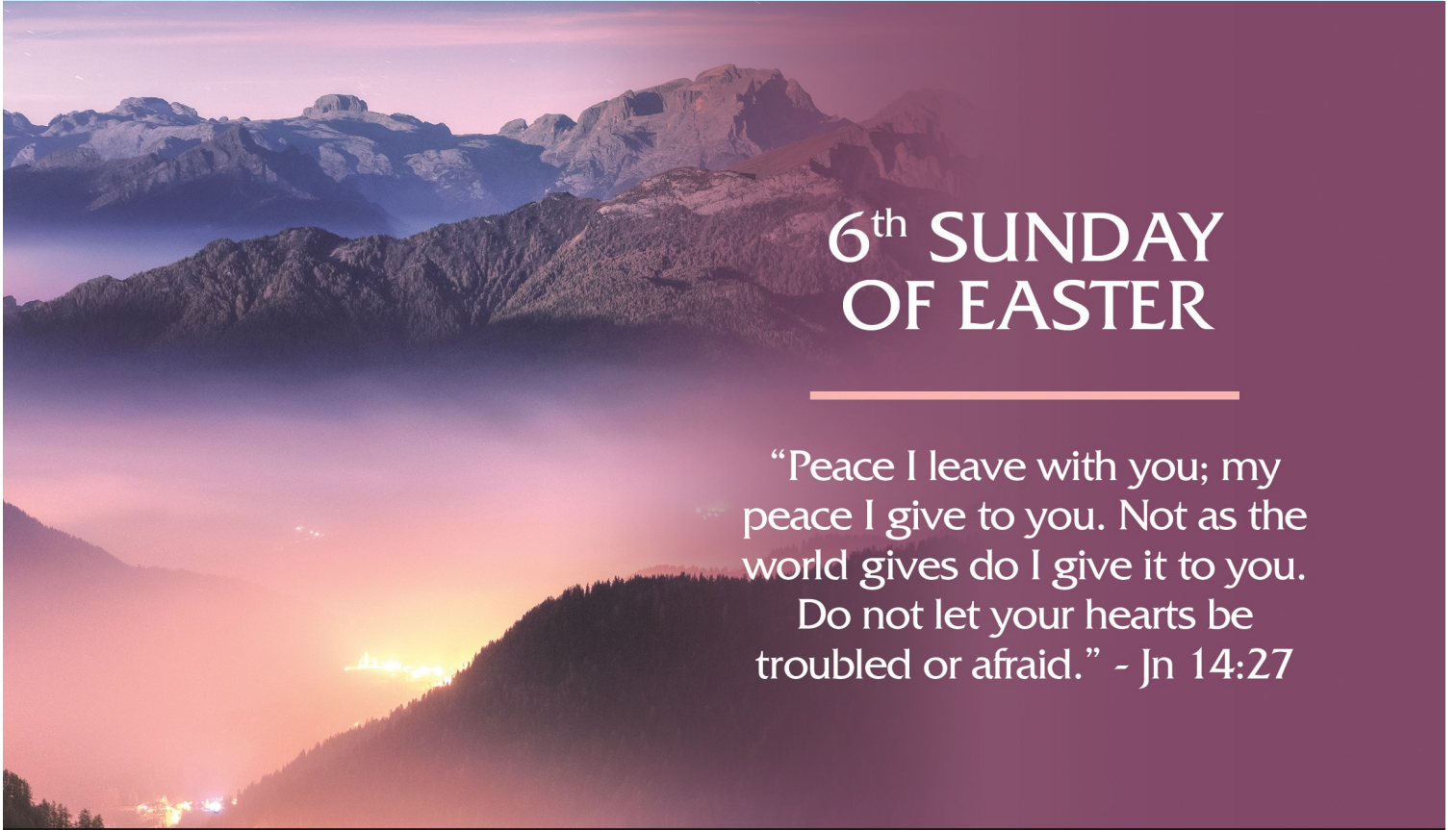




Church of St. Matthew

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



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” - Jn 14:27

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May 22, 2022 Sixth 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
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

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month is a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God. The tradition of dedicating May to Our Lady is centuries old, dating back at least 700 years.

