



Church of St. Matthew

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"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

September 19, 2021
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

In person 4:15 pm Saturday
Streamed 10:15 am Sunday

Reconciliation

2nd and 4th Saturday - 1st and 3rd Sunday
of the month following 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 celebrate the Patron Saint of our parish – Saint Matthew.

Saint Matthew was a tax collector, then as now, a highly disliked person – more so in Matthew's situation in which he over charged his neighbors and friends and pocketed the money for himself. There was no transparency, accountability nor any form of checks and balances.

This man was, in the minds of religious people of the time, the least to be called by the Teacher as a follower, a disciple and more than that, an apostle.

Jesus saw something in Matthew that no one else saw.

As Jesus walked by the customhouse he looked at Matthew and Matthew looked at him. Their eyes locked on each other. Something transpired between them. Then Jesus said two simple words that changed Matthew's life.

Jesus said: "Follow me." Matthew left his post at the customhouse and followed Jesus.

The call of Matthew is a teaching about the invitation Jesus gives to see the value of those who stand on the margins, those who are the least expected to contribute, those who are nameless and faceless.

Jesus identifies with the outcast, as in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus affirms that the neighbor is anyone who is in need – regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, color or political persuasion.

Pope Francis said "Jesus looked upon Matthew with eyes of compassion, with eyes of mercy." Since 1886 the Saint Matthew parish has tried to be a presence of mercy, to look upon our neighbor through eyes of compassion, with the eyes of Jesus.

We have much to celebrate this weekend. The interaction between Jesus and Matthew offers an example to us all.

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, cantors, guitarists, keyboardists, string players, & wind instrument players for **weekend Masses**. Contact **Jill Kilzer Director of Music and Liturgy** jillkilzer@st-matts.org.

FUNERAL - MINISTRY - The church of St. Matthew invites you to be a part of a compassionate ministry providing hospitality to grieving families. You are needed to help set up and serve post-funeral luncheons to families and their guests. If you can help, please call either **Becky Montgomery 651-292-0521** or **Suzanne Clark 612-819-3752**.

GREETERS - Now that we have two Masses each weekend, St. Matthew seeks additional "Greeters" to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew parish are all that's needed. To help, contact: Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org , mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

THANK YOU - To the **89 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday and the **39 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank **You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to continue to take part online.

To **Karen & Becky** who handled the opening announcements on Sat & Sunday respectively. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Kathy**. Lectors **Jeanne on Saturday; Anthony & Joanne - Sunday**. Eucharistic ministers **Mary, Ann & Tim - Saturday; Becky, Florida & Joe - Sunday**. Ushers **Tom & Tim Saturday; Steve & Ginny on Sunday**. Sacristans **Mary - Saturday, Ginny & Joanne - Sunday**. Thank you to **Mary & Tim** who assisted with the Baptism ceremony at the Saturday Mass. **THANK YOU** -To **Ann, Bob, Tim, John, Kristen & Ginny** who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members & friends.

News and Events

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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES STARTING

Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades K-10 begin on Wednesday, September 22. Classes will be held in the Parish Center, and start and dismissal times are staggered to reduce congestion around the entryway as part of our coronavirus safety precautions. Grades K-5 start at 6:30, grades 6-7:00 pm at 6:40 pm, and grades 8-10 at 6:45 pm. Dismissal times range from 7:30 to 7:50 pm and are on the COVID-19 prevention plan at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/. The registration form for the Wednesday evening classes can also be downloaded from that webpage. Public school students seeking the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation in 2022 need to attend the Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes that begin this week. Questions? Call or text Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at 651-242-6004 or send an email to Janelle@st-matts.org.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Welcome to our newest parish member, Alaiza Rose Arteaga, who was baptized on Saturday, September 11, 2021.



Alaiza is the daughter of Jocelyn and Adrian. The parish family of Saint Matthew congratulates the Arteaga family on the birth and baptism of their new daughter, Alaiza. God's blessings to your family.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS September 5 & 12, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 88 Hours in Service 165

Parish		School	\$ 373
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 8,894	Food Shelf	\$
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PayPal	\$ 110	Total	\$ 373
Misc. Donations	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 31		
Rent	\$ 4,400	PayPal QR Code	
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Holy Day	\$ 30	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$	payment	
Total	\$ 14,002		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit September 18th - September 25th for the deceased members of Saint Matthew's Class of 1961.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to the all as observers. If you wish to bring a matter to be discussed before the Council it must be on the Agenda prior to the meeting. To have your item added to the Agenda, call the Parish Office by Tuesday, September 21st no later 12:00 Noon.

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 strong 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."

MINUS FAMILY BUNCH

Sunday, September 19, 2021

The Minus Family will prepare and host Bunch on Sunday, September 19th, 2021 following 10:15 am Mass

This annual event is in memory of their father & husband, Arthur Minus, Sr.

A free will offering will be accepted and funds will be donated to a charity of the family's choice

Please come join the Minus family as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Matthew with our parish family and community

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
Jdelvecchio

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator
pgrant

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Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
kjack

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kthompson

Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

Members:

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Anthony Minus

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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 September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠ Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.
✠ Jim Pirkl
✠ Mary Lind
✠ Deceased Members of St. Matt's Class of 1961

Sunday, September 19

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

Monday, September 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, September 22

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, September 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, September 25

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠ Thekla Simmons
✠ Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, September 26

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠ Living & Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

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)
No Streamed Mass Today
Reconciliation following Mass
11:15 am Minus Family Brunch following Mass

Monday, September 20 - Friday, September 24

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

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

Monday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
4:45 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
4:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting Hybrid Parish Center
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Hybrid Parish Center

Friday, September 24

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 27

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

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