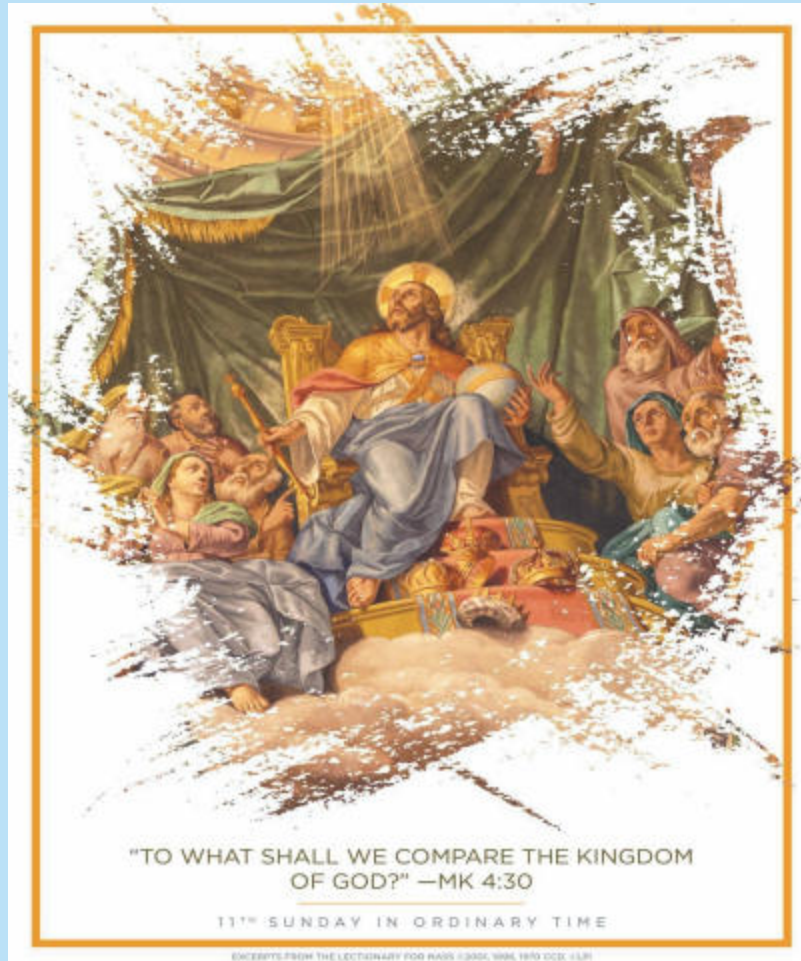


# Church of St. Matthew

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**June 13, 2021**  
**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary 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 June 13, 2021**

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

## Reflection From Father Steve

Two weeks ago I penned an open letter to graduates. Today I have a message for grade and high school students on summer vacation.

The past school year has been a difficult time for you and teachers, as well as parents and other family members. You deserve a time of rest and relaxation. You deserve a lot of time to spend with your friends – missing friends was one of the saddest parts of the pandemic.

You are on vacation from school; you are not on vacation from God! Among all the things you want to do this summer make sure that one of them is to participate at Mass and receive Holy Communion, if you can.

It has been a long time for some of you since you have had the honor of receiving Holy Communion. This Sacrament brings us into an immediate and physical contact with Jesus; this Sacrament over time causes a deep bond, a strong relationship, between you and Jesus.

If you are unable to attend Sunday Mass I urge you to take some time to pray on your own. Sometimes young people ask me how I think they should pray, they don't want to use the regular prayers.

Many years ago a sixth-grader from Connecticut asked that question in a letter to the hermit, Thomas Merton. He wrote back to her:

"I suggest that sometimes you be quiet and think how good a thing it is that you are loved by God, who is infinite and wants you to be supremely happy and who is in fact going to make you supremely happy."

This simple kind of prayer does not need words. It does mean that I find a quiet place and be quiet myself – quiet inside as well as outside. Just sit there, eyes closed, think about the so many ways God shows you how much He loves you, how He is always with you, always by your side. Think about how He makes sure that you are never left alone, never rejected, never abandoned. Just continue like that for a little bit of time – maybe five minutes. Then open your eyes and thank God.

This is a simple and wonderful way to pray and you can do it anytime you find a quiet place.

Father Steve Adrian

## 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.

### MUSICIANS

St Matthews Music Ministry is looking for more singers, cantors, guitarists, keyboardists, string players, wind instrument players. **Contact Jill Kilzer, Director of Music and Liturgy [jillkilzer@st-matts.org](mailto:jillkilzer@st-matts.org).**

### 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.

**Our friends from the Strawberry Booth have informed us that they will have the Strawberry & Cream booth at the fair this year!**

If you would like to help our parish earn some needed income, sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the church. You may also email me at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org). Or call the Parish Center and leave your name and phone number or email address, with the receptionist or on the answering machine. **We would like to know approximately how many people may be available to help.** The work is easy, and the socializing is fun! Come and join us for "**The Great St. Matthew's Get-Together**"!

