



# Church of St. Matthew

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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### June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

#### Liturgy Schedule

##### Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 AM (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 AM (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

##### Reconciliation

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the Parish Office regarding *Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick*

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#### Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

June 5, 70 AD was the day Titus breached the middle wall of the city of Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple – a date and event that would forever alter the religious life of Jews.

The Temple and temple worship was at the very heart of Jewish religious life. Three times a year a Jew was required to come to Jerusalem and offering sacrifice at the Temple. The priesthood of Israel, from the time of Moses, was the guarantor of the Temple worship of God's people.

The Jerusalem Temple was the second largest building in the world – second only to the Temple of Karnack in Alexandria, Egypt.

The destruction of the Temple was on a par with the event of 9/11 for the United States – a life-changing event.

With the destruction of the Temple, there was no further need of the priesthood, for there was no sacrifice. The religious practice of the Jews became a household matter. The Sabbath was observed at the dining room table. The Feast of Passover was observed at home, after the home was koshered.

Jews assembled together to study the Torah and to hand down the traditions of Israel to the next generation. These gatherings were called synagogue – a word that means the place of gathering, but more importantly it means the gathering itself apart from a place.

Near the Roman Forum is the Arch of Titus. Inside that arch are carved the images of the treasures of the Temple claimed by Titus and brought in procession to Rome as trophies of victory.

The loss of the Temple changed the mindset and practice of the first generation Jewish Christians of Jerusalem and inaugurated great persecutions that drove Christianity from being a Jewish sect to become a majority Gentile religion.

*Father Steve Adrian*



## Volunteer Opportunities and 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**

**GREETERS:** St. Matthew parish seeks additional “Greeters” for Sunday Masses. We welcome people who are able to extend a warm welcome to those arriving for Mass. Your friendly smile and enthusiasm for the Church of St. Matthew are all that is 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.

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION:** We are returning to having an Offertory Procession at each Mass. If you are willing to bring up the bread and wine occasionally, please speak to a sacristan before Mass. You may also call the Parish Office or email Mary Leibl at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).

**MINISTRY OF COMPASSION:** Each week, we have several parishioners, listed in the bulletin and included in the Intercessions at Mass, who need our prayers as they deal with health issues. We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to occasionally call to let these families know we care about their loved ones, and if needed, we will continue listing them in the weekly bulletin. If you feel this is a ministry you would like to be a part of, please call the Parish Office or email Mary Leibl at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org).

**THANK YOU:** To all who attended the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Thank you to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To our music ministers on Saturday and Sunday. We thank lectors **Anthony** on Saturday and **Joanne** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Karen, Mary** and **Tom** on Saturday; **Ginny, Florida** and **Joe** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Tom** and **Doris** on Saturday and **Ginny** on Sunday. Greeters **Chris** on Saturday and **Josiah** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday.

**THANK YOU:** To **Ginny, Mary, Tim, Tom** and **Doris** who served as ministers at the Memorial Day Mass.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit June 11 - 18, 2022 for **Deb Bickel**.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the Parish Office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.

## Parish Administrator's Note

### SYNOD AND SYNODALITY

**Synod** is a word derived from *synodus*, a Greek word meaning assembly. In our Catholic tradition, it's used to refer to special assemblies—such as the consultative series of gatherings currently underway in our Archdiocese. You might recall kickoff meetings about three years ago, dialed back during the start of the pandemic, and resuming last fall with parish-based events.

This weekend—Pentecost, the “birthday of the Church”—marks the latest stage in our local synod process. Over 500 people from throughout the Archdiocese are gathering at Cretin-Derham Hall for lengthy discussions. Topics include: forming parishes that evangelize, disciples who love and follow Jesus, and young people. Look for a report in a future bulletin.

And **synodality**? I ran across that term in an article in last November's issue of *Commonweal* magazine. Author Austen Ivereigh characterized synodality as “participation and prayerful listening” to everyone in the church, not just priests and bishops.

Pope Francis has called on Catholics worldwide to participate in local synods. As Ivereigh sums up, synodality ensures that “Ordinary people are heard, and recognize themselves as having agency—as missionary disciples, distinct from clergy by function but equal in dignity. . . . Baptism therefore demands that we take part in the life and mission of the Church, in all the diversity of its charisms and ministries.”

Pope Francis's call reminds me that our St. Matt's community—a volunteer parish--regularly invites everyone to contribute to our mission to be a visible expression of God's love.

What do you do each day to express God's love?

### PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

Our office voicemail is still unavailable. To leave a message, please call during office hours (Monday -Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM). You can also reach us by emailing Angela Rakow at [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org). Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

*Phil Grant*

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**Weekly Contributions for May 28 and 29, 2022** will be provided in a future bulletin.

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### ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Angela Rakow at [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org) to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



### PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them: **Jeremiah Baker, Louise Breidel, Bill Brengman, Carolina Gomez, Bernie Klein, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler and Chris Stevens.**



If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish Office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

### News and Events

#### VATICAN SYNOD SURVEY - WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL POPE FRANCIS?

*From the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis*



In spring 2021, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church would engage in a synodal process that includes “listening to all of the baptized” in every diocese around the world. What would you like to share with Pope Francis? Now is your chance to say what you think the Catholic Church needs to focus on today. **Take the survey: [archspm.org/vaticansurvey](http://archspm.org/vaticansurvey)**

#### MARYKNOLL LAY MISSIONERS

During the weekend of June 11 and 12, 2022, Liz Mach of Maryknoll Lay Missioners will share her mission experience at all Masses as part of the Archdiocese's Missionary Cooperation Plan 2022. Please show Liz a warm St. Matt's welcome and be generous in your support of Maryknoll Lay Missioners. See the insert for more information.

#### COMMUNITY OF SAINTS DONATION

This weekend, there will be a second collection after Communion for Community of Saints Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK REQUESTS

We are blessed to be a part of a parish where we care and pray for one another. We include names of those who need our prayers in our bulletin, as well as in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.

When you call to request prayer for your loved one, we will keep the name on the list for four weeks. We will check in with you after four weeks to see how your loved one is doing. If they continue to need our prayers, their names will stay on the list.

A name can be included in the bulletin indefinitely, but we will make room for new names in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass if your loved one has improved.

We kindly ask for your understanding. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

## Parish Leadership

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### **Bulletin**

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 AM** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Phil Grant at pgrant@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

### **Readings for the week of June 5, 2022**

Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26  
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32  
Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37  
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-1

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, June 4**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Ken Gilberg  
+Leo Kegler  
+Mary Jane Sperl

### **Sunday, June 5**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Aileen Koenen  
+Frances Wegleitner

### **Monday, June 6**

9:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, June 7**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, June 8**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, June 9**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, June 10**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, June 11**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Leo Kegler  
+John Leibl  
Living and Deceased Rosary Members

### **Sunday, June 12**

10:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10**

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes  
*Meals are being served as take-out only at this time*

### **Monday, June 6**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, June 7**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, June 8**

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

### **Thursday, June 9**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Friday, June 10**

### **Saturday, June 11**

10:00 AM AA Meeting  
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)  
Confession after Mass

### **Sunday, June 12**

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)  
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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