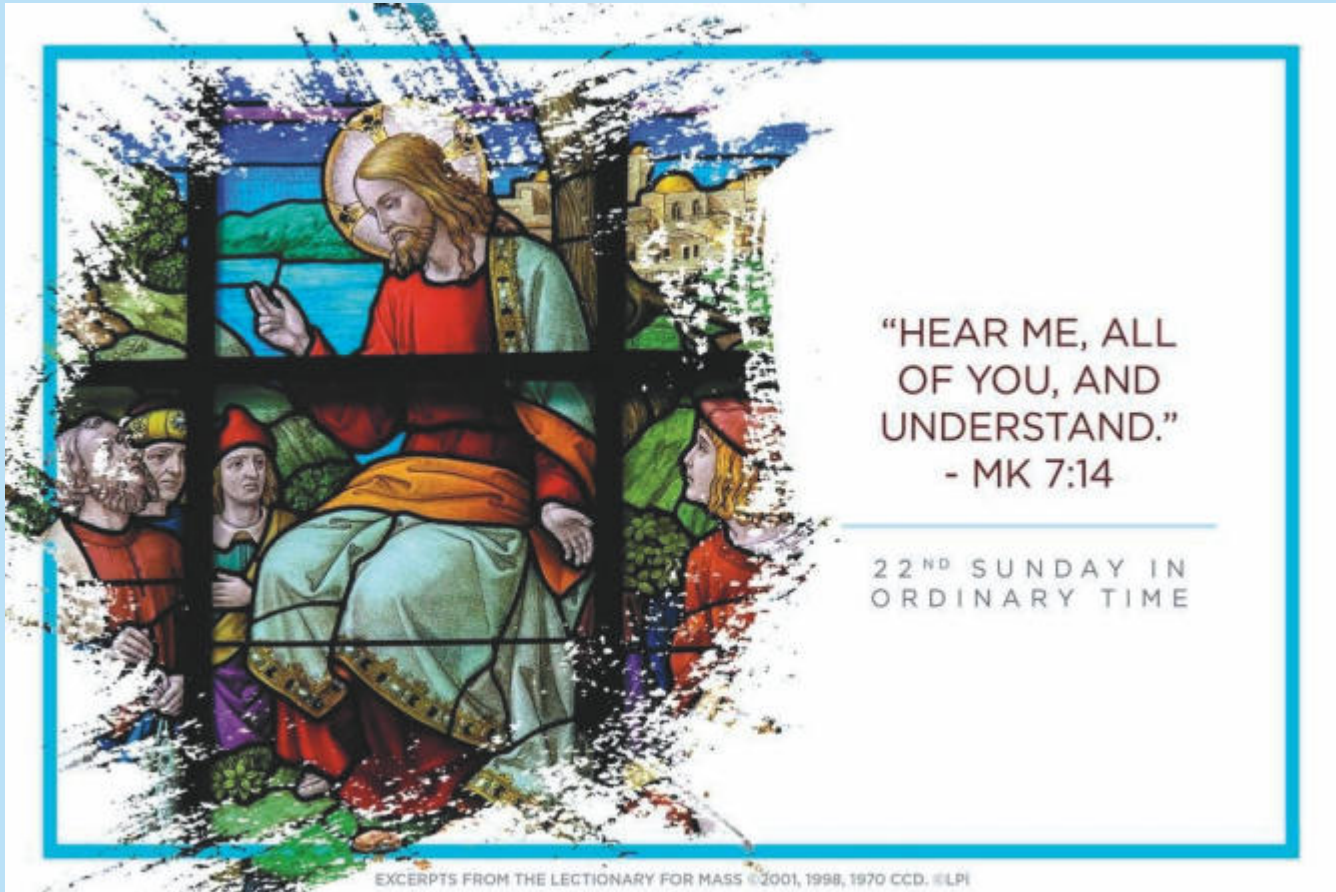


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“HEAR ME, ALL
OF YOU, AND
UNDERSTAND.”
- MK 7:14

22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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August 29, 2021
Twenty-Second 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

Since I turned seventy and retired from full time ministry I have given some time to reading and reflecting on aging and what growing older might mean for me. I read contemporary as well as writers of yesterday. I read novels and lectures on aging. At one point I spent some time with a counselor, he helped me sort out some possibilities for the "third stage of life". One of the authors I read into is Saint Teresa of Avila.

I choose to share this piece of her writing with you. You might find it some help.