The reason is associated with the particular season of the year. May is certainly known for its springtime beauty. It is associated with flowers and blossoms, with trees that spring back to life, and grass which sprouts. It brings to mind the idea of promise and hope, of new life. John Henry Newman offers various reasons why May in particular is dedicated to Our Lady. He admits that sometimes May is a rainy, cool month. However, it always remains a month of promise and hope, the prelude to summer, the season of light. It is in this sense that it represents Mary. She reflects the light of Christ.

In both Greek and Roman culture May was connected with the beginning of new life. This ancient belief led to May being associated with the motherhood of Mother Earth and thus to motherhood in general. It is for this reason that Mother's Day is celebrated in May in many countries. This connection between May and motherhood led Christians to adopt May as the month of our Lady, the Mother of God and our Mother. She brought life into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus, who brought about a new spring.

Mary is the model of what it is to be a Christian. She is the first of the apostles. Pay attention to the rebirth this May; see the dawn and dusk golden light of new foliage. Smell the earth as it comes to life and sheds its icy tomb. All is new and all is promise – what better reason to be drawn to the Mother of God.

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

OFFERTORY PROCESSION: We are again inviting parishioners to bring the bread and wine forward at the Offertory. If you would like to take an active part in the Mass by carrying up the gifts, please contact **Mary Leibl** at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the Parish Office. Please mention at what Mass you would be available.

THANK YOU: As Faith Formation completes another season we wish to thank all those who help to make the program a success! Director **Janelle** who spends countless hours preparing lesson plans for each week as well as sacramental preparation throughout the school year. Catechists **Valerie, Autumn, Catherine, Ava** and **Dave**. Front Desk **Kathleen** and translator **Myrna**. To **Fr. Adrian** who officiates at Masses throughout the year and to **Jill** and **Shelly** who provided the music. Thank you to all who subbed in the program this past year and to all who helped with extra tasks. May you all enjoy a blessed and restful summer!

THANK YOU: To the **116 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **132 people** who worshipped on Sunday with the **First Communicants**. Thank You to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homilies helps us to see how the readings pertain to our own lives. To our Saturday pianist **Jill** and Sunday pianist **Beatrice**. Our cantor **Linda** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday with singers **Andy** and **Phil**. We thank lectors **Tim** on Saturday and **Ginny** and **Lilly** on Sunday. Eucharistic Ministers **Jeanne, Ann, Tim** and **Tom** on Saturday; **Janelle, Becky** and **Joanne** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Tom** and **Doris** on Saturday; **Sonya** and **Matt** on Sunday. Greeters **Chris, Tim** and **Tom** on Saturday; **Josiah** on Sunday. To **Katie** and **Patty** who carried up the gifts on Saturday and to **First Communicants** who carried up the gifts on Sunday. To sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To **Ann, Dave, Tim, Ginny** and **Debbie** who took the Eucharist to those unable to come to Mass.

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!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 25, 2022 in memory of **Jerry Schillinger**.

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

COUNCILS

This is a "Listening Weekend". That means that members of our Parish Council stay after both Masses and, well, listen to parishioners. Feel free to say hello to the members, share your perspective on the parish, and ask any questions on your mind.

I think these listening sessions are a great way to stay in touch with Council members. Open communication helps our 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."

Listening Weekends are customarily the weekend before council meetings. This month, those meetings are this Thursday, May 26. (Councils meet almost every month, normally on the 4th Thursday of each month.)

If interested in service on a council, please talk to a member or let me know. Thanks!

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

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.

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, Carolina Gomez, Benny Holgin, Bernie Klein, 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.*

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.

The Wolfgang, as the name implies, is a Mozart-era chamber ensemble comprising instrumental virtuosi who perform on late 18th century instruments, including a replica of a 1785 Stein piano identical to one that Mozart himself used, a string trio and late 18th century flute. We perform music of Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and their contemporaries and predecessors, obscure and well-known, and strive to make the music of this lively era accessible, contemporary, and exciting for our 21st century audiences.

\$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 made their First Communion at a 2:00 PM Mass on Saturday, May 14 and 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.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS TIME

Memorial Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 30, 2022 at St. Matthew.

Weekly Contributions for May 14 and 15, 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 22, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Lucille, Pam and Robert Sticker Sr.

Sunday, May 22

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

Monday, May 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, May 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, May 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, May 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, May 28

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Leo Kegler
+John and Helen Leibl
+Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, May 29

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Annabelle Savery
+Barbara Zimmer

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 23 - Friday, May 27

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

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:45 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, May 27

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

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

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