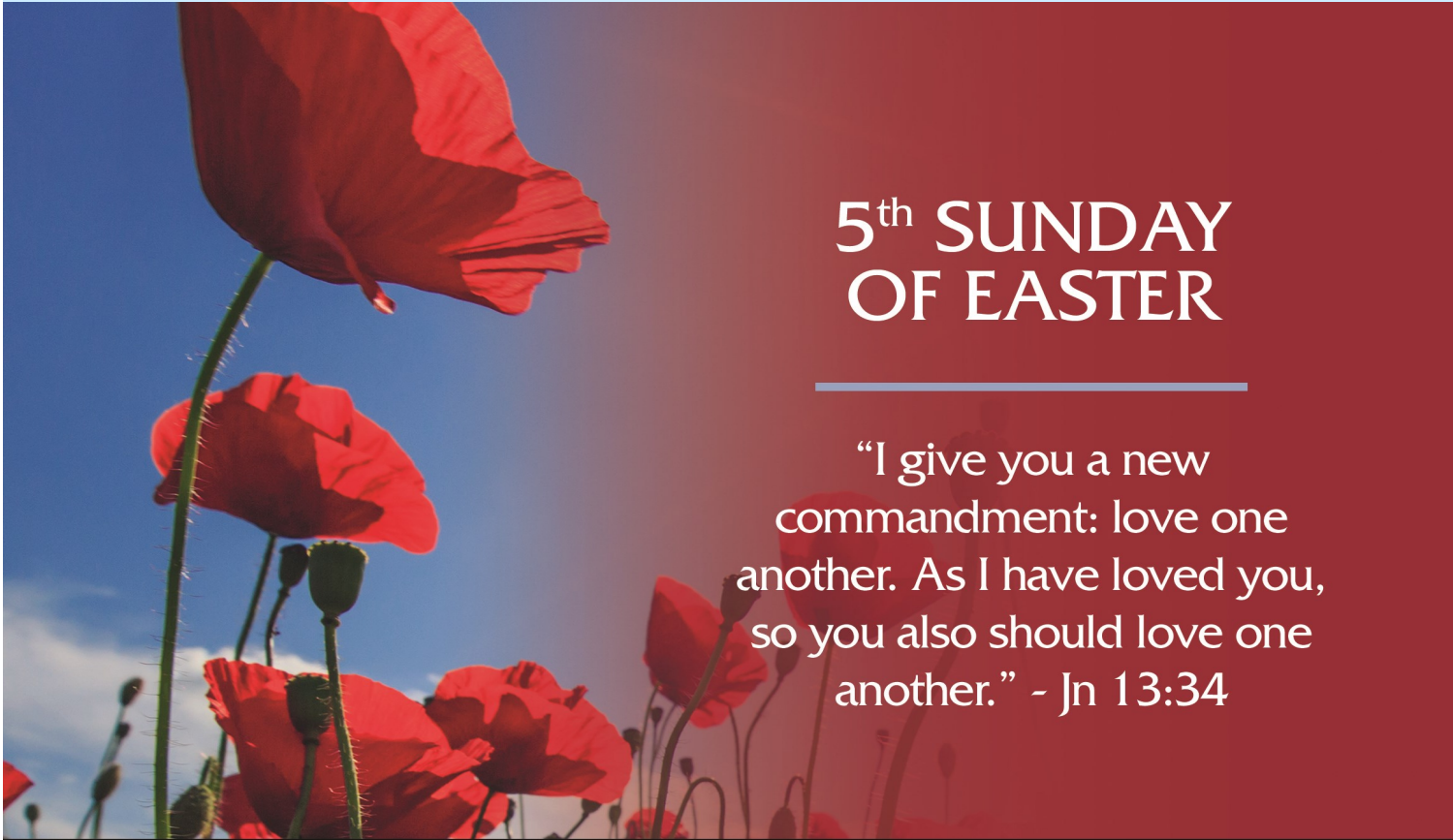




Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” - Jn 13:34

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May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

**Please contact the Parish Office regarding
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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

This is the 131st anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*.