### THANK YOU

To the **74 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass Saturday. **Thank You to Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Linda** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **MA Renner** & cantor **Linda**. Lector **Jeanne**, Eucharistic ministers **Mary, Tom & Tim**. 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.

**THANK YOU** - to the **35+ parishioners** who have already volunteered to help with the **strawberry cleaning!** There is still plenty of room in the Social Hall for more helpers!

*We are a volunteer parish!*

## News and Events

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

### NEW MASS-COVID-19 INFORMATION

If you have been fully vaccinated you no longer need to wear a mask while attending Mass at the Church of Saint Matthew.

**NOT fully vaccinated or not vaccinated at all?** You are still required to wear a mask during Mass. You may remove it for the time it takes to receive the Blessed Sacrament at Communion.

As long as Minnesota is still experiencing Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations, we will continue to contract trace as you enter the church. Additionally we will continue to have our seating social distanced.

Vaccinated, not vaccinated? You can continue to wear your mask at Mass if you feel more comfortable doing so.

### SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

The temperature is hot, hot, school is out for the summer and it's time to head out for that long awaited vacation.




We have been in the house too long, and a nice vacation at a lakeside cabin, maybe a trip to the Dells or just away to visit family and friends is just what you need.

Saint Matthew's Church depends on your support to keep our parish going and especially in the summer months when Mass attendance has the lowest numbers.

Please remember to send in your stewardship envelope when you are away. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Have a safe and happy summer.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 6, 2021	
<b>Volunteer Service</b>	Hours in prayer 28 Hours in service 50
<b>Parish</b>	<b>School</b>
Envelopes/Cash \$ 4,051	Food Shelf \$ 389
Electronic Giving \$ 1,690	Homily Books \$ 110
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Vigil Lights \$ 17	simply scan with your
Holy Day \$	phone to make an electronic
Bells/ Lamp \$	
Funeral \$	
Misc. Donations \$ 3,020	
<b>Total \$ 8,879</b>	



**THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**  
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit June 12 - June 19 in Memory of **Dr. Bev Schuler, Richard Hebert, Dale & Juliene Miller, Marie Caflich, Ron & Lou Finnegan.**

The Bells of Saint Matthew **will ring on June 18th** in remembrance of **Parky Rodriguez's** 87th birthday. May He rest in God's peace and love.

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 light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory or event.

### MASS DISPENSATION - ENDING SOON

There are two pieces of information in today's bulletin; one from Archbishop Hebda, the other from the Minnesota Bishops.

Please read them both, they outline the end to Mass Dispensation...our dispensation for the past 15 months to attend Mass in person. Our obligation to return to Mass begins in July 3-4.

### THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Next Saturday, June 19th will be our regular collection for the food shelf at Neighborhood House.



Non-perishable foods and personal care items are needed..

Many folks are still coping with unemployment or reduced working hours. Food shelves help to fill a vital need for these struggling families.

We collected 125 pounds of food and personal items on May 15th. Please be as generous as you are able.

Thank you for feeding our friends and neighbors.

### GLUTEN FREE HOSTS are now available!

If you need a Gluten Free Host for Holy Communion, please see a sacristan before Mass. The sacristan will place the Gluten Free host onto the altar for consecration and explain to you the procedure for receiving that host

### ARCHBISHOP BRADY 50TH REUNION

Archbishop Brady High School Class of 1971 will celebrate their 50th Reunion at Mendakota Country Club on September 23, 2021. Please email [dianeweegmancarlson@gmail.com](mailto:dianeweegmancarlson@gmail.com) if you did not receive an invitation and would like more details.

### PRAY FOR THE SYNOD

**Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m. at St. Pius V, 410 Colvill St. W., Cannon Falls**

All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month between now and Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese will host a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for the first daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer at St. Pius V in Cannon Falls!

## 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  
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Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
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Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator  
Mleibl

Rev. Biju Mathew, Parochial Administrator  
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Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary  
lrivera

Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation  
jdrohr@pro-ns.net

Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
Kthompson

## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Chris Avalos	Tiffany Rivera-Prescott
Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
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Jerald Dosch	Joanne Smith
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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, June 12

4:15 pm Our Parish  
John Leibl†  
Jim Pirkel†  
Parky Rodriguez†

### Sunday, June 13

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, June 14

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, June 16

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, June 18

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, June 19

4:15 pm Our Parish  
David Andrews†  
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr†  
Thekla Simmons†  
Alice Scaramuzzo†

### Sunday, June 20

10:15 am Streamed Mass

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, June 12 The Immaculate Heard of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Sunday, June 13

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, June 14 - Friday, June 18

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

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

### Monday, June 14

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

### Tuesday, June 15

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

### Wednesday, June 16

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

### Thursday, June 17

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

### Friday, June 18

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, June 19

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

### Sunday, June 20 Father's Day

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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