

# Church of St. Matthew

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*Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.*

**October 3, 2021**  
**Twenty-seventh 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

Luigi Bettazzi is the last living of the more than 2,500 Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. He was ordained bishop just weeks before the Council began in 1962. He is the last bishop in the world who has a lived memory and personal experience of the Council.

He is to be remembered for another reason. He is the last living signatory of the Catacomb Pact. On November 16, 1965, close to the end of Vatican II, Luigi Bettazzi along with 40 other conciliar Bishops met at the Catacombs of St. Domitilla to sign a pact intended to do away with the richness and pomp in the Catholic Church. The names of all the Bishops present are not known.

Below are highlights of that Pact.

**We, Bishops meeting at Vatican Council II, being aware of the deficiencies of our life of poverty according to the Gospel, encouraged by one another commit ourselves to the following:**

- 1. Regarding housing, food and means of transportation and everything concerning these things, we will seek to live in accordance with the common average level of our people.**
- 2. We renounce forever wealth and its appearance, especially in clothing (expensive materials and brilliant colors), and insignia of precious metals.**
- 3. Whenever it is possible we will confide the financial and material administration of our diocese to a commission of competent lay persons conscious of their apostolic role, given that we should be pastors and apostles rather than administrators.**
- 4. We refuse to be called in speech or writing by names or titles that signify grandeur and power (Your Eminence, Your Excellency, Monsignor ...). We prefer to be called by the name of Father.**
- 5. In our social relations, we will avoid everything that can appear to confer privileges, priorities, or even a preference to the rich and powerful (for example: banquets given or received, special places in religious services) ....**

Bishop Bettazzi commented, "God with his grace gave us a pope like Francis, who without having signed the Pact, already led this kind of life and had experience of a simple church, a poor church, a church very close to the poor."

In the pilgrimage that is called Church, sometimes a priest or bishop is meant to walk in front of the community to make sure there are no obstacles in the way. Some times he is meant to walk shoulder to shoulder with others to show his identity as one of the People of God. Sometimes he is asked to walk behind to make sure that no one gets lost. In all times he is to remember who he is – a child of God whose fundamental identity is found in the Sacrament of Baptism, not the Sacrament of Ordination.

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, 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](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 the **101 parishioners** who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday and the **58 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope. To **Kathy** who handled the opening announcements on Saturday & **Linda** Sunday. To our pianist **Jill** & cantor **Christina** on Saturday & on Sunday **Jill** on piano & **Phil** played the Irish Whistle! Cantor **Linda** & singer **Andy**. Lectors **Ellen** on Saturday; **Jerald & Ginny**- Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Tom, Kathy & Maggie - Saturday; Josie, Mike & Joe - Sunday.** Ushers **Tom & Tim Saturday; Dave & Steve on Sunday.** Sacristans **Mary - Saturday, Ginny & Joanne - Sunday.** Thank you to **Ginny, Tim, Ann, Jane, Dave, Debbie, John & Bob** 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.

**Thank You** - to **Doris** who has volunteered to be a greeter at the Saturday Mass.

**Thank You** - to **Kathy** who volunteered to prepare packets for Faith Formation. And Elaine who volunteered to prepare the weekend Mass Seeds packets.

**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 started two weeks 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 6-7:00 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/](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 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](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org).

### Confirmation Classes

Public school students in grades 8 and above who would like to be Confirmed in April 2022 with the Church of Saint Matthew need to register and attend weekly Wednesday evening classes from 6:45 to 7:50 pm in the Saint Matthew Parish Center. The next two classes are on October 6 and October 13. Catholic school students in grades 8 and above who would like to be Confirmed with Saint Matthew should attend the October 13 Confirmation class from 6:45 to 7:50 pm in the Parish Center. Questions? Email [Janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:Janelle@st-matts.org) or call or text 651-242-6004.

### 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.

### Weekly Contributions September 26, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 30 Hours in Service 52

Parish		School	\$
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,806	CASA	\$ 790
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,773		
PayPal	\$ 100	Total	<b>\$1,195</b>
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Vigil Lights	\$ 17	simply scan with your	
Holy Day	\$ 5	phone to make an electronic	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 17	payment	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,738</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**.

**The Bells of Saint Matthew** will ring on October 6th for **Bill and Corrine Brengmen** in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Corrine and Bill on an amazing milestone. God bless you!

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."

### New to Medicare, Questions About Medicare?

Join our webinars on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 11:30 am to This webinar is ideal for people turning 65 this year and people already over 65 who want to review their current coverage.

#### How do I apply for Medicare?

#### How do I review my current Medicare?

Join our webinar on Wednesday afternoon, October 6, 2021 from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm  
This webinar is ideal for people turning 65 this year and people already over 65 who want to review their current coverage.

- If you are receiving Social Security benefits prior to age 65, your Medicare card will automatically arrive in the mail approximately 90 days before your 65th Birthday
- If you haven't signed up for Social Security benefits, you must proactively sign up for Medicare Part A or Parts A & B
- This can be done on line, via phone, or in person through the Social Security office
- *Open enrollment to sign up for Medicare is October 15 - December 7.*

Please RSVP by October 4, 2021:

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Questions contact: [kklindworth@securitiesamerica.com](mailto:kklindworth@securitiesamerica.com) or 651.291.6216

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## 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

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Mleibl

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Linda Rivera, Parish Secretary  
lrivera

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Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee  
kthompson

## Parish Pastoral Council

parishcouncil

### Members:

Chris Avalos

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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 October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

## Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, October 4

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, October 6

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, October 8

8:00 am Cancelled

### 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

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, October 2

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center  
4:15 pm Mass (in person) with 2nd Collection for COS

### Sunday, October 3

10:15 am Mass (in person) with 2nd Collection for COS  
10:15 am Streamed Mass Today  
Reconciliation following Mass

### Monday, October 4 - Friday, October 8

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

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

### Monday, October 4

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

### Tuesday, October 5

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

4:45 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

### Wednesday, October 6

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 7

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

### Friday, October 8

Parish Office Closed

### 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

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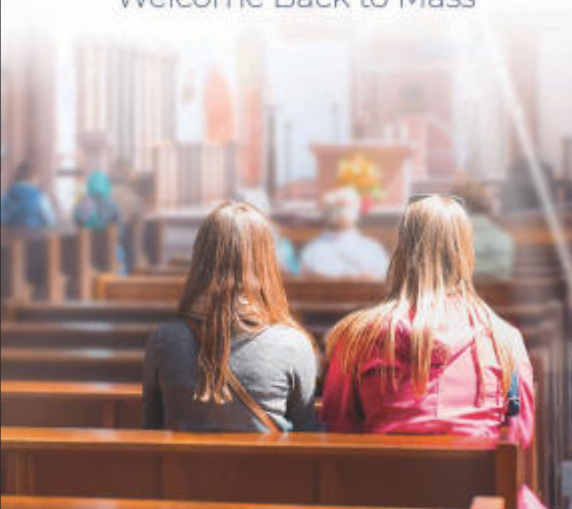
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