May 15, 1891 Pope Leo XIII defends workers' rights and property rights in the encyclical letter *Rerum Novarum*, the beginning of modern Catholic social teaching.

Rerum Novarum is the Latin opening words and the title of the letter and means "On the Condition of Labor".

Although the Encyclical follows the church's traditional teaching concerning the rights and duties of property and the relations of employer and employee, it applies the teaching to modern conditions.

It opens with a description of the grievances of workers. It proceeds to refute the false theories of the Socialists, and to defend the right of private ownership. "The true remedy", continues the pope, "is to be found in the combined action of the Church, the State, the employer, and the employed."

The Church is more than interested in the social question because of its religious and moral aspects. The State has the right and the duty to intervene on behalf of justice and individual and social wellbeing. Employers and workers should organize into both mixed and separate associations for mutual protection and for self protection. All this is set forth with detail to address the principal problems and relations of industrial life – the rich became super rich and great majority were relegated to poverty. The "Robber Barons" controlled economic life in the country – one of whom was James J. Hill, the Empire Builder.

I was introduced to this church teaching by the former pastor of St. Matthew, Msgr. James Cecka – among his responsibilities he was a college teacher of history and the Church's Social Teaching.

This writing of Pope Leo lit a fire under a young man from Vermillion, Minnesota – John A. Ryan. He became a priest of our local church and then taught at the Catholic University of America. His work on the social teaching of the church impressed Frances Perkins, who was to become the Secretary of Labor in FDR's administration. Msgr. Ryan – home-town-boy makes good – was instrumental in the formulation of the National Labor Relations Act, the prohibition against child labor, the 40 hour work week, the Social Security Act and the living wage.

As a result, the Church became a strong support of labor unions and the protection of immigrant families. This letter of Leo XIII opened the door to the Church's engagement in the affairs of social and economic life.

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 seeks additional "Greeters" for Sunday Mass. 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, mleibl@st-matts.org or the Parish Office.

THANK YOU: To the **146 people** who attended the **Sat mass & 90 people** who worshipped on Sunday. Thank **You to, Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To our Sat. & Sun **Pianist Jill & Trumpeter Phil** on Sat. Our **Cantor Kathy** on Sat. & **Linda** on Sun with **singer Andy**. We thank **Lectors Kathy** on Sat & **Joe** on Sun. **Eucharistic Ministers Mary, Karen, Tim & Tom** on Sat. **Josie, Ellen & Joanne** on Sun. **Ushers Tim, Tom, Doris – Sat. Steve – Sun.** To **Greeters Chris** on Sat & **Josiah** on Sun. To **Sacristans Mary** on Sat & **Joanne & Ginny** on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To **Ann, Dave, Tim & Kathy** who took the Eucharist to those unable to come to mass.

On May 7th **21 parishioners and friends** gathered to do "Spring Cleaning" on our campus. Inside & Out!! We want to recognize and express a great **THANK YOU** to these individuals. **Jill & Bill, Vicki & Greg, Chris & Tony, Mary & Bob, Charley, Tim, Donis, Kathy, Phil, Tom, Jeanne, Becky & Dave, Al & Kathy, Linda, Karen & Mary.** We also thank **Tony & Matt** from **People of Praise** who also joined us in being Good Stewards of our property!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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 to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



Robert Street Construction Timeline Update

From the Minnesota Department of Transportation:

- Construction work will now begin this summer.** Due to a supply shortage, MnDOT will not be able to begin work next week as planned. Construction will now happen this summer (exact timing yet to be determined). Thank you for your flexibility, we'll notify you when a construction start date is solidified.
- The George St./viaduct work will happen first, followed by the Union Pacific Railroad bridge.** MnDOT crews will first repair the Robert St. viaduct and overpass bridge, closing the bridge for 6-8 weeks. After that work is complete, MnDOT will repair the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, which will also be closed for 6-8 weeks. Detours will be in place during both closures.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

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

More Council Reports

Our Finance and Parish councils last met on Thursday, April 28. (Councils meet almost every month, normally on the 4th Thursday of each month.)

