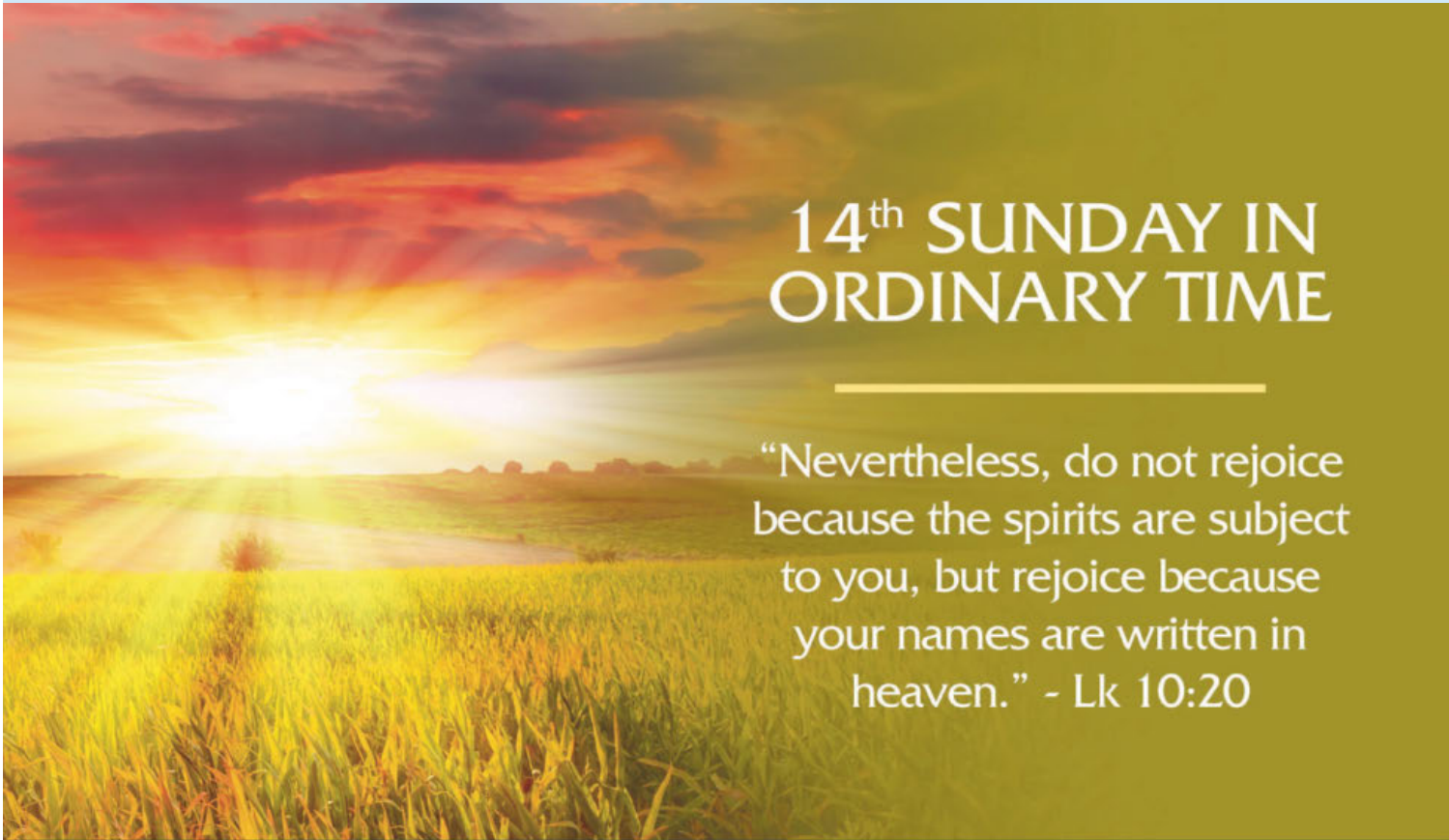


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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” - Lk 10:20

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July 3, 2022 **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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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 celebrate our citizenship, our independence. Pundits, politicians, commentators and Monday morning quarterbacks all seek to grab our attention and tell us what this day is all about.

It is pretty simple. Today we commemorate that moment in July of 1776 when a rag-tag group of people took a stand and declared they and their neighbors to be free and self-determining.

July 4th marks the birth of the nation.

That Declaration confirmed us as a people, a United States. Individual freedoms were affirmed, the rights and value of the individual were asserted. These rights and values are effectively guaranteed because we act as one, we are a people.

The freedom of the individual lived within a Union. The guarantor of my freedom is in being a part of something far bigger than myself – the Union; and my individual freedoms are subject to the good of the Union. The preservation of the Union, the preservation of the Common Good will determine whether I remain free or not.

