

Church of St. Matthew

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She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood

November 7, 2021
Thirty-second 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

Stewardship

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

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 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 weekends.) 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. If you like working with numbers and feel you can contribute to this valuable service, contact **Mary** at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the Parish Center, leave your name & phone # and someone will return your call!

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.

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.

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**.

Thank you to the 104 parishioners who attended the 4:15 pm Mass last Saturday and the **60 parishioners** who attended the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homily, gives us strength and hope as we continue to deal with the pandemic. To **Karen** who handled the opening announcements for 4:15 pm Mass & **Joanne** at 10:15 am. To our pianist **Jill** on Saturday. & on Sunday. Irish whistler **Phil** & guitarist **Tony** also on Sunday. Cantor **Christine** on Saturday & **Tony** on Sunday. We thank lector **Mary** on Saturday & **Ginny & Ellen** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne, Josie & Tim - Saturday; Mooreen, Dave & Jerald** on Sunday. Ushers **Tom, Tim & Doris** Saturday; **Karen & Steve** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary - Saturday, Ginny & Joanne - Sunday**. Thank you to **Ginny, Ann, John, Dave & Tim** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass this weekend.

News and Events

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

Sign Up Now For Tickets

If you would like to receive tickets for the Casper Family/Jameson Pub's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Saint Matthew's will now be taking names. Please call the Parish Office with your name, address, phone number and number of tickets you require. All meals will be take-out this year.



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.

Welcome To Our Parish Family

On Sunday, October 31, 2021 Father Adrian baptized **Sire Chase Green**, son of **Willie Green and Mary Hane**. We are pleased to welcome Sire into our Saint Matthew's parish community.



Please come back often, we are here to help Sire grow in his Catholic faith.

New Ministry Schedule

Ginny & Mary will be writing the new Ministry schedule the week of November 7th. This schedule will begin Thanksgiving Day November 25th & go through Sunday February 27th. This schedule will include 2 Masses for Christmas. One at 4:15 pm on Christmas Eve and one at 10:15 am Christmas Day. There will also be only **one** Mass for New Year's which will take place at 10:15 am on New Year's Day. **There is NO Mass on New Year's Eve!**

Because Christmas Day & New Years Day are both on Saturdays, there will be **NO 4:15 pm Sunday Anticipatory Mass on those 2 Saturdays!**

Please let us know by **Monday November 7th** at what Masses you will be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Also indicate if you are willing to read the announcements before mass begins. Thank you for your continued service to our Liturgical Ministry.

Weekly Contributions October 31, 2021 Volunteer Service Hours in Prayer 19 Hours in Service 27

Parish		School	\$ 50
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 5,764		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,045	Total	\$ 50
PayPal	\$ 100	Thank You!	
Masses/Memorials	\$		
Holy Day	\$ 140	PayPal QR Code	
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Vigil Lights	\$ 65	phone to make an electronic	
Funeral	\$	payment	
Bells/ Lamp	\$		
Faith Formation	\$ 40		
Fuel/Energy	\$ 55		
Fundraiser	\$ 1,960		
Total	\$ 9,688		



The Sounds and Sights of St. Matt's

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.

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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!

Winners for the past week are: 11/1 \$25 **Anna Marie Moseng**, 11/2 \$25 **B.J. Kranz**, 11/3 \$25 **Mary Jane Austing**, 11/4 \$25 **Ann Contreas**, 11/5 \$25 **Alicia Perez**, 11/6 \$25 **Mary Leibl/Joanne Leibl**.

Congratulations winners!

The Year of Saint Joseph: Engage. Pray. Celebrate. Now-December 8, various locations

The Year of Saint Joseph continues with these upcoming opportunities. The November 2 Cuppa Joe will feature Deacon Dan Gannon speaking on the saint as the Patron of a Happy Death. Prayer intentions on the Year of Saint Joseph can be submitted at archspm.org/stjoseph. These will be sent to the Carmelite Monastery in Lake Elmo who will include them in their intercession for the Church. Save the date for the Year of Saint Joseph Closing Mass, December 8, 2021, 7 p.m. at Cathedral of Saint Paul. For details on these events as well as additional opportunities visit archspm.org/stjoseph.



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
jillkitzer

Bernie Klein, Accounts Payable & Receivable
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Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer
skowal

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator
Mleibl

Rev. Biju Mathew, Parochial Administrator
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

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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 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 6

4:15 pm Our Parish
✠George Lackner
✠Alice Scaramuzzo
✠Dorothy Robinette & Greg Thompson
✠Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, November 7

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
Living & Deceased Altar & Rosary Members

Monday, November 8

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, November 10

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, November 12

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, November 13

4:15 pm Our Parish

Sunday, November 14

10:15 am Mass (in person)
Our Parish
Victor Mercado, Jr. Special Intention
✠Eleanor Bisciglia
✠Doris & Dave Bisciglia

Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 6

Daylight Savings Time Ends Tonight

9:00 Synod Meeting Church

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Sunday, November 7

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

Reconciliation following Mass

Monday, November 8 - Friday, November 12

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

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

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

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

3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS Church

Wednesday, November 10

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 11 Veterans Day

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

6:00 pm AA Parish Center

Friday, November 12

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 13

9:00 Synod Meeting Church

10:00 am AA Meeting Parish Center

4:15 pm Mass (in person)

Reconciliation following Mass

Sunday, November 14

10:15 am Mass (in person)

10:15 am Streamed Mass Today

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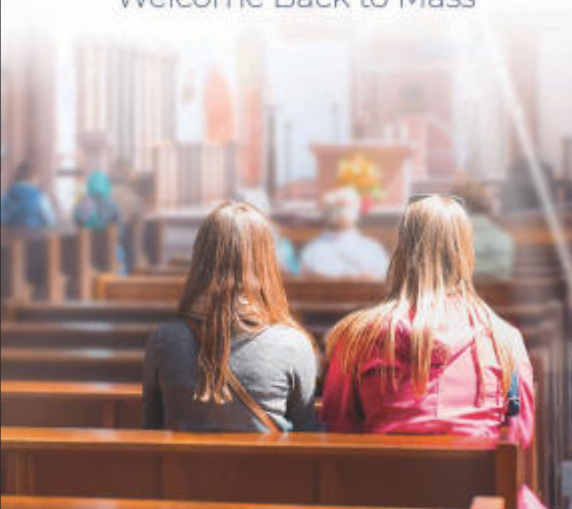
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