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## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."

- Jn 17:22-23a

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### May 29, 2022 Seventh 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**

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

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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

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of their country. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it, The date of Decoration Day.

On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery while General James Garfield made a historic speech.

Memorial Day history couldn't be complete without the birth of the "National Moment of Remembrance", which was a resolution passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3:00 p.m. local time, for all Americans "to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

Take the time on Monday to give thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and to remember that because of their sacrifice we are yet a land of hope and promise, a land that strives to be worthy of the ode by Emma Lazarus:

### The New Colossus

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

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, 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.

**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 Center or email Mary Leibl at mleibl@st-matts.org.

**THANK YOU:** To the **121 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **158 parishioners** and **First Communion guests** 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. We thank our Saturday pianist **Brian** and Sunday pianist **Jill** with trumpeter **Phil**. Cantor **Christina** on Saturday and **Andy** on Sunday. Lectors **Marie** on Saturday and **Joanne** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Maggie, Karen, Kathy** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Dave, Paul** and **Janelle** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Tom** and **Doris** on Saturday; **Ricardo Chavez** on Sunday. Greeters **Chris** on Saturday and **Josiah** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday.

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

**THANK YOU:** To all who volunteer to serve funeral lunches! These volunteers prepare the tables, receive the food from the caterer, set up the serving tables and clean up the hall and kitchen after the guests leave. This service removes a great burden from the family. These volunteers live out the corporal mercy to Bury the Dead! Thank you for your generosity of time and service.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

## Parish Administrator's Note

### APBA, etc.

There are several ways St. Matt's stays connected to the larger church of which we're a part, i.e., the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

For example, we've been participating as a parish in the current synod process—the next step being next weekend, June 3-5. More on that in next week's bulletin.

For my part, I meet regularly with my administrator colleagues—sometimes online, sometimes for breakfast. Back on May 19, I traveled to St. Gerard Majella in Brooklyn Park, for an APBA meeting and lunch. (APBA = Association of Parish Business Administrators)

I find these meetings useful, as I always learn things helpful to me and St. Matt's. At the May 19 meeting, for example, I enjoyed a presentation by members of the Association of Liturgical Ministers (ALM). There were also reports from APBA members who serve as liaisons for other archdiocesan-level organizations, such as the insurance board, Catholic Services Appeal, and the Catholic Community Foundation.

Most of our APBA meetings this past year have been on Zoom, so it was good to see people in person. I was reminded of how many wonderful laborers we have in the larger vineyard of our church.

### 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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## 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, Benny Holgin, 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

There will be a second collection after Communion for Community of Saints Catholic School during the weekend of June 4 and 5, 2022. Thank you for your generous support!



Memorial Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 30, 2022. Please note our Parish Office will be closed on this day.



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

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 31, 2022 in memory of **Dorinda Martineau's Birthday.**

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on June 4, 2022 in memory of **Mary Jane Sperl.**

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.

## 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!



**Weekly Contributions for May 21 and 22, 2022** will be provided in a future bulletin.

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



## 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 May 29, 2022**

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next 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

## Mass Intentions

### **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

### **Monday, May 30**

9:00 AM Mass  
Our Parish

### **Tuesday, May 31**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, June 1**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, June 2**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, June 3**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, June 4**

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

### **Sunday, June 5**

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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, May 30 - Friday, June 3**

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

### **Monday, May 30**

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

### **Tuesday, May 31**

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

### **Wednesday, June 1**

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

### **Thursday, June 2**

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

### **Friday, June 3**

### **Saturday, June 4**

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

### **Sunday, June 5**

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

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