Growing Older

Lord, You know better than myself
that I am growing older.
Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking
I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Relieve me from craving to
straighten out every bodies affairs.
Make me thoughtful, but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom,
it seems a pity not to use it all;
but you know, Lord,
that I want a few friends at the end.
Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details;
give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains;
they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness
when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others.
Teach me the lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person
Is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places
and talents in unexpected people;
and give, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

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 FOR THE STATE FAIR HAS BEGUN!! Last Wednesday we began cleaning strawberries for the **Strawberry & Cream booth!** In past years we have earned over \$5,000 for a few hours work each day. The more who volunteer the faster the job is completed each day. If you didn't get a chance to sign-up, and would like to help earn money for our parish, come to the Social Hall any morning at 8:00 am. **Walk Ins are always welcome!** The work is easy, and the socializing is fun! The last day of strawberry cleaning will be Sunday September 4th. Come and join the **54 parishioners & friends** who have already volunteered for **"The Great St. Matthews Get-Together"!**

THANK YOU to the **91 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday **Thank You to Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Jill** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Jill & cantor Andy**. Lectors **Becky & Joe**, Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne, Mary & Tim**. Ushers **Tom & Tim, & sacristan Mary**. 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 **Kathy & Al** who faithfully take care of cleaning & replacing the vigil candles. They also monitor the altar & the ambo candles. Replacing with new candles when needed.

THANK YOU to **Pete** who keeps the property neat & clean. Cutting grass, blowing leaves, spreading mulch and picking up garbage left around the church.

We are a volunteer parish!

News and Events

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

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Next week is our regular monthly collection for our parish School—**Community of Saint Regional Catholic School**. Through your monthly donations children are provided the opportunity to attend a first rate Catholic school.

Community of Saints provides children the opportunity to learn their Catholic faith as well as an outstanding education in math and science.

As Catholics it is our responsibility to make sure our children are educated in our faith, please help to do this by contribution next week.

As always, thank you for your kind and caring generosity.

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

A NOTE OF THANKS

We don't always see the folks who work behind the scenes. Being a volunteer parish we have many of them, and we are blessed to have so many.

One to thank today is **Kevin Jack**. Kevin is the gentleman that maintains St. Matthew's website. You may think it is an easy thing to do - it is not. Kevin has many people asking him weekly to post information on the website. In addition he needs to make sure information posted is current. He is also the person who hears all the complaints about the website when things aren't correct. Let's give Kevin a hand for all his hard work, he is after all a valuable volunteer!!

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 22, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 31 Hours in Service 50

Parish		School	\$ 400
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,528	Food Shelf	\$ 155
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,698		
PayPal	\$	Total	\$ 555
Misc. Donations	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$		
Rent	\$ 1,020	PayPal QR Code	
Vigil Lights	\$ 28	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$ 20	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$	payment	
Total	\$ 7,322		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit August 28-September 4th for **Augustine Rodrigues**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on Sunday, August 29th in memory of **Mary Ann Kosel**.

Contact Linda Rivera at Irivera@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.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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

50 WONDERFUL YEARS

Congratulations to **Hope and John Wagner** who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Mass on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Father Adrian gave the couple a special blessing recognizing their 50 years together. Following Mass they celebrated with a dinner and dancing in the Social Hall.

God's blessings to Hope and John - our parish family wishes you many more years of happiness.

SPRITIAUL RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS

September 10-12 at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo

Come revitalize your spirit & enjoy the beautiful grounds! As Healthcare Professionals we often face emotional, spiritual & ethical challenges. Enjoy daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, spiritual direction & a series of 5 talks exploring the soul of the healthcare apostolate, the interior life, being sent, the dignity of suffering & the ethos of healthcare workers in this age. Our Retreat Master is multi-talented Dominican Friar, Father Austin Litke O.P. Buckle up for a great ride! For more information and to register, visit curatioapostolate.com.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph in our Archdiocese, the celebration committee asked the St. Joseph Business Guild to create and publish a prayer book. The book uses the 10 Wonder concept from the book "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Donald H. Calloway as a cohesive Archdiocesan theme that coincides with the monthly Cuppa Joe lecture series. Cost of the prayer book is \$2.95. For bulk orders of 25 or more copies, please visit sjbusinessguild.com/store. Smaller orders may be purchased from Leaflet Missal, 976

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All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

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pgrant

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Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
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parishcouncil

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John Sekevitch

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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 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 29

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, August 30

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, September 1

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, September 3

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, September 4

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠ Jim Pirkl

Sunday, September 5

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 28

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center
4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, August 29

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, August 30- Friday, September 3

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

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

Monday, August 30

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open

Tuesday, August 31

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

Wednesday, September 1

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

Thursday, September 2

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open

Friday, September 3

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 4

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

With 2nd Collection for Community of Saints Regional Catholic School

Sunday, September 5

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
10:15 am Streamed Mass

Advertiser Spotlight

NEW ADVERTISERS ARE NEEDED. HOW CAN YOU HELP? DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS? WOULD YOUR EMPLOYER BE OPEN TO ADVERTISING HERE?

Because we had fewer ads then years past Saint Matthew's had to PAY for the bulletin printing this year. Do you know someone who would place an ad?

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