

# Church of St. Matthew

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*You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.*

**October 10, 2021**  
**Twenty-eighth 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

On October 11<sup>th</sup> 1962 I was 20 years old and in my college sophomore year. An event occurred that day which ultimately became the foundation for my life as a priest.

On that date Saint John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. The work of this four-year gathering of all the Catholic bishops of the world was to find a way that the voice of the Church might better use contemporary language and images to attract the attention of the world.

The world was changing dramatically and swiftly. The world demanded a fresh way of speaking about the eternal truths of the Gospel. It seemed that each month a new nation formed as colonial Europe released their colonies to establish their own identity and a democratic way of life.

The Women's movement was becoming strong and effective in European countries – women's equality in all areas of life was coming about.

The technology that would provide instantaneous mass communication was being developed and soon the world would become "a global village". Space travel had become a reality.

The United States promised to "put a man on the moon in ten years". Technology and resources were brought to meet that challenge.

The arms race continued, nuclear stockpiles were developed by both the United States and the Soviet Union. It was "the Cold War."

Five days after the opening of the Vatican Council, October 16, 1962, the Soviet Union having put nuclear war-heads in Cuba, forced the United States to embargo Soviet vessels aimed toward Cuba. The "Cuban Missile Crisis" was underway and from October 16-October 20 the world was on the brink of nuclear war.

In the midst of international fear and the rapid pace of human development Pope John said to the bishops of the world: "I feel I must disagree with those prophets of gloom, who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand. In the present order of things, God is leading us to a new order of human relations which, by our own efforts and even beyond our very expectations, are directed toward the fulfillment of God's superior and inscrutable designs. And everything, even human differences, leads to the greater good of the Church and the world."

This week pray that the vision of Pope John and the Council might grow in the hearts and minds of the 21<sup>st</sup> century Church.

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

**Greeters** - Now that we have two Masses each weekend, St. Matthews 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](mailto:Jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or the parish office.

**Fall Church Cleaning**—Due to the pandemic, it has been **2 years** since we gathered on a Saturday morning to clean inside the church and on the church grounds! We will gather Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. As the old saying goes – Many hands make light work! The more volunteers we have, the sooner we will finish. This would also be a good opportunity for Confirmation students who will be needing service hours!!

**Thank You to Marilyn, Chris, Linda, Mary & Bernie** who put together the mailing for the November Raffle and Synod Informational Flyer. If you didn't receive a mailing stop at the table in the back of church and someone will be happy to sell you a raffle chance!

**Thank You** to the **102 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday and the **48 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank You to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Linda** who handled the opening announcements for both Masses. To our pianist **Phil** & cantor **Linda** & singer **Andy** on Saturday. On Sunday **Phil** on piano & cantor **Linda**. Lectors **Mary** on Saturday; **Joe & Joanne** – Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Kathy, Ellen & Tim - Saturday; Jerald, Dave & Ginny** – Sunday. Ushers **Tom & Tim Saturday; Al & Barb** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary - Saturday, Ginny & Joanne** – Sunday. Thank you to **Ginny, Tim, Ann, Dave, Kathy, Sue & John** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend. Thank you to **Alan**, who through his talent films our Masses, making it possible for many of our parishioners to take part on-line.

**We are a volunteer parish!**

## News and Events

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

### 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.

### Faith Formation Classes Have Begun

Faith Formation classes for public school students in grades K-10 started a number of ago. 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 pm, grades 6-7 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/](http://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 have begun. Questions? Call or text Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr at 651-242-6004 or send an email to [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org).

**Because we are into a number of weeks of classes it is urgent to register your child soon before anymore classes are missed.**

### Planning Ahead for Thanksgiving

The Parish Center received information this week that the **Casper family** and the owners of **Jameson's Pub** will again provide their annual Thanksgiving Dinner to those who cannot provide dinner for themselves.

The Parish Center will take reservations for meals the first week in November. Mark the date on your calendar.

