

Church of St. Matthew

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One of his disciples, Andrew said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

July 25, 2021

The Seventeenth 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

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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

Reflection from Steve

Today's Gospel reading from the beginning of the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John tells the well-known story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This event must have been well known to the first generation Christian church and of great importance to them. The story is retold five times in the Gospels – once each in Matthew, Luke and John; twice in Mark.

Various aspects of the event stimulate differing images and reflection. Certainly the sheer mind-blowing image of 5000 people stretched out on a grassy field being fed from a few pieces of bread and fish staggers the imagination. But, not only are all those people fed; but also there are twelve wicker baskets of leftovers collected – the food was far more than was needed.

Andrew finds a boy with a few dried fish and five barley loaves. He brings those to Jesus, who takes them and accomplishes the feeding of all those people.

What about the boy? In many ways I think he can be seen as the center of the story. He willingly surrenders his lunch; he trusts Andrew who says; "all these people have been here for a long time and have not had anything to eat, will you share your lunch with me, so that the Master can feed all these people?" The boy sees his chance to help. No doubt he too was hungry, yet his hunger took second place to the need of all those people, his neighbors.

This is an example of commitment to the "Common Good"; the principle that in the face of the need of others, my preference must give way; and that the recognition of the life of my neighbor is integral to the fulfillment of my life. The principle stems from the dignity, unity and equality of all people. If a community wishes and intends to remain at the service of the human being at every level, then it is a society that has the Common Good as its primary goal. The focus of the Common Good is the human person, my neighbor and the need for food, housing, work, education, transportation, basic health care, freedom of expression and religious freedom.

In a world in which my need or desire or belief is championed over and above the good of my neighbor; the principle of the Common Good well needs to be rediscovered.

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST TEACHERS & HELPER: Need a volunteer to be **First Eucharist Teacher** for children in grades 2 & 3, as well as a **volunteer to serve as a helper**. Classes are taught on Wednesday evenings from late September into May. We will also likely need a volunteer for students in grades 6 – 10. That commitment will likely start in November and end by March. If interested in one of these roles, please contact Faith Formation Director Janelle Rohr for details. Email Janelle@st-matts.org or call 651-242-6004.

MUSICIANS I. St Matthews Music Ministry is looking for more singers, cantors, guitarists, keyboardists, string players, & wind instrument players for **weekend Masses**. Contact **Jill Kilzer Director of music and Liturgy** jillkilzer@st-matts.org.

MUSICIANS II. If you play a musical instrument and would like to be part of the **Music Ministry at the Mass in the Park**, Sun 8/15 at 10:15am, Contact **Jill Kilzer Director of Music and Liturgy** jillkilzer@st-matts.org.

STRAWBERRY CLEANING Our friends from the **Strawberry & Cream 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 approx. 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 **Alan Christensen** who has volunteered to operate the **Sound System at the Mass in the Park**. Alan's technological gift will bring beauty & enjoyment to the annual picnic!

THANK YOU To the **76 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday **Thank You to Fr. Brad Jenniges** (a son of the parish) from St. John's Priory, who celebrated Mass while Fr. Steve enjoys a restful vacation. To **Andy Scheiber** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill Kilzer** & cantor **Andy**. Lectors **Bob Redding** & **Joe Stevens**, Eucharistic ministers **Ellen Schneider**, **Janelle Rohr** & **Mary Leibl**. Ushers **Tom Kabesh** & **Tim Dalzell**. Server **Paul Heitzinger**, sacristan **Mary Leibl** & slide operator **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**, **Dave Faust** & **Paul Heitzinger** who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members and friends!

THANK YOU to **Linda Sellers** who planted and keeps watered the rose bush and other plants in front of the Parish Center. Also, **thank you** to **Catherine Fee** who religiously waters the rose bush she planted in the garden in front of the church.

THANK YOU to the **47 parishioners** who have already volunteered to help with the **strawberry cleaning!** Come join us

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

News and Events

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

3 TO 4 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PAINT

There are a few projects going on at Quantum Steam Academy that require volunteers. The first of which is painting.



Beginning this fall the school will be using the second floor for the first time. To get ready the for use bathrooms and a few classrooms need to be painted. The walls will be prepped for paint prior to painting.

Parish Trustee, John DeVecchio is heading up this mission and will be onboard to paint as well.

With 3 to 4 volunteers it shouldn't take very long to finish this project.

If you are interested in helping, please contact John DeVecchio at 651.221.0871 to volunteer time and specific dates and times.

SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

Wow! We are nearing the end of July, hope you are enjoying the summer. Getting out and seeing family and friends, traveling across Minnesota. Perhaps a trip to the other side of the United States? As we all know Minnesota summers are all too short, we have to enjoy every moment.



While you are away, please remember to send in your Fair Share before to go. Stewardship declines in summer months when fewer people attend Mass. Please help by sending in your envelope

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.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit in memory of Pam Stickler July 24– July 31.

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.

COME JOIN THE CHOIR! NEW MEMBERS - RETURNING MEMBERS - YOUNG - AND YOUNG AT HEART!

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, August 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The weekend of September 11–12, we will again have 2 weekend Masses. Saturday 4:15 pm and Sunday 10:15 am. Ginny Roethler and Mary Leibl will be writing a new schedule for Lectors & Eucharistic ministers in mid-August. We ask all ministers to let us know at which Mass you prefer to minister. If you are available for either, please let us know that too. Please email mleibl@st-matts.org to let us know your preferences for ministry. **Anyone who is not a liturgical minister but would like to take part in that ministry may contact the above email and we will get in touch with you.**

A NOTE OF THANKS

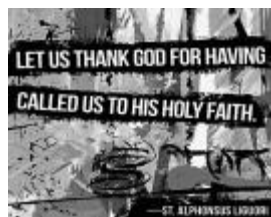
As you know each third weekend of the month Saint Matthews collects food and personal care items for the Food Shelf at Neighborhood House. This has been going on for many years and our parishioners are proud of their contributions to Neighborhood House. Some months our collections are huge, other months they are smaller. Regardless they are meaningful and appreciated.

In addition to the food and care items some folks choose to give a monetary donation. This is appreciated as well giving Neighborhood House the opportunity to purchase items in bulk at a lower cost available to the general public.

A important part of our connection to Neighborhood House is parishioner **Dave Haley**. Dave gathers up the collected items and delivers them to the food shelf. He has been doing this for many years, for which we are very grateful.

Thank you Dave, you are an example how we are a work as a "Volunteer Parish".

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS July 18, 2021		Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 25 Hours in Service 43	
Parish		School	\$ 410
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,392	Food Shelf	\$ 185
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,773		
PayPal	\$ 100	Total	\$ 595
Fuel	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 25		
Rent	\$	PayPal QR Code	
Vigil Lights	\$ 21	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$	payment	
Funeral	\$		
Misc. Donations	\$		
Total	\$ 4,311		



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

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kjack

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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.*

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24

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

Monday, July 26

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, July 30

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, July 31

4:15 pm Our Parish
Living & Deceased Rosary/CCW Members
Jim Pirkl†
Anita Mahler†

Sunday, August 31

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

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

Monday, July 26 - Friday, July 30

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

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

Monday, July 26

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

Tuesday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 28

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

Thursday, July 29

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

Friday, July 30

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 1

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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