

Church of St. Matthew

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

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August 15, 2021

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 is the Feast of the Assumption. There are records of the Church gathering over the past 1700 years to observe the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or in the Eastern Church it is known as the Dormition (the Falling Asleep) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

While this has been part of the faith life of the Church for more than 1700 years, it was only on November 1, 1950 that the Assumption of Mary was proclaimed as an Article of Faith.

It was but five years after the end of World War II. Much of the world had been devastated and tens of millions of lives were lost. With the destruction of so many lives questions arose about the meaning of life, the value of life, the purpose of life.

Especially in Europe an erosion of faith was accompanied by a skeptical secularism. Among many, God was deemed to be irrelevant. A secular view of life saw life as a here and now experience – nothing beyond that.

There needed to be a way to call attention to the dignity of the human person and the direction and destiny of human life. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an acknowledgement that human beings are made for union with God; there is more to life than what we experience here and now. The perfection of human life is wrapped up in perfect union with God.

Mary is the example of our lives as Church. She is the first of the Saints. Where she has gone we are called to follow. So this feast, in addition to it being an honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is also about us, about our goal in life, about our destiny.

Mary is the first to believe; we are her sons and daughters, called to follow her.

Father Steve



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.

FAITH FORMATION SUBSTITUTES & HELPERS NEEDED.

Public school children grades 1 to 10 will start attending weekly Wednesday evening religion classes at St. Matthew Parish Center in late September. Some classrooms will need helpers on occasion, and the program also needs substitute teachers and substitute front desk persons a few times during the year. Volunteers complete some steps before classes begin in September. If you would like more information about these volunteer roles, please contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr for details; email Janelle@st-matts.org or call 651-242-6004. Thank You.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

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.

STRAWBERRY CLEANING

ONLY 10 DAYS UNTIL THE START OF THE STATE FAIR! We have again been asked to clean strawberries for the **Strawberry & Cream** booth! 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. The work is easy, and the socializing is fun! Come and join the **50 parishioners & friends** who have already volunteered 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 **113 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** & Cantors **Chris & Andy**. Lectors **Ginny & Mary**, Eucharistic Ministers **Josie, Kathy & Mary**. Ushers **Tom & Tim**, Server **Paul** & 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 **Wanda, Ginny, Jim, Pete, James & John** who painted the classrooms & restrooms on the 2nd floor of the school building. Through their generosity of time & talent, Quantum Steam Academy will be able to increase their enrollment which will bring added income to our parish!

THANK YOU to **Ann, Tim, John, Ginny, Dave & Kristin** who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members and friends!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

News and Events

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

MASS & PICNIC IN THE PARK - THIS SUNDAY

When: Sunday, August 15, 2021, Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

What: 10:15 am Mass followed by a parish picnic

What you need to know: The Men's Club will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. The Rosary/CCW will provide plates, cups, flatware & napkins. You can bring a dessert, hot dish, cold dish, salad to share.

If you aren't comfortable sharing a meal just yet, bring a picnic lunch for you and your family to enjoy.

And bring along your lawn chair or blanket, a yard game or two, or a bat and ball. Please invite a neighbor or other friend to join you. Everyone is welcome.

If you need a ride to this outdoor event please contact Tim Dalzell, he has kindly offered transportation. He can be reached at 651.214.4850 or tcjd26@gmail.com



Are you waiting for Sunday Mass to return? You won't have to wait much longer.

Sunday 10:15 am Mass will return on September 12th. Many of our morning Mass goers have missed coming to church. It has been a very long time and Father Adrian the sacristans, ushers and liturgical ministers are all looking forward to seeing you on the 12th of Septembers.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 7, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 24 Hours in Service 37

Parish		School	\$ 266
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,919	Rosary Dues	\$ 5
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		
PayPal	\$ 100	Total	\$ 271
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Holy Day	\$ 45	phone to make an elec-	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 20	tronic	
Funeral	\$	payment	
Total	\$ 7,344		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit August 13 - August 21 of the health and recovery of Debra Dee.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 15th in celebration of **Bill Brengman's 90th birthday!** Happy birthday Bill, God bless you and thank for your many years of service to our parish. You are a special guy!

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.

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.**

IN SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Darrell Alan Korwarsch** whose funeral Mass was on Friday, August 13, 2021. Mr. Korwarsch died on June 25, 2021. He was an Alumni of Saint Matthew's School.

May Mr. Korwarsch and the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love.

THANK YOU NEIGHBOR

Next Saturday, August 21st will be our next collection of non-perishable food and personal care items for Neighborhood House. Our last collection for the food shelf was 111 pounds collected on July 17th.



If you are watching Mass from home and would like to contribute, you can make a monetary donate. Mail your contribution to 179 E. Robie St., Saint Paul MN 55107.

You can mention you are a parishioner of Saint Matthew's parish.

Thank you for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Masks and hand sanitizer are on the Welcome Table for anyone who wants to use them.

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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lrivera

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Members:

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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 August 15, 2021

Sunday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day*: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14

4:15 pm Our Parish **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Bill Brengman, Special Intention, 90th Birthday
Chase Baker, Special Intention
Graciella Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

Sunday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass & Picnic in the Park

10:15 am Our Parish

Arthur Geis†

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, August 16

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, August 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, August 21

4:15 pm Our Parish

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 14 Feast of the Assumption

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption

10:15 am Mass & Picnic in the Park

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, August 16 - Friday, August 20

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

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

Monday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 17

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

Wednesday, August 18

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

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

Thursday, August 19

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

4:30 pm Finance Meeting Parish Center/Hybrid

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Parish Center/Hybrid

Friday, August 20

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 21

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, August 22

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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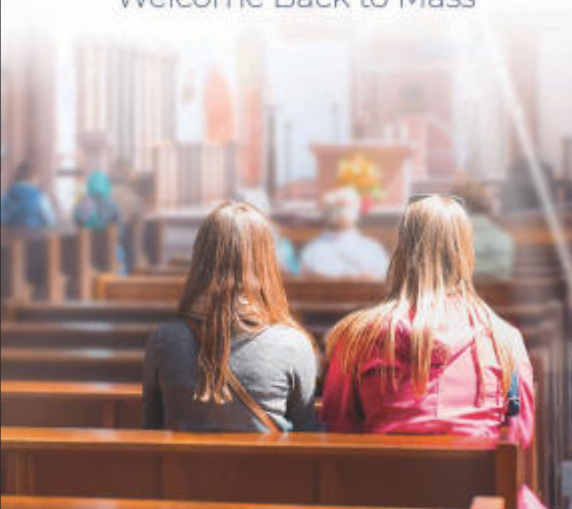
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