Last week, I wrote a bit about the Finance Council, noting that our finances are generally in good shape. We are paying our bills. Thank you for your financial support, for you make it possible for St. Matt's to be the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi.

As for the Parish Council, I want to thank members leaving the council this June. I also want to welcome new members coming on to the Council in June. Old and new, these volunteers help the parish live up to Pope Francis's 2013 call for parishes to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters." This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few."

How can a parish not become a "useless structure"? I think part of the answer is for parish members to stay in touch. Send questions and comments about our parish to any Council member or me. (As administrator, I'm an *ex officio* member of both Councils.) Note that Parish Council members make a point to stay after Mass on "Listening Days", i.e., the Saturday and Sunday before a Council meeting. Feel free to say hello to the members, share your perspective on the parish, and ask any questions on your mind. They're there to listen.

This month's listening weekend is May 21-22, just before the next Council meeting on Thursday, May 26.

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. Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

Have a great week!

Phil Grant
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Faith Formation News

Thank you, Faith Formation volunteers:

The Church of St Matthew is grateful to the volunteer catechists who have taught public school children in our Wednesday evening Faith Formation and sacramental preparation program during the 2021-2022 school year. Thanks to catechists Valerie Gerlich, Autumn Koch, Catherine Luiken, Ava Scanlon, and Dave Sondag. Thanks for Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr. Thanks to front desk person Kathleen Thompson. Thanks to those who subbed in the program, those who helped with the extra tasks that came up, and thanks to translator Myrna Beltran. Faith Formation will resume in September and may need volunteers. at that time. Please keep this volunteer opportunity in mind.

Summer Break for Faith Formation:

Our Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes have ended for the 2021-2022 school year, and we wish all our students the best these last few weeks of their school year and wish them a healthy and fun summer. Faith Formation classes will resume in late September 2022, with registration starting in August. These weekly classes are for public school students in grades 1 to 10. Classes help prepare students for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion (grades 2 and above) and Confirmation (grades 8 and above). Community of Saints students who would like to receive sacraments through St Matthew can register at the school's parent paperwork evening in August.

News and Events

RETURN OF THE WOLFGANG!

Sunday, May 22, 7:00 pm - Church of St. Matthew

Now in its 26th season, The WolfGang reappears after a pandemic drought. We are very excited to perform flutist Paul Jacobson's new transcription for The WolfGang of Mozart's last symphony, #41 in C ("Jupiter"). In a slightly delayed homage to Beethoven's 250th anniversary (two years after the fact), pianist Gail Olszewski and cellist Jane Cords-O'Hara will perform Beethoven's Sonata in G for Piano & Cello, Op. 5 #2. Rounding out the program will be Mozart's Rondo in A, played by Gail Olszewski, piano.
\$20 free will offering suggested.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES AT ST. MATTHEW

Twenty children from the Faith Formation program and Community of Saints Catholic School will be celebrating their First Communions in May. Some children are making their First Communion at a 2 PM Mass on Saturday, May 14. Others are making their First Communion at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, May 15. Another group of children are making their First Communion at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, May 22. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they enter the last weeks of preparation to receive the Lord in Eucharist.



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, Bernie Klein, Clancy Finnegan, Carolina Gomez, Ray Knotts, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Chris Stevens and Lorraine Tabor.**



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.*

Weekly Contributions for May 7 and 8, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

Paypal QR Code: Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. Thank You!



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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 May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv

21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 14

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Roger Goldberg
+James Hobbie
+Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, May 15

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Marlene Brown
+Irene Goodstein
+Aileen Koenen

Monday, May 16

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, May 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, May 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, May 21

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Lucille, Pam and Robert Stickler Sr.

Sunday, May 22

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Vernon Achman
Greg Lothenbach
+Joe Savard

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 16 - Friday, May 20

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

Monday, May 16

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

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

Thursday, May 19

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, May 20

Saturday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 22

10:15 am Mass (in-person) - First Communion
10:15 am Saturday Mass available online