



Church of St. Matthew

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 4

The Fourteenth 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 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Stewardship Reflection

Our readings today remind us that, even in our weakest and toughest moments, God has a plan.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul describes a “thorn” that had been given to him. He believed this thorn to be the thing that kept him grounded as he said, “to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.”

At first, he asked the Lord to remove this cross, but the Lord replied, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Through this explanation, St. Paul resolved to believe, “I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

We all bear crosses in this life, whether they seem to be little thorns or sharp daggers. The easiest thing to do, as St. Paul did, is to pray for the cross to be taken. It would be great if all of our struggles just magically faded away! But listen to the Lord’s words, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

Stop and reflect on your cross. Instead of wishing it to go away, look at it as an opportunity to grow and to allow God to work in your life. God permitted this cross in your life for a reason. Do not let the opportunity for Christ to work on your heart pass you by.

Today, recall that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is not a moment that goes by that He does not have us in mind. He has a specific plan for our lives. Therefore, may we encounter life’s challenges with confidence in Christ.



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 93 parishioners who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. Thank you to Fr. Adrian who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To Jeanne who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist Jill & cantor Cristina. Lectors Ginny & Kathy, Eucharistic ministers Jeanne, Bob & Paul. 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 Ann, Ginny, Tim, John, Dave, Kathy & Paul 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!

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 ? (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.

Fully vaccinated? You can continue to wear your mask at Mass if you feel more comfortable doing so.

SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP

It's the 4th of July weekend; many of us are out enjoying a long holiday. Perhaps a week or two on a well deserved vacation away from the hot and humid city.

And if you are really lucky flying off to another city or country with family and friends.

If you are following the scoreboard below you will notice weekly stewardship is down considerably. *Please remember if you are going to be away this summer send in your envelope; use PayPal or sign up for EFT. Using EFT is quick and simple and your weekly giving is always on time.*

And if you are continuing to watch Mass on-line we appreciate your contributions too!

Have a safe and happy summer.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 27, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 28 Hours in service 39

Parish		School	\$ 466
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,360	Homily Books	\$ 15
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,773		
PayPal	\$ 450	Total	\$ 481
Fuel	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 7		
Rent	\$ 120	PayPal QR Code	
Vigil Lights	\$ 25	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$ 10	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$		
Funeral	\$ 450		
Misc. Donations	\$		
Total	\$ 4,745		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@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.

ST. MARY'S MISSION SCHOOL – SECOND COLLECTION

Today our Celebrant is **Father John Christianson from St. Mary's Mission School in Red Lake, Minnesota.**

The school provides a safe haven for students where they can have fun while they learn. And learn they do— test scores verify the significant academic progress our students are achieving.

The guided reading and math programs provide individualized attention and a variety of approaches to support and reinforce learning. Because reading and math skills are essential for future academic and life success, we focus on helping students to be confident and adept at using math skills, to fall in love with reading, and to become lifelong readers. **They want their students to have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to grow up to be whatever they want to be!**

Your support helps their students and their school excel! Red Lake is situated far from any major economic center. Given high poverty and lack of economic and employment resources here in Red Lake, many families who enroll their children at St. Mary's Mission School struggle to pay even part of the nominal \$475 tuition fee.

Please give generously today; if you are watching from home mail in your contribution to St. Matthew's and we will see that it is sent on to the Mission School. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

July 4th is on a Sunday this year therefore the parish office staff and volunteers will also be off on Monday, July 5th.



Father Adrian, Father Mathew, Phil Grant, the Parish Trustees and parish staff wish you and your family a happy and safe 4th of July holiday.

IN SYMPATHY

The parish family for Saint Matthew extends its sincere condolences to the Roering family. **Carole Roering** died on June 19th and her funeral Mass was on June 26th.

Please remember the Roering family and Mrs. Roering in your prayers. May she and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister

sadrian

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Jdelvecchio

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pgrant

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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 3

4:15 pm Our Parish
Dorinda Martineau†
John & Katie Degelmann, Special Intention

Sunday, July 4

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, July 5

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, July 7

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, July 9

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, July 10

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

Sunday, July 11

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 3

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

Sunday, July 4 Independence Day

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, July 5 - Friday, July 9

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

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

Monday, July 5 -

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6 -

9:00 am - 1:00 Parish Office Open

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, July 7

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

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

Thursday, July 8

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, July 9

Parish Office Closed

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

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