

Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

September 5, 2021
Twenty-Third 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

Next Sunday, September 12th the 10:15 am Sunday Mass will be reinstated. It has been since Saint Patrick's Day 2020 that the Sunday Mass was suspended and we went to a virtual, on line offering of the Sunday Mass.

So many people told me how grateful they were to have the opportunity to participate virtually. I heard from people out state and in far flung areas of their regular participation via the Internet.

I received a letter from a woman in Virginia. She and her husband were looking on-line for the Sunday Mass from Saint Matthew's Cathedral in Washington DC. They stumbled onto our web page. They were delighted by the Saint Matthew celebration of the liturgy and forgot all about Washington Cathedral; each Sunday they worshipped with us.

Virtual worship misses the experience of being in community with others, and participation in a community of faith is one of the hallmarks of what it is to be church. In the Acts of the Apostles first generation believers reflect on what makes them a vibrant community of faith. They say: We did our daily prayers; we celebrated the Eucharist each Sunday; we remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles; and we were a committed part of the community of faith (Acts 2:42). That reconnect with neighbors and friends, that in-person Sunday Mass, that gathering of community resumes on Sunday at 10:15 am.

Please invite your neighbors and friends to join you on September 12th for 10:15 am Mass. Invite and encourage parish members to resume their in-person communal celebration of the Eucharist at either 4:15 pm on Saturday or 10:15 am Sunday morning.

We will continue to offer a virtual Sunday Mass via Internet on Sundays at 10:15. This accommodation is made for those who cannot be with us in person because of illness, disability or some other reason.

Father Steve Adrian

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.**

THANK YOU to the **104 parishioners** who attended the in-person Mass last Saturday. **Thank You** to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Karen** who handled the opening announcements. To our pianist **Phil** & cantor **Christina**. Lector **Mooreen**, Eucharistic ministers **Mary, Jerald & Joe**. 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 **Delfina, Ginny, Tim, John, Dave & Kristin** who took the Eucharist from Mass to their family members and friends!

THANK YOU to the 54 people who volunteered to clean strawberries for the booth at the State Fair. **Thanks** to all who came to the Social Hall for the first 10 days of strawberry cleaning and got the berries cleaned and ready to be taken to the Strawberry & Cream booth at the Fair! We thank all who helped set up the tables, washed the berries, and had them ready for the workers to begin the cleaning process. We also thank those who stayed to clean the tables and run the strainers, tubs and cutting tools through the dishwasher! There were many comments indicating that being together cleaning berries and socializing with fellow parishioners & friends, was greatly missed last year when Covid prevented this event from happening! It is nice to have some normalcy back into our lives! Also, this is not only an opportunity to enjoy being with each other, but to also to earn much needed income for the parish!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

News and Events

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

SUNDAY 10:15 AM MASS IS BACK

Next Sunday, September 12th 10:15 am Mass returns. It has been more than a year since the last 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Father Adrian is looking forward to celebrating Sunday Mass again. Lectors, ushers, sacristans, and the Eucharistic ministers will all be waiting to welcome you back.

We hope to see many of our friends and family back at Sunday Mass again!

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-matts.org/faith-formation/. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in spring 2022. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Classes run from September 22 through May 4. Questions? Email Janelle@st-matts.org or call or text 651-242-6004.

ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Sunday, September 19, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Chapel, Seminaries of Saint Paul, St. Paul

This Mass includes celebration the Sacrament of Confirmation for persons with disabilities who have completed Confirmation classes. This year's celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Sing-along begins at 2:30 p.m.; Mass at 3:00 pm (including a sign language interpreter). Stay for socialization and light refreshments after Mass



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS August 28, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 29 Hours in Service 50

Parish		School	\$ 55
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 4,653	Food Shelf	\$
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Holy Day	\$ 20	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 60	payment	
Total	\$ 11,508		



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S
The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit September 4th - September 11th for the special intentions of **John Kilzer and Karen Bauer.**

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.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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

IN SYMPATHY

The parish family of Saint Matthew extends its condolences to the Sexton family. On Wednesday, September 2, 2021 family and friends gathered for **Gerald Sexton's** funeral Mass. Although Mr. Sexton died in 2020 his funeral Mass was delayed because of Covid-19.

Please remember Mr. Sexton and all the faithful departed in your prayers. Also, remember his wife Marilyn, children and grandchildren who mourn his death.

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

SPIRITUAL 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.

AUDITION NOTICE

September 3 or 4 at Helen Houle Auditorium, Saint Agnes School, St. Paul or an advance video audition

Missed the Boat Theatre, a Catholic community theatre based in our Archdiocese, is holding auditions for a fall musical, Moonshine Abbey. Male and female adult actors of all ages are invited to audition. Come be part of creating high-quality Catholic theatre in a friendly, community-oriented environment. For more info or to sign up for an audition slot, go to moonshineabbey.com or email missedtheboattheatre.b.o@gmail.com.

Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

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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 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠ Jim Pirkl
Carolina Gomez, Special Intention

Sunday, September 5

10:15 am Streamed Mass

Monday, September 6

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, September 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, September 10

8:00 am Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 4

8:00 am Strawberry Cleaning Social Hall
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

Monday, September 6- Friday, September 10

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

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

Monday, September 6 Labor Day

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

Tuesday, September 7

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

Wednesday, September 8

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

Thursday, September 9

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

Friday, September 10

Parish Office Closed

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
11:15 am Minus Family Brunch following Mass

Advertiser Spotlight

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

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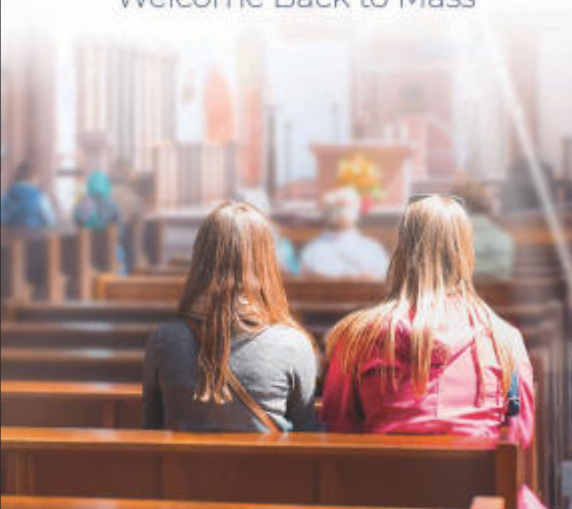
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