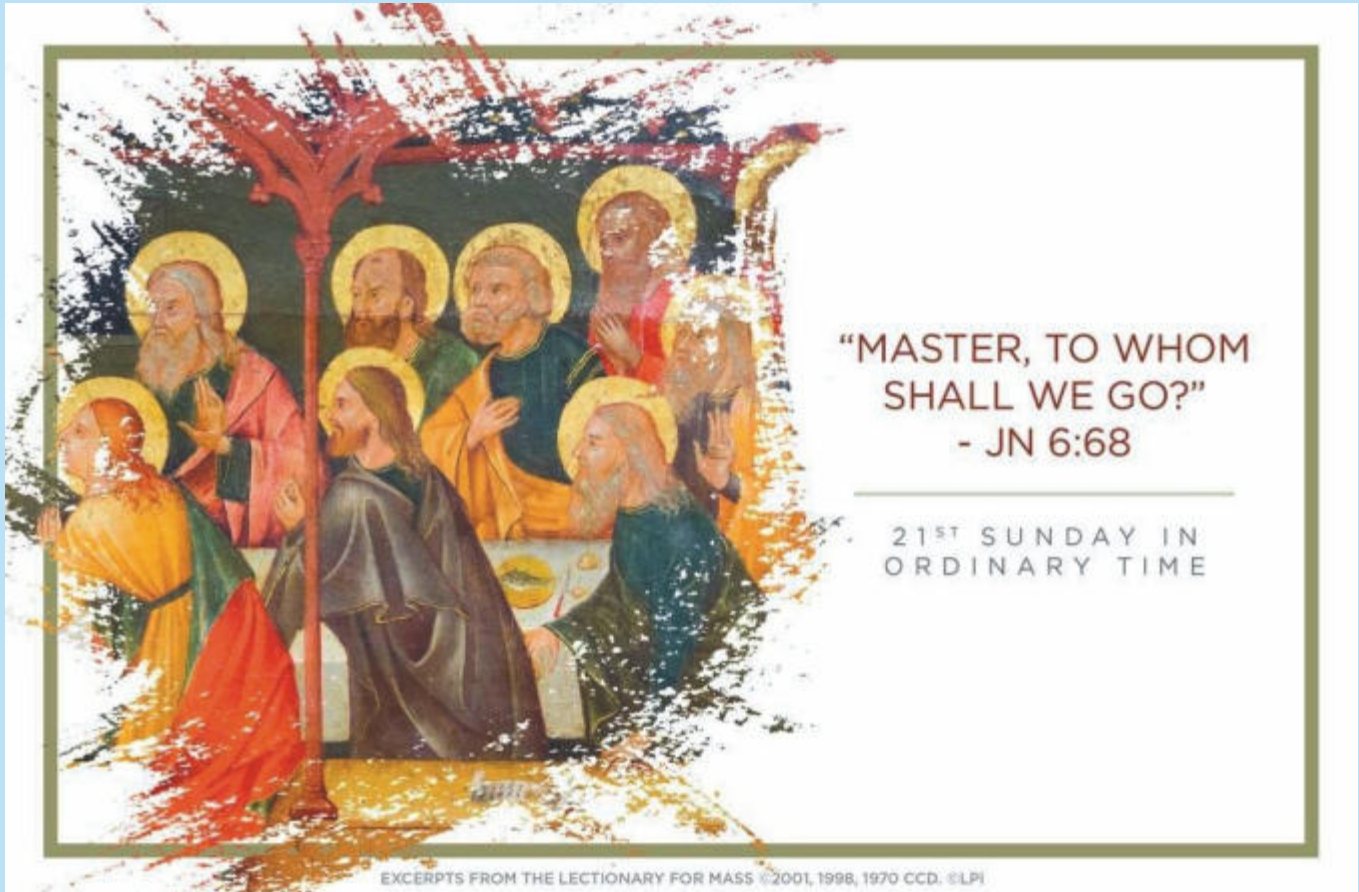


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“MASTER, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?”
- JN 6:68

21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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August 22, 2021
Twenty-First 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 Father Steve

Martyrs come in all sizes and shapes; some from centuries ago and some from our own time.

Recently the feasts of three 20th century martyrs, associated with World War II, were celebrated – Edith Stein (who became Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross); Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor; and Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan friar. These three, among so many more, gave their lives in love of those condemned to Nazi Death Camps.

Today I invite you to join me in looking at the life of Edith Stein.

Edith was born in 1891, the youngest of seven children. When she was but two years old her father suddenly died. Edith's mother was now charged with the rearing and caring for seven children.

The Stein family was a devout Jewish family. Yet by her teen age Edith no longer practiced her Jewish faith and considered herself an atheist.

She majored in philosophy in college, especially phenomenology. In the summer of 1921, while vacationing with friends, she read the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila. This opened the door of faith for Edith. Six months later she was baptized, in January of 1922.

She became a leading voice in the Catholic Woman's Movement in Germany. By the time of Hitler's rise to power in 1933 Edith was well known in the German academic world.

On October 15, at the age of thirty-three, she entered the Carmel of Cologne, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

In August of 1942 she was arrested along with her sister, Rosa, and was executed a week later at Auschwitz.

In 1933 she wrote: "I told the Lord that I knew it was his cross that was placed upon the Jewish people; that most of them did not understand this, but those of us who did would have to take it up willingly in the name of all. I would do that. By the end of Holy Week that year I knew I had been heard. But of what this carrying of the cross was to consist in, that I did not yet know."

The cross was foundational in the life of Edith Stein, and "participation in the sufferings of Christ" was for her the life journey for all who believe.

