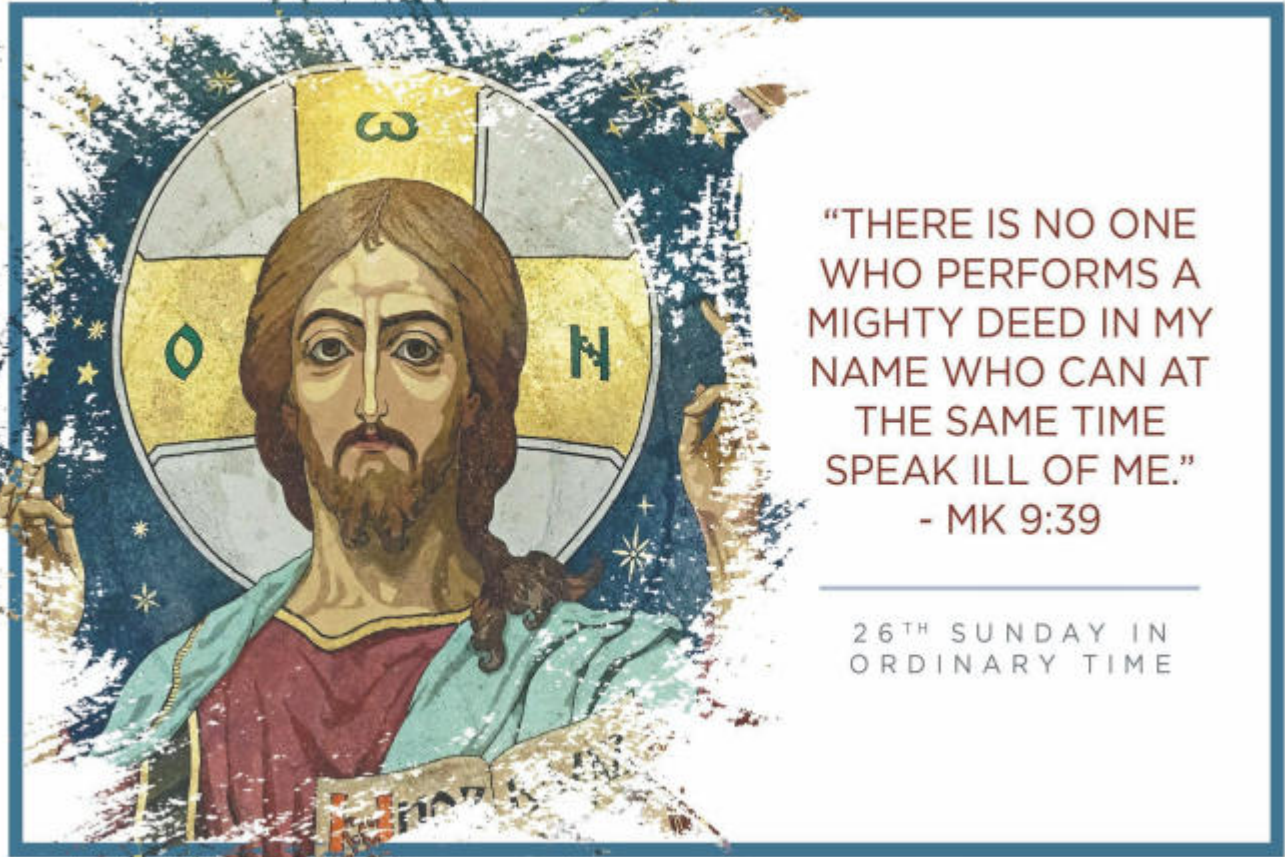


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“THERE IS NO ONE WHO PERFORMS A MIGHTY DEED IN MY NAME WHO CAN AT THE SAME TIME SPEAK ILL OF ME.”
- MK 9:39

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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September 26, 2021
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

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

As we enter the fall harvest season we are asked to observe the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Pope Francis calls us to remember that immigration is not just about migrants and refugees; it is about all of us.

It is not just about migrants and refugees, it is also about our fears: Today, in particular, we are faced with the arrival of migrants and refugees knocking on our door in search of protection, security and a better future. To some extent, the fear is legitimate, the preparation for this encounter is lacking". But the problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when these doubts and fears condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realizing it – racist.

It is not just about migrants and refugees, it is about charity: Through works of charity, we demonstrate our faith (cf. *Jas* 2:18). And the highest form of charity is that shown to those unable to reciprocate and perhaps even to thank us in return. "It is about the face we want to give to our society and about the value of each human life..."

It is not just about migrants and refugees: it is about our humanity: Compassion is a virtue that cannot be explained on a purely rational level. Compassion strikes the most sensitive chords of our humanity, releasing a vibrant urge to "be a neighbor" to all those whom we see in difficulty. As Jesus himself teaches us (cf. *Mt*9:35-36; 14:13-14; 15:32-37), being compassionate means recognizing the suffering of the other and taking immediate action to soothe, heal and save.

It is not just about migrants and refugees: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded. Today's world is increasingly more elitist and cruel towards the excluded. Developing countries continue to be drained of their best natural and human resources for the benefit of a few privileged markets. Wars only affect some regions of the world, yet weapons of war are produced and sold in other regions, which are then unwilling to take in the refugees produced by these conflicts. Those who pay the price are the little ones, the poor, the most vulnerable, who are prevented from sitting at the table and are left with the "crumbs" of the banquet (cf. *Lk* 16:19-21).

