

# Church of St. Matthew

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*But the angel of the Lord came back, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"*

**August 8, 2021**  
**The Nineteenth 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 Steve

Next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at 10:15 am for the celebration of Sunday Mass in Cherokee Park – this annual event has sometimes been called “*Mass in the grass*”.

This tradition is a healthy way for all of us to gather informally, pray with each other, share some food and spend some time visiting and reconnecting.

Church is “a gathering”, it is interactive, it is a flesh and blood of community; it is not a thing of the head, it is a shared experience of Jesus Christ. Communities are built and strengthened when people connect with each other, share common experiences and common values.

Over the past year it has been difficult and sometimes impossible to gather as a community – this is one of the great losses of the pandemic.

Communities are not always the easiest. When people gather there is always the reality of differences – differences of personality, differences of experience; yet beneath all of that difference there is a connection we have with each other, a connection built upon our faith.

So, plan to gather next Sunday at 10:15 am at Cherokee Park. Invite family members and neighbors to join you. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Meat will once again be provided by the generosity of the Saint Matthew’s Men’s Club. Bring a picnic blanket or a lawn chair. Bring a beverage. Mostly, bring yourself.

We couldn’t do that last year. It is wonderful to be able to come together this year.

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.

**MUSICIANS I.** 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](mailto:jillkilzer@st-matts.org).**

**MUSICIANS II.** If you play a musical instrument and would like to be part of the **Music Ministry at the Mass in the Park**, Sunday 8/15 at 10:15 am, **Contact Jill Kilzer Director of Music and Liturgy [jillkilzer@st-matts.org](mailto:jillkilzer@st-matts.org).**

**STRAWBERRY CLEANING** **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 25<sup>th</sup> and every morning through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 **119 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 Jeanne & Andy**. Lector **Kathy**, Eucharistic ministers **Ann, Maggie & Mary**. 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 **Ann, Tim, John, & 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 - NEXT 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

### COVID-19 IT'S STILL AROUND!

Masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use if you wish to do so.

### LEADING WITH FAITH AWARDS MASS AND CELEBRATION

**Wednesday, August 11, 1 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul**

Celebrate executives, owners, and other leaders of secular businesses who lead with their Catholic faith with our Leading With Faith Awards. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will preside at Mass and present the 2021 awards. Ice cream social to follow. There is no cost, but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit [archspm.org/leadingfaithmass](http://archspm.org/leadingfaithmass).

### BULLETINS TO THE HOMEBOUND

During the onset of Covid-19 we experienced an increase in the number of bulletins mailed to our parishioners homes. Now that we are back to Saturday Mass and Sunday Mass will begin on September 12th, is there anyone receiving a bulletin who no longer needs to? Please call the Parish Office and let us know.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS July 31, 2021		Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 24		Hours in Service 23	
<b>Parish</b>		<b>School</b>			\$ 380
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,669				
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,690				
PayPal	\$ 25	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 380</b>
Bulletins	\$ 50	<b>Thank You!</b>			
Masses/Memorials	\$ 28				
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Vigil Lights	\$ 19	simply scan with your			
Holy Day	\$ 35	phone to make an electronic			
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 50	payment			
Funeral	\$				
Misc. Donations	\$				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,566</b>				



**THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**  
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit August 7 - August 13 for Debra Dee's health intentions.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 7th to celebrate Florida and Joseph Steven's 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Joe and Florida on your momentous occasion.

Contact Linda Rivera at [lriviera@st-matts.org](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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.**

### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



John DeVecchio along with several kind and energetic parishioners have been painting bathrooms and classrooms at Quantum Stream Academy.

Thank you to the men and women who have volunteered their time for this project.

### DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN September 24-26 at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo

We are pleased to announce that Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat is coming to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Single women age 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will are invited to attend. Religious sisters from various orders assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated Religious Sister. The Fiat Discernment Retreat seeks to foster prayer, self-knowledge, and authentic discernment in young women to re-center their focus back on God and the universal call to holiness. The cost of the retreat is \$100 which includes meals, lodging and materials. Registration and more information can be found at [fiatministries.org](http://fiatministries.org).

### FOOD SHELF COLLECTION DELAY - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Our regular collection for Neighborhood food shelf would be next weekend. This month we will delay the collection one week - **the collection date is August 21st.**

We are delaying because of the Mass and Picnic in the Park. We hope you will attend this event.

## Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee  
Jdelvecchio

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator  
pgrant

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kjack

Jill Kitzer, Music Ministry  
jillkitzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
bklein

Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
skowal

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator  
Mleibl

Rev. Biju Mathew, Parochial Administrator  
frbijum@gmail.com

Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary  
lrivera

Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation  
jdrohr@pro-ns.net

Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
Kthompson

## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Chris Avalos

Janelle Rohr

Alan Christensen

Linda Sellars

Suzanne Clarke

Joanne Smith

Jerald Dosch

Phil Grant, Ex Officio

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## Finance Council Members

John DelVecchio

Joe Stevens

Bernie Klein

Joanne Smith

Becky Montgomery

Karen Thompson

John Sekevitch

Phil Grant, Ex Officio

## 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 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 7

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Helen Leibl†  
Jim Pirkl†  
Alberto Alvarez†  
Dorinda Martineau†  
Arthur Geis†

### Sunday, August 8

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, August 9

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, August 11

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, August 13

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, August 14

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Arthur Geis†  
Bill Brengman, Special Intention  
Chase Baker, Special Intention  
Graciella Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

### Sunday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:15 am Mass & Picnic in the Cherokee Park  
10:15 am Mass Streamed Mass

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, August 7

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

### Sunday, August 8

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, August 9- Friday, August 13

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

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

### Monday, August 9

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

### Tuesday, August 10

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

### Wednesday, August 11

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

### Thursday, August 12

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

### Friday, August 13

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, August 14

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

### Sunday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:15 am Mass & Picnic at the Cherokee Park  
10:15 am Mass Steamed Mass

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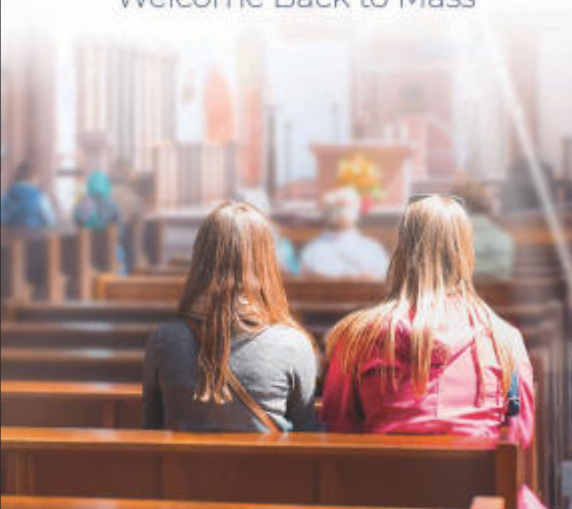
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