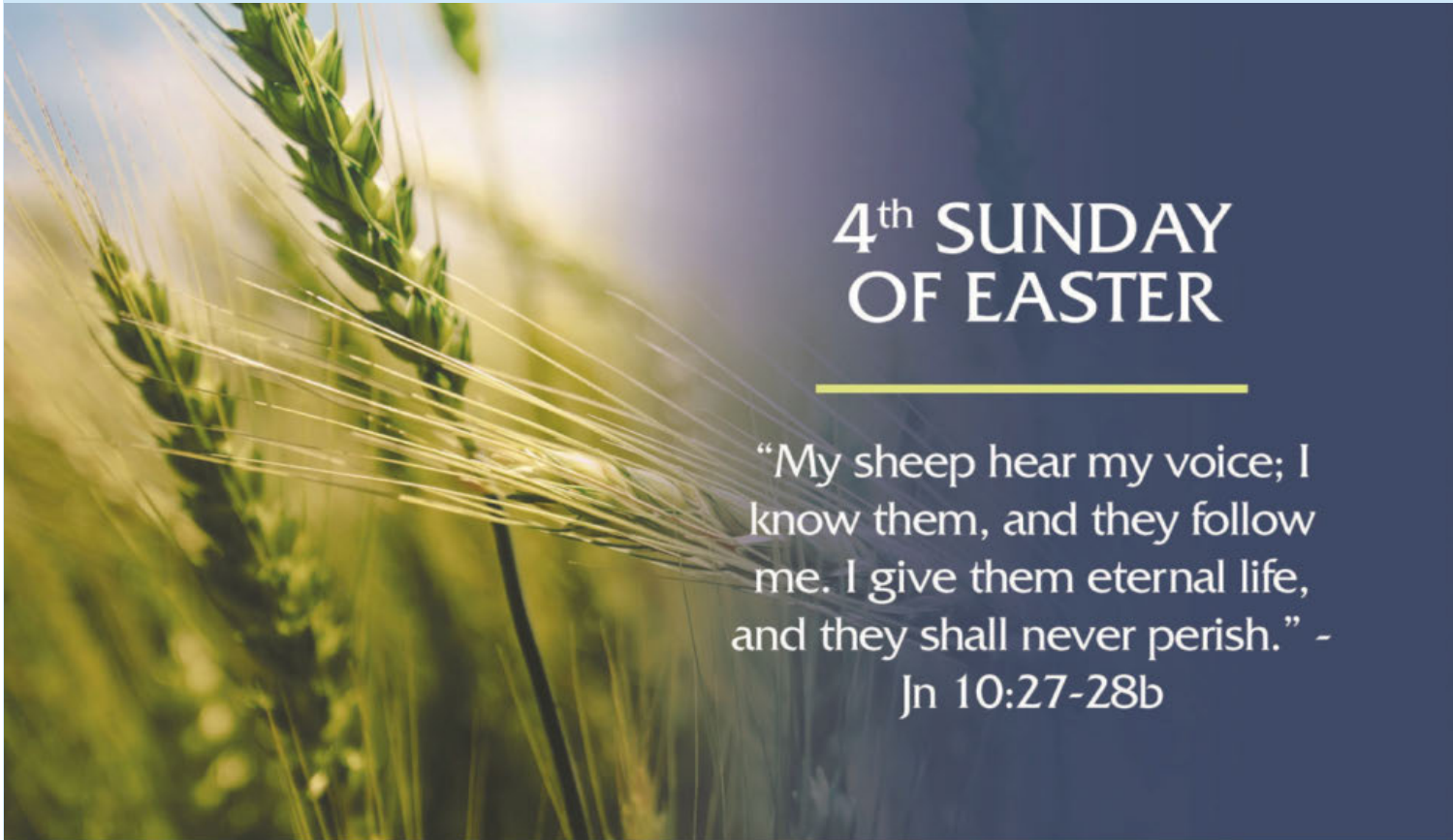




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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” - Jn 10:27-28b

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### May 8, 2022 Fourth 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

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

This weekend we observe the annual Mexican festival Cinco de Mayo; the remembrance of the May 5, 1862 battle of Puebla. It was one of the few Mexican victories during France's attempt to colonize Mexico. By seizing Mexico, France would be able to exploit its natural resources and support the U.S. Confederacy.

This celebration is recognition of the presence and contribution Mexican Americans make to the life of the country. Our neighborhood, the West Side, is the historic center of Mexican American life and culture in the Twin Cities.

Most for the early families that settled on the West Side were TexMex, Mexican families who had settled in Texas first and then moved north.

There is a rich sense of family that comes with the Mexican family; a true sense of the power of an extended relationship. Grandmothers play a powerful role in the family. In many cases they are the one's who hand on the faith to grandchildren.

When I was pastor I would personally interview each candidate for Confirmation (at that time Saint Matthew presented candidates who were in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade).

