



Church of St. Matthew

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"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

November 21, 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving Day, that annual national holiday that most resembles a Holy Day. I have often thought that the Catholic Bishops failed to take advantage of a great opportunity – creating Thanksgiving Day as a Holy Day in the United States.

The Scriptures link gratitude and remembering. That in the very act of remembering is found gratitude, thanksgiving. Jesus tells us “when you do this, do it in commemoration of me.” Eucharist (thanksgiving) is tied to remembering.

I have hundreds, maybe thousands, of snap shots taken when photographic film was in vogue. I have a cousin, Peter Massong who was liberated from a detention camp in Austria after the war, came to the US with his family and worked for Kodak in Rochester, New York. He was always willing to supply me with photographic film, so I have a lot of pictures.

Every so often I take time to go through some of the pictures. I focus on the faces of people, mostly from by-gone days. It gives me a chance to remember, reconstruct, and reimagine places and events in the presence of that person. It is a kind of reliving, and in the doing of that, there is a sense of the event and person being alive and active in me today.

I think that is what is meant to happen in the Eucharist – in the very solemn remembering of Jesus – and in what Jesus said and did – He once more becomes present and active in our lives.

Try to find some time this Thanksgiving season to haul down that family album and slowly page through; focus on the faces, the places, and the events. Allow yourself, through you imagination, to re-enter the spaces and experience anew what occurred for you so many years ago. Then breathe deeply and spend a moment saying “thank you” – for the person, for the opportunity, for the event that is now yours anew.

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you and those you love.

Father Steve

Mass Intentions

If you are interested in scheduling a Mass for a deceased loved one or a special intention, please keep in mind we have only two weekend Mass. Also, many parishioners schedule Masses weeks, if not months in advance. If you wait until the of week or two of your desired Mass date your chances of that date being open are very small.

We make every effort to accommodate everyone's wishes but it helps to plan ahead. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Money Counters

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Money Counters for weekly collections. Time commitment would be **2 Sundays each month**. (3 Sundays in months with 5 week-ends.) You will work on teams of 3 – 4 people. Collection will be counted on Sunday mornings immediately after the last Mass. Ideally, we would like people from both Saturday & Sunday Masses to volunteer. On weeks when a Holy Day takes place, that collection too will be counted on the following Sunday. There has been some interest shown however we would like enough volunteers to have multiple teams. **If you like working with numbers and feel you can contribute to this valuable service**, please contact **Mary** at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the Parish Center, leave your name & phone # and someone will return your call!

Musicians Needed

St Matthews Music Ministry is looking for more singers, cantors, guitarists, keyboardists, string players, & wind instrument players for **weekend Masses as well as for the Christmas masses**. Contact **Jill Kilzer Director of music and Liturgy** 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 , mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF OUR
PARISH VOLUNTEERS!!**



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News and Events

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

Happy Thanksgiving

Father Adrian, Father Biju, Phil Grant, along with the Parish Trustee, Parish Council and Parish Staff with you and your family a happy Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.



Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation students in grades K-10 do NOT have class on November 24, the day before Thanksgiving. In-person class resumes on December 1. Remember to follow our COVID-19 safety protocols, which includes children staying home when they do not feel well and if they have had an exposure to the virus. On December 8, parents and students will attend the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass together in St Matthew Church. Families will sit together; plan to arrive in church at 6:45. Thanks to our students who have been doing a great job in following the safety protocols and thanks to Cathy Luiken, a public health worker who talked to all of our students about avoiding infection from the coronavirus.

Book of Deceased Loved Ones

During November, a book will be placed at the front entrance to the church where you may write the names of deceased family & friends. This book will then be moved to the Sanctuary at the beginning of each Mass throughout the month.

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**.

Weekly Contributions November 14, 2021

Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 21 Hours in Service 48

Parish		School	\$ 80
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 3,592	Food Shelf	\$ 20
Electronic Giving	\$ 245	Total	\$ 110
PayPal	\$ 0	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$ 121		
Holy Day	\$ 455	PayPal QR Code	
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Vigil Lights	\$ 38	phone to make an electronic	
Funeral	\$ 875	payment	
Bells/ Lamp	\$ 10		
Faith Formation	\$		
Fuel/Energy	\$ 55		
Total	\$ 5,391		



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

Contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@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.

Giving Thanks In November

Our second annual Giving Thanks In November drawing was another fabulous success. Thanks to you, our parishioners and friends of our parishioners.

We raised **\$16,450** in donations and another **\$1,500** from the Catholic Order of Foresters. Minus expenses of \$3,197 leaving a profit of **\$14,753**.

The monies raised this year have been earmarked to upgrade technology in the parish center and the church. There is also repair that must be done on the roof of the school building. All in all it was an excellent fundraiser, thank you everyone!

Recent Winners are: 11/14 \$75 **Steve Adrian**, 11/15 \$75 **John Sperl, Jr**, 11/16 \$75 **Michael Hottinger**, 11/17 \$75, **Tom Rolewicz** 11/18 \$75 **Nick Popper**, 11/19 \$75 **Ann Contreras**, 11/20 \$100 **Joanne Leibl**, 11/21 100 **David Hottinger**.

Congratulations winners!

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens

On October 18, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Andrew Cozzens as the bishop of Crookston, Minnesota.

Join in a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens Sunday, November 28, 12 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, with a reception following for people to greet him from 1-4 p.m.

Bishop Cozzens will be installed as the eighth bishop of Crookston Monday, December 6, 1 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

Shuttles Available

Due to increased traffic near the Cathedral November 28, we encourage all to take advantage of a free shuttle bus contracted for this event. You can park at the University of St. Thomas Anderson Parking Ramp (Grand and Cretin Avenues). Buses leave UST at 11, 11:20, and 11:40 a.m.; after Mass, buses depart the Cathedral for UST at 1:30, 2, and 2:30 p.m.

Volunteer in Action

Pictured to the right is volunteer, **Bill Kilzer** (husband of **Jill Kilzer**). Bill is making a long needed repair to the Parish Center main entrance door. This repair will help keep out dirt, leaves, birds, mice and other critters. The Parish Center staff and residents thank you!!



Parish Leadership

All emails are @st-matts.org

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian

John DelVecchio, Parish Trustee
Jdelvecchio

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pgrant

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Kevin Jack, website & social media webmaster
kjack

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jillkitzer

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lrivera

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jdrohr@pro-ns.net

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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 November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 20

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠Arthur Geis
✠Pam, Lucille & Robert Stickler, Sr.
✠Helen Bubb

Sunday, November 21

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠Michael Wood
Carolina Gomez, Special Intention
Kendrick Morrison, Special Intention

Monday, November 22

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, November 24

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Our Parish

Friday, November 26

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, November 27

4:15 pm Our Parish
Living & Deceased Rosary Society Members
✠Ted Snyder
✠Thekla Simmons

Sunday, November 28

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
✠Carol Grudei

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 21

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

Monday, November 22 - Friday, November 26

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

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

Monday, November 22

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

Tuesday, November 23

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, November 24

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

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed
6:00 pm AA Parish Center

Friday, November 26

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 27

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

Sunday, November 28

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

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