

Church of St. Matthew

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A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat

June 13, 2021

The Twelfth 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 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/ Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Reflection From Father Steve

On March 22nd of last year churches in the State of Minnesota were closed to worshippers in an effort to stall off the growing COVID pandemic. A dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass was granted.

At Saint Matthew's this was the first Sunday we provided a recording of the Saturday evening Mass to be streamed on Sunday morning.

In May of 2020 the bishops of the State permitted public Mass with the provision that social distancing and mask wearing were observed. In addition, on entering the church everyone was to sign in for tracking purposes.

Now, with vaccinations available and most people already taking advantage, the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota have reinstated the Sunday Mass obligation beginning July 1st. **If you have not received the vaccine** and you plan to participate in person for Mass, please wear a mask and retain some distance.

The bishops said that while the general dispensation of the Sunday obligation has been lifted, "the Church recognizes circumstances can excuse a person from the Sunday obligation".

Among those circumstances:

You have reason to believe that your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (meaning, you have underlying conditions or are in a high risk category).

You exhibit flu-like symptoms.

You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (for example, you were in recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID or influenza).

You care for the sick, homebound or infirm.

You are pregnant or you are over 65 years of age (CDC recommendation for high-risk individuals).

You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own.

You have fear or anxiety of becoming ill by attending Mass. If any of these conditions apply you are under no obligation to participate in person at Mass. I strongly ask you to stay home if any of these conditions apply.

Currently you are urged to gather with your parish at 4:15 pm on Saturday afternoon. The re-establishment of the 10:15 am Sunday Mass will take place later. Streaming will still be available at 10:15 on Sunday morning.

The return to full participation has been longed for with great anticipation, and now, thank God, the opportunity is here.

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.**

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 State Fair Organization has announced that there will be a 12-day fair this year! **Our friends from the Strawberry Booth have informed us that they will have the Strawberry & Cream booth at the fair this year!** 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. We will begin cleaning strawberries at 8:00 am Wednesday, August 25th and every morning through Sunday, September 5th.

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. 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. Matthews Get-Together!**"

THANK YOU: To the **131 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. **Thank You to Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Ginny** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Kathy**. Lecturer **Kathy**, Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Ann & Joe**. Ushers **Tom, Tim & Doris**. Server **Paul**, 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? (1)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. **(2)There is no Communion on the tongue or wine from the cup at this time.**

(3) As long as Minnesota is still experiencing Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations, we will continue to contact trace as you enter the church. **(4)**Additionally we will continue to have our seating social distanced. Cloth kneeler chairs have been put back in place.

(5) Hand sanitizer is now self-dispensed.

(6) Enter Mass thru the main entrance, you may exit Mass by the main or Robie St. entrance.

(7) Song Books are again being used.

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

SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

Summer is under way and everyone's off to enjoy Minnesota's short respite from the cold.



We hope you will take advantage of the amazing weather and enjoy some time outside camping, at a northern resort or cabin and have fun family time.

Thank you to all who have remembered to send in their stewardship envelopes while they are away. We encourage all our members to do the same. We depend on stewardship to care for our parish's everyday needs.

Have a safe and happy summer.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 12, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 15 Hours in service 60

Parish		School	\$ 80
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 7,744	Homily Books	\$ 60
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		
PayPal	\$ 100	Total	\$ 140
Fuel	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 30		
Rent	\$ 900	PayPal QR Code	
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Holy Day	\$	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 34		
Funeral	\$ 450		
Misc. Donations	\$		
Total	\$ 9,553		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit June 19 - June 26 in Memory of **Victor Mercado, Sr.**

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.

VERY LOW GLUTEN HOSTS are now available!

Eucharist Hosts available for those who need to avoid gluten: If you or a family member would like to receive communion but cannot have the usual communion host, Saint Matthew has very-low-gluten hosts available. When you arrive for Mass, tell the sacristan in the back of church that you would like the very-low-gluten host. The sacristan will place the host on the altar so it will be consecrated and will explain to you or your family member the procedure for receiving communion.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome the newest members of parish, **Lillyana Satar, Sabastian Satar and Elianese Satar.** All were baptized by Father Stephen Adrian on Saturday, June 11, 2021.



God's blessings upon these little children and their parents. Come join us at Mass often!

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 if you did not receive an invitation and would like more details.

ROSARY/CCW NEWS

The women are excited to start planning for a return to "normal". Our compassionate ministry of funeral luncheons will be available to our community after Labor Day. So we extend an invitation to male and female adults wishing to be available for serving the meals. Leave your name at the parish office. Our monthly meetings will begin on September 13th in a new location. We will meet in the sunny lower room of the parish center. Another invitation is extended to any woman that enjoys serving and socializing. Again please leave your name at the parish office and we will be eager to talk to you.....



Happy Father's Day to Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and all the men who represent "Dad" in our lives.

Thank your Dad today for all things he does each day for you and all things he has done in the past.

We also remember all the Dads no longer with us, may they rest in God's eternal peace and love.

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

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Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable
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Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation
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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee
Kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

Members:

Chris Avalos	Tiffany Rivera-Prescott
Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
Suzanne Clarke	Linda Sellars
Jerald Dosch	Joanne Smith
Anthony Minus	Phil Grant, Ex Officio

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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 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

Monday, June 21

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, June 23

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, June 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, June 26

4:15 pm Our Parish
Jim Pirk†
Bruce Davis†
Leodigonio Soiano†
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members†

Sunday, June 27

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25

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

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

Monday, June 21

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

Tuesday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

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

Friday, June 25

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 26

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

Sunday, June 27

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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