

# Church of St. Matthew

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*He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be killed*

**September 12, 2021**  
**Twenty-Fourth 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

This weekend we observe the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. Often the thoughts and ideas of children are given little attention. This weekend we will see and hear much about the meaning and cost of 9/11 – 3000 died, the longest war in our history resulted and tens of thousands of children have a mental image they struggle to understand.

Below is the reflection of a young woman, Laurel Homer, who was only 10 months old on 9/11. Her dad,, LeRoy Homer Jr., was First officer of flight 93

Fr. Steve Adrian

"I have a memory that I'm not even sure happened. I was really little and I was at an event in some sort of banquet hall. They were showing a slide show and a photo of my dad came on. I recognized his picture and pointed to it. I remember the noises people made. It sounded like they were sighing in pity. I think that's when I first really knew he was gone.

My dad's plane went down when I was 10 months old, so everything I know about him comes from other people. His father was from Barbados and his mother was from Germany. I know he was very smart—he did his first solo flight when he was just 16—and people tell me he was a good, caring person.

When my mom first told me what had happened to my dad, she said that there had been bad men on his plane. She explained it the best way she could, but it ended up making me scared of men. I know that isn't rational because my dad was a man and there were really good men on that plane. I remember talking about it with a child therapist while I was playing with toys. That fear is still something I struggle with today.

When I was going into third grade, a certain teacher asked to have me in her class because her cousin had been on my dad's flight. That helped. Then I started going to Camp Better Days. All the kids there had lost somebody on 9/11. Those people still feel like family because they're the only ones who know exactly how I feel. One of my friends never met her dad at all because her mom was pregnant with her when it happened. It's hard to say who had it worse, those who were old enough to remember or those who didn't even know what we'd lost.

There are a lot of things I'd like to know about my dad, but it's a difficult subject to talk about, so I usually don't ask questions. I know everybody thinks of him as a hero, but obviously, I'd rather have grown up with a father. So when people call him a hero, it doesn't mean that much to me. He didn't have to die to be my hero, because I still would've looked up to him if he were here."

## 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 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).**

**THANK YOU** to the many **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 **Phil** & cantor **Linda**. Lectors **Mary & Jerald**, Eucharistic ministers **Becky, Joanne & Janelle**. 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 54+ volunteers who spent 12 mornings cleaning strawberries for the State Fair. Everyone enjoyed the chance to again be together with fellow parishioners & friends. The time literally flew. The volunteers arrived at 8:00 am and most days the berries were all cleaned and in the cooler before 11:00 am!!

Their volunteerism earned some much-needed income for the parish! Mark your calendars for next year. Wednesday, August. 24<sup>h</sup> – Sunday before Labor Day September 4<sup>th</sup>!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

## News and Events

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

### **FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Families with students in grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2021-2022 school year. Before registering, review the COVID-19 Delta variant safety plan. The registration form and COVID-19 safety plan are available at [www.st-matt.org](http://www.st-matt.org).

### **HELP AROUND THE HOUSE**

If you have a repair project, such as a fence that needs to be fixed, perhaps some painting that needs to be done, windows trim needing scraping and painting or other home repair item you have been putting off, young men and women for People of Praise would like to lend a hand. They are also available to clean up and bring order to your yard projects as well.



If you are interested in scheduling a date for a team to visit your home, please call the Parish Office with your name and telephone number and a member of the team will call you back.

Fall is just around the corner, don't wait until it's too late!

### **THANK YOU NEIGHBOR**

Next weekend September 18-19 is our regular collection of non-perishable food and personal care products for the food shelf at Neighborhood House.



Our last collection in August was an amazing 264 pounds of food! Please be as generous as you are able. Thank for helping to feed our friends and neighbors.



**THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S**  
**The Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit September 11th - September 18th for the special intentions for (health) **Elizabeth Wolff**.

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.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY 2021-2022**

Saint Matthew's Rosary Society will begin their 2021-2022 meeting schedule on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Parish Center, Lower Level, Garden Room. Please enter through the parking lot door at the rear of the Parish Center.

All members are welcome to attending this meeting. We also welcome new members to attend. If you have thought of becoming a member of the Rosary Society, this will be the perfect time to join. We have several important things to discuss at this month's meeting and hope to see many members at the meeting, perhaps some new ones too!

### **CCRO 2021 FALL CONFERENCE**

Date(s): Saturday, October 23

Time: 8:30 a.m.

End Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Trinity School, Eagan

Cost: Ranges from \$20-40

More Information: Visit the CCRO Website

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office (CCRO) invites you to the Fall Conference: Igniting Disciples: The Boldness of the Holy Spirit, featuring four talks by Peter Herbeck, vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. There will also be Praise and Worship.

### **About the Speaker**

For more than thirty years, Peter Herbeck 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*.

### **MASK AND VACCINE INFORMATION**

At St. Matt's, we follow guidelines from the CDC, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Archdiocese. As such we offer masks at each of the church entrances for your use with every good wish and encouragement. We are not currently requiring masks at Mass. The CDC acknowledges that infections are rare for those who are vaccinated, and severe illness and death are even rarer. While infection is still possible for anyone, each person needs to evaluate their own situation.

Regarding vaccinations, Pope Francis recently said it very well:

"Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. "He added: "Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."

<b>WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>Early Transmission Due to Labor Day Holiday Update Next Week</b>	
<b>Parish</b>		<b>School</b>	\$
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## Parish Leadership

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## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Chris Avalos

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## Finance Council 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 September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 11

4:15 pm Our Parish  
Jaden Baker, Special Intention  
Ethan Andrew, Special Intention

### Sunday, September 12

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
✠ Bill Martin  
✠ Hank Goers

10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, September 13

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, September 15

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, September 17

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, September 18

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

### Sunday, September 19

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
✠ Our Parish  
Mary Leibl, Special Intention  
10:15 am Streamed Mass

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, September 11

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

### Sunday, September 12

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
10:15 am Streamed Mass

### Monday, September 13 - Friday, September 17

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

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

### Monday, September 13

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

### Tuesday, September 14 the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

### Wednesday, September 15

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

### Thursday, September 16

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

### Friday, September 17

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, September 18

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

### Sunday, September 19

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
10:15 am Streamed Mass  
11:15 am Minus Family Brunch following Mass

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