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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

The Sixteenth 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 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Reflection from Steve

Sometimes I have conversations with people who tell me they "are stuck"; they do not seem to be able to make progress in the spiritual life, or their family life, or their work life. Something impedes their making progress.

After asking him to talk more about the difficulty and tell me what he thinks is the cause or obstacle or adversity that keeps him from making progress I can offer a few suggestions that might help break the log jam to progress.

The first issue may be, pride. Pride leaves no room for learning or growth. It keeps me from a willingness to accept that some of what I have been doing has itself been the obstacle to progress. A different way for my prayer and meditation may demand that I have something new to learn.

Often we think we have reached our limit, there is no more we can do. The effect of such thinking is that we just stop, feel sorry for ourselves, and toss in the towel. There is always more, although the more may be different, the more that I have, but don't know I have, can be opened only if I resolve to try and see the issue from a different angle, again a willingness to change.

Sometimes our past can be an obstacle to our future. We try to relive the success of the past, the accomplishments that brought us satisfaction. I want to recapture that sense of the presence of God that I had when I was younger. Being focused on yesterday keeps me from seeing the possibilities of today and tomorrow. Sometimes as good as the past was, it is not what is needed now.

Sometimes I need to just listen and know that the answer to the dilemma is already here, it is deep within me. I need to peel back some of the covering to see and hear the gift God has given, the gift with which I have been seeded.

We can all "get stuck", complacent, feel we have expended all that we have. What we must learn is that what I am dealing with is not a problem; I am facing a mystery, the mystery of who I am and how God sees and loves me.

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"!

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

THANK YOU to the **95 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. **Thank You** to Fr. Feder from St. John's Priory who celebrated Mass while Fr. Steve enjoys a restful vacation. To **Karen Thompson** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill Kilzer** & cantor **Kathy Lee**. Lectors **Ellen Schneider** & **Joanne Smith**, Eucharistic ministers **Kathy Goldenstein**, **Ann Myran** & **Tim Dalzell**. Ushers **Tom Kabesh** & **Tim Dalzell**. Server **Paul Heitzinger** and sacristans **Mary Leibl** & **Ginny Roethler**. Thank you to **Alan Christensen**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line.

THANK YOU to **Ann Myran**, **Ginny Roethler**, **Tim Dalzell**, **John Helsper** & **Paul Heitzinger** who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members and friends!

THANK YOU to **Katie Kane** who has volunteered to help clean the church during the week.

THANK YOU to the **47 parishioners** who have already volunteered to help with the **strawberry cleaning!** There is still plenty of room in the Social Hall for more help.

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 worn in the church by anyone. If you wish to do so, you certainly can. We would hope if you are feeling ill you would not attend Mass.

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



Here we are into mid-July already! We hope you are taking advantage of some summer time fun and travel. Perhaps you are going to visit family and friends you missed last year? Or taking a graduate on a promised tour?

Please keep your parish in mind before you take off and send in your stewardship. We do depend on your support, even when you are away.

Make it simple and easy, use EFT and you won't have to think about it ever 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 July 5 & July 11, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 109 Hours in Service 139

Parish		School	\$ 881
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 6,897	Missions	\$ 50
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,018		
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Bells/ Lamp	\$		
Funeral	\$ 450		
Misc. Donations	\$		
Total	\$ 14,335		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew rang on July 12th in celebration of **Gerald and Louise Breidel's** 50th wedding anniversary and Louise's birthday. Many blessing on both occasions! **The Bells of Saint Matthew** will ring on July 18th in celebration of **Tracy and Victor Mercado's** 12th Wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary, God's blessings on your special day!

Contact Linda Rivera at Iriviera@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 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.

LOAVES & FISHES DOUBLE YOUR DONATIONS

Loaves & Fishes prepares and serves free, healthy meals at various metro locations, including at St Matthew, Monday-Friday, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, just outside the Social Hall. With the pandemic and job losses, more people are visiting the St Matthew site than before, and every summer Loaves & Fishes has many families with children visiting for meals. Loaves & Fishes has accepted a challenge from the Otto Bremer Trust to raise \$20,000 by July 31. Once they reach this goal, the Trust will give Loaves & Fishes another \$20,000. To donate, mail a check to Loaves & Fishes, 721 Kasota Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or visit this web page: <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/make-twice-the-impact-this-summer/>. To donate your time and help with meal preparation or meal service, go to <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/volunteer/>, choose St Matthew's as the site, and then click the Volunteer Sign-up button to see what shifts are available.

NEW ADA RESTROOM IS FINISHED



Thanks to many long and very hard hours of work by **Steve Kowal, Mario Medina-Gonzalez, and Isidro Bautista** the ADA restroom is ready to be used. Often working on weekends and evenings because all three are employed fulltime during the day.

This was a long process that involved opening up the concrete floor to the drain pipes, erecting walls, laying subway tile, running new plumbing & heating, new electric & more. The photo does not do justice to the room. It is truly very nice and will used for many years. Thank you gentlemen!

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

bklein

Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer

skowal

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator

Mleibl

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Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary

lrivera

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee

kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

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 17

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

Sunday, July 18

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, July 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, July 23

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, July 24

4:15 pm Our Parish
Sara Christensen †
Helen & John Leibl †
Thekla Simmons †

Sunday, July 25

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, July 19 - Friday, July 23

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

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

Monday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 20

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

Wednesday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 22

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

Friday, July 23

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 25

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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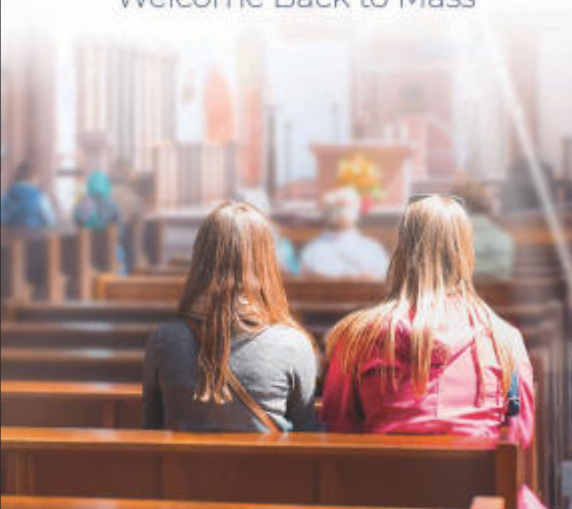
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