Weekly Contributions October 3, 2021	
Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 58 Hours in Service 138	
<b>Parish</b>	<b>School</b> \$ 341
Envelopes/Cash \$ 2,602	<b>CASA</b> \$ 525
Electronic Giving \$ 245	
PayPal \$ 100	<b>Total</b> <b>\$1,025</b>
Misc. Donations \$	<b>Thank You!</b>
Masses/Memorials \$ 255	
Rent \$ 4,520	<b>PayPal QR Code</b>
Vigil Lights \$ 20	simply scan with your
Holy Day \$ 262	phone to make an electronic
Bells/ Lamp \$ 17	payment
Raffle \$ 220	
Faith Formation \$ 700	
Fuel \$ 55	
<b>Total</b> <b>\$ 8,996</b>	



**The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's**  
**The Sanctuary Lamp** will be lit October 2nd to October 9th in memory of **Patricia Szalapski**.

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.

### 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."

### Rosary Society Meeting

**Tuesday, October 12th** Interested in meeting other Saint Matt's women? Come to the next Rosary Society meeting this Tuesday, October 12th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We meet in the lower level of the Parish Center. Enter the Parish Center by using the lower level door, which is off the back parking lot. Rosary Society meetings are open to all women, and if you are not already a member, please come as our guest. In addition to socializing with one another, this month's meeting topic will be a discussion of *Welcoming Parishes*, the Topic A from Session 3 of the Archdiocesan Synod process. In accordance with CDC and MN Department of Health guidelines, we are asking all who can to please wear a mask at the meeting. Masks reduce the risk of us inadvertently spreading Covid 19 to others, and it is an act of love by which we protect not only one another, but also each other's family members. Please join us this Tuesday.

### Monthly Food Collection



Next weekend (October 16-17) is the parish monthly non-perishable food collection for Neighborhood House. Also collected are personal care items and paper products.

On September 18 -19 we collected 134 pounds of food and personal care items and \$1,009 cash.

The generosity of our parish helps to stock the food shelf at Neighborhood House for the use of neighborhood families. Many families on the West Side use the food shelf on a regular basis; some monthly, but most visit weekly. Thank you parishioners for helping to feed our friends and community.

## Parish Leadership

### All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
sadrian  
John DeVecchio, Parish Trustee  
Jdelvecchio  
Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator  
pgrant  
Scott Hertzog, Janitor  
Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster  
kjack  
Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry  
jillkilzer  
Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable  
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Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer  
skowal  
Reyes Ledesma, Janitor  
Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator  
Mleibl  
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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
Anthony Minus	

## Finance Council Members

John DeVecchio	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 October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/  
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk  
11:29-32  
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk  
11:42-46  
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk  
11:47-54  
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/  
Lk 12:8-12

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 9

4:15 pm Our Parish  
✠ Jack Yanchar  
Bill and Corrine Brengman 65th Wedding Anniversary, Special Intention

### Sunday, October 10

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
✠ Arthur Geis

### Monday, October 11

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, October 13

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, October 15

8:00 am Cancelled

### Saturday, October 16

4:15 pm Our Parish  
✠ Dorinda Martineau  
✠ Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler, Sr.

### Sunday, October 17

10:15 am Mass (in person)  
Our Parish  
✠ Ted & Connie Rivera and Linda Owens

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, October 9

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

### Sunday, October 10

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

### Monday, October 11 - Friday, October 15

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

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

### Monday, October 11

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

### Tuesday, October 12

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
4:45 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church  
6:00 - 7:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting Parish Center Lower Level

### Wednesday, October 13

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
6:45 - 7:50 pm Faith Formation Church/Parish Center

### Thursday, October 14

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

### Friday, October 15

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, October 16

#### 9:00 am Fall Church and Campus Cleaning

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
4:15 pm Mass (in person) with Collection for Neighborhood House

### Sunday, October 17

10:15 am Mass (in person) with Collection for Neighborhood House  
Reconciliation following Mass  
10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

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