In a word, it is not only the cause of migrants and refugees that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the "signs of the times". Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture.

One cannot be pro-life and slam the door on the poor man Lazarus who sits at our gate.

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 the 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 - Saint 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 Saint 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, Saint 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 **92 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday and the **61 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Andy** who handled the opening announcements on Saturday & Sunday. To our pianist **Jill** & cantors **Andy & Chris**. Lectors **Kathy** on Saturday. **Anthony & Joanne** – Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Josie, Mary & Tim** - Saturday; **Joe, Joanne & Ginny** - Sunday ushers **Tom & Tim** Saturday; **Ginny & Isabella** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** - Saturday **Ginny & Joanne** - Sunday. Thank you to **Ginny, Tim, Delfina, John & Bob** who took Communion to parishioners unable to attend.

Thank you to the **Minus Family** who provided a delicious brunch after the 10:15 Mass! Everyone enjoyed the meal and socializing once again while being careful to social distance at the same time!

Thank you to the **Kegler Family** who, by watching on-line auctions, were able to procure & donate, 30 padded arm-chairs for the worship space in 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.

Faith Formation Classes Have Begun

Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades K-10 last wee. Classes are 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.

Children's Liturgy Packets at Mass

Every weekend from now to early May, the Church of Saint Matthew will have learning packets available near the front door, by the hymnals, for children ages 3 to 6. The packet, a 9x12 envelope, has a colourful pamphlet (called *Seeds or Promise*) related to the Sunday Gospel, a supplemental worksheet, tips for parents on teaching the week's lesson, and basic supplies such as crayons and a pencil. Young children may use the packet materials during Mass and then the family may take the materials home. Activities in the pamphlet that require use of scissors or tape and glue can be done at home.

Season of Creation Through Monday, October 4

Join the Church in celebrating the Season of Creation, which runs through the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). You may wish to read Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si* and use the study guide, *Minnesota, Our Common Home*, provided by Minnesota Catholic Conference to grow in your understanding of integral ecology and how to become better stewards of all of God's creation. Order copies at MNCatholic.org/OurCommonHome. Sign up for local updates on Care for Creation by emailing creation@archspm.org.

Weekly Contributions September 19, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 29 Hours in Service 58

Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 9,827	Food Shelf	\$ 270
Electronic Giving	\$ 245		
PayPal	\$	Total	\$320
Misc. Donations	\$	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 10		
Rent	\$	PayPal QR Code	
Vigil Lights	\$ 70	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$	payment	
Total	\$ 10,152		



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit September 25th - October 2nd in memory of **Linda Owens, Ted and Connie Rivera**.

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.

Mass 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."

Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession

Friday, October 1, 6:30 pm. at the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul

Join in praying the rosary as we process from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gather at the MN State Capitol approach at 6:30 pm., for the procession which will begin at 7:00 pm. We will conclude with Marian prayers, Eucharistic Adoration, and Benediction at the Cathedral. See more information at minnesotarosaryprocessions.org.

Enduring Faith:

The Story of Native American Catholics

Available for all to watch at kofc.org/enduringfaith
Indigenous communities across North America have a rich and vibrant testimony to share – both past and present – including the witness of their faith. This documentary film on the faith, perseverance and inspiring example of Indigenous Peoples across North America dives deep into the rich contribution of Native Americans in the tapestry of the Catholic faith. Produced by the Knights of Columbus as part of its Faith Formation and Native Solidarity initiatives, the 60-minute documentary offers a missing piece to the greater story of Catholicism on the continent and a beautiful example of how Christ reveals himself through the uniqueness of every culture. Know someone who could benefit from joining the Knights? Visit kofc.org/joinus.

Welcome back Faith Formation students and families.

We look forward to seeing you in the classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you in church each Sunday.

Come learn and worship with us at Saint Matthew's.

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
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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 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas

5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23

[17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk

9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-

2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt

18:1-5, 10

Mass Intentions

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
‡ Helen, Nathan & James Stevens, Sr.

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, September 27

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, September 29

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, October 1

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, October 2

4:15 pm Our Parish
‡Patricia Szalapski

Sunday, October 3

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
‡Alice Scaramuzzo
‡Jim Pirkl
Carolina Gomez, Special Intention

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 25

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

Sunday, September 26

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

Monday, September 27 - Friday, October 1

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

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

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

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

Friday, October 1

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 3

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

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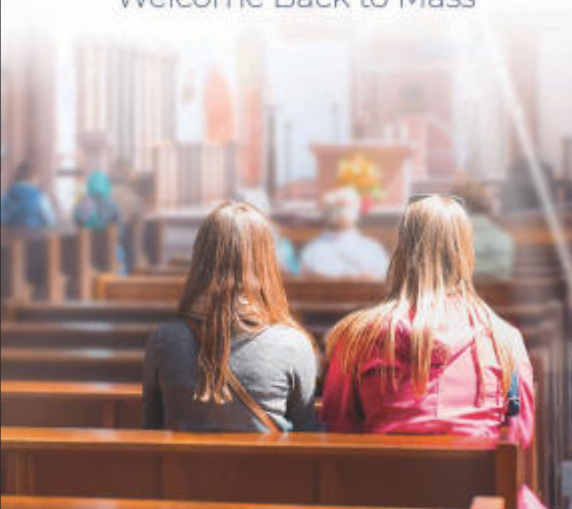
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