

# Church of St. Matthew

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JESUS SUMMONED  
THE TWELVE  
AND BEGAN TO  
SEND THEM OUT  
TWO BY TWO.  
- MK 6:7

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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**July 11, 2021**

**The Fifteenth 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 July 11, 2021***

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14  
or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—  
11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt  
11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt  
11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/  
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18  
[13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt  
12:14-21

## Reflection from Steve

I had the opportunity to visit briefly with two young people a few days ago – the boy is entering sophomore year in high school, the girl will enter middle school in September.

I asked both of them what their summer was like, what they were looking forward to in the new school year and how the past year (the pandemic) affected them?

They were more than willing to talk. The girl was more talkative than the boy; she couldn't talk fast enough to get out all the words she had to say. The boy was more thoughtful and more deliberate in what he had to say.

This seems like a "so what" event.

Yet I really tried to be present to them for the half hour and listen; listened not only to the words but also what their tone and expression amplified in accompanying those words. The enthusiasm for today, the expectations for tomorrow, the feeling about past events opened up much more than the information and facts they spoke.

Children are rarely listened to as if they have something to offer; the old adage – seen but not heard.

Saint Benedict told the monks when they consult on making an important decision that they should listen first to the younger members. They may see with a clearer eye.

We don't often listen to each other; we talk to each other a lot. Mostly since we already know what that person thinks, what that person needs and what makes up that person's life. If we do listen, we listen for the facts. We hear the words, but often not what is behind and beneath the words.

Saint Benedict in writing the Rule for his monks begins by telling them what is most important: They are to learn to listen – not just with their ears; "listen with the ears of your heart".

The way we listen to each other is probably a good indication as to how we listen for the voice of God; that small voice which speaks to us in the quiet of the heart.

When we gather for Mass we begin by opening ourselves to listen for the Word of God present and available in the Scriptures as they are proclaimed. The Word proclaimed is active and living; meant to lead us into a deeper experience of the mystery of God's merciful presence in life. We act politely; we listen first to God before we speak out prayer – listen first, then speak.

The Word when heard with the ear of the heart is the Living Word.

## 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> and every morning through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. **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. Matthews Get-Together!**"

**SOUND SYSTEM** Looking for a volunteer to operate the Sound System at the Mass in the Park. The mass will take place Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 am at Cherokee Park. If you can help with this request, email [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the Parish Center.

**THANK YOU:** To the all who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. **Thank You to Fr. Christianson** who celebrated Mass while Fr. Steve enjoys a restful vacation. To **Linda** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill**. Lectors **Joe & Mary**, Eucharistic ministers **Dave, Mooreen & Ginny**. 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 all who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members and friends!

**THANK YOU** to the **45+ parishioners** who have already volunteered to help with the **strawberry cleaning!** There is still plenty of room in the Social Hall for more helpers!

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the St. Mary Mission collection!

**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

There are no longer any Covid-19 restriction to attend Mass at Saint Matthew's.

We will leave the hand sanitizer out and you can use it if you wish to do so.

There is no longer contact tracing as you enter the church. Nor are masks required to be wore in the church by anyone. If you wish to do so, you certainly can.

We hope for everyone's protection and your own that you will get vaccinated, if you have not done so already.

We have now opened all entrances to the church; Hall Ave, Robie Street and the lower level so those needing to use the elevator may do so.

Please note the lower level will be closed again some time within the next couple of weeks as the parking lot will be repaired. Access to the parking lot will be closed off for a couple of weeks.

### SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

Summer is off to a splendid start. What great adventure do you have planned? Are you going on a postponed cruise? Backpacking in the mountains? Perhaps something a bit closer to home, a quite cabin in the woods?



Whatever it is have fun, be safe and don't forget about us at Saint Matthew before you set off. We say it often, but we really mean it; we depend on your weekly stewardship.

Make it simple and easy, use EFT and you won't have to think about it every again. Set it up once and forget. Talk to Phil Grant he will get you started.

Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in their envelopes, using EFT or PayPal. And everyone at Mass, we appreciate your weekly giving too!

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS Early Bulletin Submission

#### Volunteer Service Updated Numbers Next Week

Parish		School	\$
Envelopes/Cash	\$	Homily Books	\$
Electronic Giving	\$		
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Funeral	\$		
Misc. Donations	\$		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>		



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary lamp will be lit July 10 - 17 for Jerry Smith. May he rest in God's peace and love.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on July 10th in memory of Jerry Smith.

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.

### CHOIR PRACTICE IS BACK!!

We have been away for so long, but now we are back! Please come be a part of Saint Matthew's Choir. New members are always welcome, former member are encouraged to return. We are practicing on Wednesdays July 14, 28, Aug 11, 25 at 7:00 pm.

We are also looking for instrumentalists to add more life and spice to our worship regularly or as they are able. Guitars, woodwinds, strings, keyboard— we'd love to have them with us.

### IN SYMPATHY

The parish family for Saint Matthew extends its deepest condolences to Father Adrian and his sister Ann Koves and her family. Ann's husband Terry died on June 24th. His funeral Mass was on July 1st at St. Jude's of the Lake in Mahtomedi .

Please remember the Koves and Adrian families in your prayers. May Mr. Koves and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

### THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Next Saturday, July 17th is our monthly collection of non-perishable food and personal care items for the food shelf at Neighborhood House.



Many of our friends and neighbors, perhaps family members use the food shelf at Neighborhood House.

If you are unable to bring food to Mass and wish to give a monetary donation, mail your contribution to 179 East Robie St., St. Paul MN 55107. Note that it is for the Food Shelf and you can state you are a Saint Matthew's parishioner if you wish to do so.

Many children depend on the food shelf during the summer months when they no long have school food programs for breakfast and lunch meals.

Our last collection on June 19th was 119 pounds.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and helping to feed those in need.

*Jesus said "When I was hungry you fed me" "When I was thirsty you gave me to drink"*

## 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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Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation  
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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
Kthompson

## 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 following week's bulletin.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 10

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Arthur Geis†  
Jim Pirkl†  
Jerry Smith†  
Leodigorio Soriano†

### Sunday, July 11

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, July 12

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, July 14

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, July 16

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, July 17

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.†  
Denise David†

### Sunday, July 18

10:15 am Streamed Mass

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, July 10

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

### Sunday, July 11

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16

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

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

### Monday, July 12 -

Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, July 13 -

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

### Wednesday, July 14

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

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

7:00 pm Choir Practice Church

8:00 pm Men's Club Meeting Social Hall

### Thursday, July 15

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

### Friday, July 16

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, July 17 Neighborhood Food Collection

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

10:00 am GTCYS - School Building

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

### Sunday, July 18

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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