In many ways we have become quite an individualistic nation. My rights are the focus and the common good gets a bit lost. We have come to believe that the individual is greater than the collective, the Union.

This holiday let us remember and celebrate our Union. Let us remember that my freedom is only as strong as the freedom of my neighbor and that my freedom must always be at the service of the common good.

We have a lot to celebrate and remember that what makes this Union work is the combined effort and support of all citizens.

Father Steve Adrian

FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation from July 4 to July 31, 2022. Fr. Thomas Kommers will be substituting for Father Adrian. We are glad to have Fr. Kommers back at St. Matt's. We wish Fr. Adrian a very restful and relaxing vacation!

PARISH REGISTRATION

Have you moved recently? Changed your phone number? If so, please contact the Parish Office to update your contact information. If you do not receive mailings from our parish, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the Parish Office.



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 have returned 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. We already have one volunteer for this ministry and would like to have more volunteers. 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.

THANK YOU: To the **129 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **79** 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 Sunday pianist **Jill** and trumpeter **Phil**. Our cantor **Kathy** on Saturday; **Linda** on Sunday along with singer **Andy**. Thank you to **Kathy** who read the announcements on Saturday and **Linda** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Tim** on Saturday and **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to **Owen's grandfathers** who brought the offertory gifts forward on Saturday and **Matt** and **Conrad** on Sunday. Eucharist ministers **Ellen, Kathy, Tom** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Joanne, Joe** and **Dave** on Sunday. Thank you to Ushers **Tim, Tom** and **Kevin** on Saturday; **Anthony** and **Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris, Tom** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Josiah** on Sunday. Thank you to sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday. Thank you to **Dave, Tim, Ginny** and **Joe** who took the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass in person.

THANK YOU: To **Donis** who watered all the plants in the church during the present heat wave and to **Chris** who tends the garden outside the main entrance to the church!

THANK YOU: To **Ginny** who arrived before Mass on Saturday, bringing her own personal fans from home to place throughout the church! This act of charity helped all in attendance to be a little more comfortable as we did not have a working A/C system!!!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Parish Administrator's Note

ON VACATION AND MORTALITY

"Summertime, and the livin' is easy." At least that's what George Gershwin *et al* wrote back in the 1930s, in the opera *Porgy and Bess*.

Friends and I sang that song a couple of weeks ago. I was on vacation at a place called Danebod Family Camp, in Tyler, Minnesota. We also sang dozens of other songs, in addition to other activities such as folk dancing, crafts, games, and discussion. It was a great week!

I led one of the camp discussions, guided by Oliver Burkeman's 2021 book, *Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals*. Burkeman calculates that if a person lives to age 80, they'll have lived that number of weeks. The subtitle addresses how we might best use our limited number of weeks on earth.

We had a lively discussion, since people in the room ranged from teens with over 3000 weeks left, to those in bonus time, i.e., already at 4300 weeks and counting.

One of Burkeman's main points was that our society has an obsession with productivity; that obsession reflects a hidden emotional agenda of avoiding anxiety about mortality.

While my beliefs in Jesus and heaven tend to allay my anxiety, I confess I still struggle with productivity. It's just so satisfying to get things done.

That's why I appreciated Burkeman's advice to enjoy hobbies (and not obsess over productivity). I certainly enjoyed some of my hobbies at Danebod Family Camp. Perhaps you also have hobbies to enjoy. I'm curious what they are, so let me know the next time we talk.

I hope you find time for vacations and hobbies this summer. As Burkeman advises, "If a certain activity really matters to you . . . the only way to be sure it will happen is to do some of it today. . . ."

May some of your livin' be easy this summer. Happy Independence Day, and have a great week!

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FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of **Mary Jane Schmitt**, who died on December 6, 2021, will take place at the Church of St. Matthew on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Please pray for Mary Jane and her 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, Carolina Gomez, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Reyes Ledesma, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Marie Scanlan 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.*



Welcome

Fr. Antony Skaria, CFIC has been named the parochial administrator of the Church of Saint Matthew as of July 1, 2022. Fr. Skaria is the pastor of the Church of Saint John Vianney in South Saint Paul and he will continue to serve both parishes. Please show Fr. Skaria a warm St. Matt's welcome!

We thank **Fr. Biju Mathew** for serving the Church of Saint Matthew for the past few years as the parochial administrator. He will continue his ministries as a hospital chaplain while also serving as the pastor of Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Minneapolis. We wish him well and pray for God's blessings in his ministries.



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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 July 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Ken Gilberg
+Leo Kegler
Living and Deceased Members of Rosary Society

Sunday, July 3

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish

Monday, July 4

9:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 9

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, July 10

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 5 - Friday, July 8

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

Monday, July 4

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

Tuesday, July 5

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

Wednesday, July 6

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

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

Saturday, July 9

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

Sunday, July 10

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

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