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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 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 5 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. **Walk ins are also welcome!** The work is easy, and the socializing is fun! Come and join the **52 parishioners & friends** who have already volunteered for "**The Great St. Matthews Get-Together!**"

THANK YOU to the **58 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. **Thank You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Linda** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Linda**. Lectors **Ginny & Jeanne**, Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Ginny & Tim**. Ushers **Tom & Tim**, sacristan **Mary** & 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 the **75 parishioners** who attended the Mass in the Park. Thank You to our celebrant **Fr. Steve**. Cantor **Kathy**. Musicians & singers **Chris, Jeanne, Linda, Paul, Andy, Pete, Jill & Charlie**. Lectors **Joanne & Ginny**, Eucharistic ministers **Kathy, Ginny & Becky**, sound system **Alan & John**, usher **Tim** & sacristan **Ginny & Joanne**. Thanks to **Ginny** who used her truck to bring all that was needed from the church to the park. Thank you to **Tom, Tim, Linda, Karen, Ginny & Mary** who loaded the truck after Saturday Mass. Thank you to **Phil, Ginny, Bill K, Jill, Linda, and Steve & son** who unloaded the truck at the park and re-loaded the truck after Mass.

Thank you to **Tim, Bob & the Men's Club** for donating and cooking meat, to **Becky & Rosary Society** for providing all paper products. Thank you to all who brought a dish to share. Finally **Thank You to all who attended!!**

Thank You to **Tim & John** who repaired the ramp on the front of the school building.

News and Events

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

(Father Steve continued)

"Participation in the sufferings of Christ implies a continuing process of holding on against all odds, and that it is not important to get by unscathed but it is important not to run away, it is only at the foot of the cross that everything will achieve its final resolution; and the inner coherence of all will be made plain. Until then it is bound to remain a mystery, a mystery sometimes lived out in weakness and confusion. The one thing we can hold on to is the certainty of God. Our stability is a response to that promise which reassures us that he is faithful, and steadfast and that we should never lose hope in God's mercy."

Prophetically she wrote: "Perhaps the moment has come for Catholic women to stand with the Virgin Mary and with the Church under the cross. It would be a shame to let her answer the call alone."

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), pray for us.

Father Steve

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

FOOD COLLECTION TODAY

If you aren't able to make a donation to the Neighborhood Food Collection today a monetary donation would also be appreciated. Send your donation to Neighborhood House Food Shelf 179 East Robie St., St. Paul MN 55107. You can note that you are a member of Saint Matthew's Parish if you wish to do so. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 14-15, 2021 **Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 36 Hours in Service 55**

Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,157		
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		
PayPal	\$	Total	\$ 50
Misc. Donations	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 210		
Rent	\$	PayPal QR Code	
Vigil Lights	\$ 37	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$ 495	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 70	payment	
Funeral	\$ 250		
Total	\$5,464		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit August 21 - August 28 of the health and recovery of Debra Dee.

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.



Sunday 10:15 am Mass will resume on September 12th. If you regularly attended this Mass and have missed coming to Mass, we hope you will plan to return to morning Mass.

Tell your family and friends too. We hope to see all the familiar faces back on September 12th. We have missed you!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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

FUNERAL LUNCH MINISTRY

Beginning in September the Rosary Society will again help our parish family through that difficult time in their lives - planning and serving a funeral lunch.

It takes many hands to set-up, serve, host and clean up after a funeral lunch. We need to have new members for this important ministry - that frankly we are all going to use someday. Gentlemen, we gladly invite you to join us here as well. Moms with children in school, have you considered helping out?

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and telephone number. Someone will call you back to see what your availability is.

CCRO FALL CONFERENCE

Fall Conference: Igniting Disciples: The Boldness of the Holy Spirit - Saturday, October 23, 8:30-3:30 p.m., at Trinity School, Eagan

There will be four talks by Peter Herbeck, the vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. For more than thirty years, he has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the US, Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Peter is a co-host for the weekly television program The Choices We Face. There will also be Praise and Worship. Cost \$20-40. Visit ccro-msp.org for more.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister

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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 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 21

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.
✠Jim Pirkl
✠Thekla Simmons

Sunday, August 22

10:15 am Streamed Mass
10:15 am Our Parish
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Monday, August 23

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, August 25

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, August 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, August 28

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠MaryAnn Kosel
✠Dorinda Martin
✠Augustine Rodrigues

Sunday, August 29

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 21

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

With Food Collection for Neighborhood House

Sunday, August 22

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, August 23- Friday, August 27

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

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

Monday, August 23

9:00 am - 4:00 Parish Office Open

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 am - 1:00 Parish Office Open

Wednesday, August 25

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

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

Thursday, August 26

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

Friday, August 27

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 28

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Reconciliation following Mass

Sunday, August 29

10:15 am Streamed Mass

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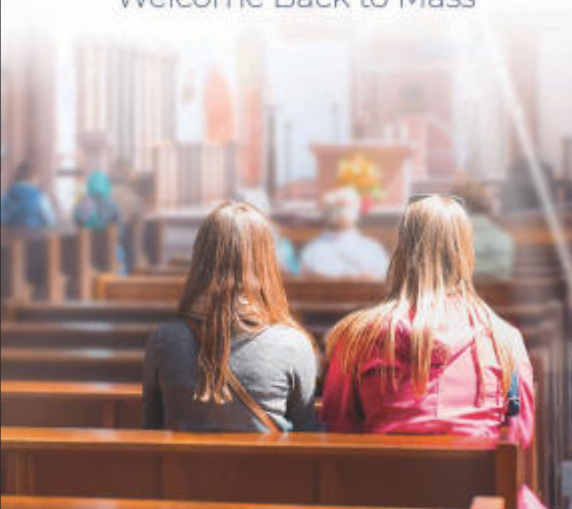
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