



Church of St. Matthew

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Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

June 27, 2021

The Thirteenth 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 27, 2021

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13
[2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt
8:18-22

Tuesday: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn
21:15-19 *Day*: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm
4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt
8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5
[1b]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Reflection From Father Steve

When Pope Francis looks at the world today – the pandemic, distress of refugees, dramatic developments in technology, racial injustice, nations in turmoil – his response is consistent and clear. The world is in a transitional period; one era of history is dying and a new era is being born.

Francis believes that the gift of the Church is to show the face of mercy to a wounded world.

When Pope Francis speaks of an Age of Mercy, it is important to remember that historical epochs aren't given names until centuries after they have ended.

A sign of the Church's gift to the world might be the emphasis on mercy by popes of the Second Vatican Council era. The words that Saint Pope John XXIII used in opening the Second Vatican Council: "the church today chooses to use the medicine of mercy rather than the spirit of severity."

Mercy mimics God's response to evil: the cross and resurrection. Sin and suffering on a large scale provoke grace and mercy on a large scale. God looks upon creation through the eyes of mercy: He sees not the sin; He sees only the person – that person who is made in His image and likeness and who carries within the divine fire.

One of the gifts I received over the past fifty-some years is the opportunity to hear thousands of confessions. What I continue to learn is that human beings are fundamentally good. We make plenty of mistakes and sometimes we lose our way but in all of that we are fundamentally good. The gracious mercy of God is the affirmation of our goodness; for He sees and loves in us what He sees and loves in His Son. Sin and sinners prompt the gift of salvation. On Easter Vigil, as the Church proclaims in song the glory of the resurrection, she says, in reference to Original Sin,

"O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a redeemer."

So, Pope Francis calls us to be a Church of Mercy – a Church that shows forth the human face of God. That is a tall order, and we have tons of prejudices and practices that don't measure up to the standard of mercy. Francis tells us that now is the time to clean house; the old world is dying and the new world is being born – as Paul tells us "now is the time, now is the day of salvation."

Pray for Francis; pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Francis.

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 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 the **90 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. **Thank You to Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Andy** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Andy**. Lector **Becky**, Eucharistic ministers **Josie, Joanne & 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, Paul & Joe**, who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members and friends!

THANK YOU to the **40 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 donated food for Neighborhood House and to those who helped load the car with the donated food.

THANK YOU to **Becky & Dave** who deliver the food to Neighborhood House each month!

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

We hope that you are enjoying the summer, getting to some of the things that were put off since last year.



Beaches are open as are State Parks, folks are again flying around the country to visit friends and family. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities if you can.

We ask that you please remember Saint Matthew's by sending in your stewardship envelope before you go. We depend on your support whether you are home or away.

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 19, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in prayer 35 Hours in service 41

Parish		School	\$ 57
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,360	Homily Books	\$ 65
Electronic Giving	\$ 245	Food Shelf	\$ 196
PayPal	\$	Total	\$ 381
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Vigil Lights	\$ 50	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$ 10	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$		
Funeral	\$		
Misc. Donations	\$		
Total	\$ 2,695		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on June 26th for Leodigonio Soriano, may he rest in God's peace & love.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN EVENING OF BASEBALL

Miesville Mudhens – St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting a bus trip to Miesville for Mudhens baseball game on Wednesday, July 14. We invite anyone (men, women, and accompanied children) to hop on the bus with us. Maximum bus capacity 45. Refreshments will be available on the bus. Ballpark admission is \$3 for adults and free for kids under 18. We leave St. Matthew's at 6:00 pm, arrive about 7:00 pm. Ballpark concessions will be open and there are 2 restaurants close to the ballpark (King's Bar & Grill or Wiederholt's Supper Club). Game time is 8:00 pm. Questions or to reserve a spot on the bus, contact Tim Nowak at @ 612-269-9471, email timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.



COVID-19 VACCINES

The sooner our community is vaccinated against COVID-19, the safer we are, particularly our younger children for whom there is not yet an approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. If you or family members are not yet vaccinated, check the Minnesota Vaccine Connector: <https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/en-US/> or call **1-833-431-2053**. Pope Francis has stated that we have a moral obligation to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and the US Bishops also support vaccination against COVID-19 as an action that serves the common good.

La Clinica here on the West Side vaccinates with the Moderna vaccine (ages 18+) on Mondays from 5 to 7:00 pm on a walk-in basis. The Wellstone Center offers the vaccine on Mondays from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm an appointment is needed. Neighborhood House has the vaccine Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on a drop-in basis. Arlington Hills Community Center at 1200 Payne Avenue has the Pfizer vaccine (ages 12+) on Sundays from noon to 4:00 PM and the Oxford Community Center at 270 Lexington Avenue offers the Pfizer vaccine on Saturdays from noon to 3:00 pm, but check ahead of time with the Community Center to see if they are offering the first or second dose on the day you'd like to go. Cub Pharmacy, HyVee Pharmacy, Walmart Pharmacy, CVS, and Thrifty White pharmacies have the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available by appointment, and you can schedule your appointment from the pharmacy website.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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sadrian

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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 26

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

Sunday, June 27

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, June 28

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, June 30

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, July 2

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, July 3

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

Sunday, July 4

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 26

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

Sunday, June 27

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, June 28- Friday, July 2

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

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

Monday, June 28

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

Tuesday, June 29 Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul

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

3:45 - 7:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, June 30

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

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

Thursday, July 1

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

7:00 pm AA Meeting Parish Center

Friday, July 2

Parish Office Closed

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

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