In the course of the interview I would ask if the candidate had chosen a Confirmation name and why they chose that particular name. Often in telling me their name the girls would say that it is grandma's name and grandma was the person who taught me about Jesus and how to say my prayers – the power a grandparent can have in a child's life!

The West Side is blessed. When we welcome people into the community from other cultures we are the ones who are enriched. The West Side is a strong testimony to the benefits of immigration and the precious gift new comers bring with them; tear down the walls and build the bridges!

*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](mailto:jill.kilzer@st-matts.org), [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU:** To the **126 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **95 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 Saturday pianist **Brian** and pianist **Jill** and trumpeter **Phil** on Sunday. Our cantor **Kathy** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Mary** on Saturday and **Mooreen** on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers **Jeanne, Karen, Tim and Tom** on Saturday; **Dave, Paul and Becky** on Sunday. Ushers **Tim, Tom, Kevin and Doris** on Saturday; **Pete and James** on Sunday. Greeters **Chris** on Saturday and **Josiah** on Sunday. Sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne and Ginny** on Sunday.

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

**THANK YOU:** To **Andre, Innocent and Jason** who have volunteered to mow the parish lawn this summer!

**THANK YOU:** To **Mary** who donated a vacuum to be used in the Church and Chapel.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**



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

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 9, 2022 in honor of **Sister Cathryn O'Donnell and Sister Germaine Mulcahey**, former teachers at St. Matthew School, in celebration of their 70th Jubilee as School Sisters of Notre Dame.

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!



We will be writing the new ministry schedule the week of May 9th. This schedule will begin Saturday, June 4th and runs through Sunday, September 4th. Please let Mary Leibl know by **Monday, May 9th** as to what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthews Parish!



## Parish Administrator's Note

### COUNCIL REPORTS

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

The main question at the Finance Council meeting was, "Are we OK?" The short answer is, "Yes, we are."

That is, we continue to pay our bills on time, meet our overall budget goals, and sustain our ministries and programs. Your generous support makes it all possible; thank you!

In addition, we set aside 10% of monthly rent from the charter school, to build up our reserves. The other 90% of the rent goes to pay off the loan on the school building elevator, along with a smaller loan for boiler work several years ago.

We were hit hard by high energy bills this past winter. I expect we'll budget more in that area, for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

Fortunately, we have good people on the Finance Council, working together with me and our accountant at PASC (Parish Accounting Service Center). All of them help in our monthly review of our financial statements. Their knowledge of our parish financial history is especially valuable as we consider upcoming facilities work.

One of the projects most on my mind is work on the two low roofs of the Parish Center. We're still collecting bids, so it's too early to know what the costs are going to be. I know some work is necessary, however, when I see the dripping water in Angela's office after a heavy rain.

I'll write about the Parish Council in a future bulletin. In the meantime, feel free to send questions about our Councils to any member or me. (As administrator, I'm an *ex officio* member of both Councils.)

### 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.

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant*

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## Faith Formation News

### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS AT ST. MATTHEW

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students who have registered to make their First Communion at St. Matthew have class on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 pm in the Church. At least one parent should also attend on May 11th; this is practice for students and our final meeting before the First Communion Masses. Questions? Contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr via email [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) or phone/text at 651-242-6004.

## 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, Esther Snaza 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

### ROSARY SOCIETY

All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which will be held Tuesday, May 10th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the lower level of the Parish Center.

This will be our last meeting of our program year. Meetings will resume in September.

The meeting will include an Appreciation Dinner for all of our funeral lunch volunteers. If possible, please RSVP for the meeting so we know how much food to order. Please let Suzanne Clark (651-819-3752) or Becky Montgomery (651-363-5984) know if you'll be coming. You do not need to be a member to attend this meeting.

### 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.

**Weekly Contributions for April 30, and May 1, 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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Bernie Klein	Joanne Smith
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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 8, 2022**

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

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

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 7

4:15 pm Mass  
Our Parish  
+George Lackner  
Sister Cathryn O'Donnell  
Sister Germaine Mulcahey

### Sunday, May 8

10:15 am Mass  
Our Parish  
+Joe Savard  
Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention  
Living and Deceased Members of Rosary Society

### Monday, May 9

8:00 am Cancelled

### Tuesday, May 10

8:00 am Cancelled

### Wednesday, May 11

8:00 am Cancelled

### Thursday, May 12

8:00 am Cancelled

### Friday, May 13

8:00 am Cancelled

### 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

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, May 9 - Friday, May 13

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

### Monday, May 9

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

### Tuesday, May 10

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open  
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting

### Wednesday, May 11

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open  
6:30 pm First Communion Practice

### Thursday, May 12

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

### Friday, May 13

### Saturday, May 14

10:00 am AA Meeting  
2:00 pm Mass for First Communion Families Only  
4:15 pm Mass (in-person)  
Confession after Mass  
6:00 pm St. Matthew Class of 1972 Reunion

### Sunday, May 15

10:15 am Mass (in-person) - First Communion  
No confession after Mass  
10:15 am Saturday Mass available online

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