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13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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June 26, 2022 **Thirteenth 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

**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

Are you a follower of Jesus? How do you become a follower of Jesus? Fr. Gerhard Lofink says “there is no New Testament noun for followers of Jesus.”

The word used is *disciple*. Disciple means student; and to be a disciple means that you are under the tutelage of a teacher. Jews had many opportunities to find a teacher, yet when a teacher was chosen the student pledged fidelity to the teacher.

Disciples learned to see the world, and to hear words through the eyes and ears of the teacher. The teacher was a life mentor to the disciple.

In the New Testament we have some incidents in which a student seeks Jesus as a mentor. The inquiry is meant to provide the student with an understanding of this teacher and thus help the student make a choice.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?” This is the question of a would-be disciple.

Often one Jew would ask another “Who is your rabbi?” Through whose eyes do you see the world; through whose ears do you hear the word? One finds identity by who is one’s rabbi.

We are called to be disciples of Jesus. We are called to take Jesus as our rabbi. We are called to see the world through Jesus’ eyes; to hear the word through Jesus’ ears.

If I see the world through the eyes of Jesus, I agree to suspend my judgment. In facing a situation, the disciple asks “What does Jesus see?” In light of the answer the disciple takes action.

Who is your rabbi?

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. We already have one volunteer (Jerry) 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 **123 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **88 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 Sunday pianist **Jill** and trumpeter **Phil**. Our cantors **Linda** on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. Thank you to **Linda** who read the announcements on Saturday and **Shelly** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Zach** on Saturday and **Joanne** on Sunday. Thank you to **Ann** and **Joan** who brought the Offertory gifts forward on Saturday and **Andy** and **Holly** on Sunday. Eucharist ministers **Jeanne, Mary, Tom** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Becky, Dave** and **Paul** on Sunday. Thank you to ushers **Tim, Tom, Kevin** and **Doris** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris, Doris, Tom** and **Tim** on Saturday. Thank you to sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Joanne** and **Ginny** on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To **Ann, Tim** and **Ginny** who took communion to parishioners unable to attend Mass.

THANK YOU: To **Jerry** who has volunteered to take part in our **Ministry of Compassion!** We thank him for offering to reach out to our parishioners who are experiencing health issues and to assure them that their fellow parishioners are holding them in prayer!

THANK YOU: To **Mary B.** who replaced the covers on credence tables.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on June 30, 2022 for **Debra Bickel's Birthday**.

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 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, especially during Lenten and Advent seasons, please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the Parish Office.



Parish Administrator's Note

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH - EFTs

Some parishes need to ask their members for extra contributions to finish their fiscal year in the black. (Our fiscal year ends June 30, along with all other Catholic churches and schools in the Archdiocese.)

Fortunately, we don't have to do that at St. Matt's this year. That's because of the consistent, solid operating support many parishioners provide. Thank you!

Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) are a convenient way to contribute regularly. Over the phone or in person, I can set up an EFT for you. I'll need your bank's name, routing number, and your bank account number. I'll also want to know the size and frequency of your contributions. All of this information is kept confidential, of course.

To set up an EFT, please **give me a call** at the parish office. (Do not send sensitive banking information via email.) If you already use an EFT, call me whenever your banking information changes. Thank you for your support!

Whenever you have questions about parish finances, let me know. You can also talk to any member of our Finance Council. Also, our monthly meetings are open, should you wish to attend. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 30 at 4:30 PM in the Parish Center.

VOICEMAIL IS BACK!

Last week, we replaced our twenty-year old phone system with a new one. Voicemail service is back!

The approximate cost for this new system is \$2,300. (Those funds came from last November's calendar fundraiser, by the way. Thanks to all who participated in that effort.) I don't expect the new system to last 20 years, but it should serve us well for several years, at least.

Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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From the
Parish Council



Please welcome new Parish Council members - Zach Czaia, Kathy Goldenstein, Maggie Lee and Ellen Schneider - whose term begins July 1, 2022. We thank them for their service.

Thanks to outgoing members who served on the Council and worked tirelessly for our parish: Alan Christensen, Suzanne Clarke and Joanne Smith. Thank you!

Weekly Contributions for June 18 and 19, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

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



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, Bernie Klein, Reyes Ledesma, 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



MIESVILLE MUDHENS

St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting a bus trip to Miesville, MN for Mudhens baseball game on **Wednesday, July 13**. We invite anyone (men, women and accompanied children) to hop on the bus with us.

Refreshments will be available on the bus. Ballpark admission is \$3 for age 18 and up and free under 18. We leave St. Matthew's at 6:00 PM and arrive by 7:00 PM. Ballpark concessions will be open and there are two restaurants close to the ballpark (King's Bar & Grill or Wiederholt's Supper Club). Game time is 8:00 PM.

Questions or to reserve a spot on the bus, contact Tim Nowak at (612) 269-9471 or timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.

BENEFIT BANQUET FOR RELEVANT RADIO 1330 AM AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

All are cordially invited to join Relevant Radio Executive Director Father Francis Hoffman ("Father Rocky") and radio show hosts Father Richard Simon, Timmerie Geagea, Glen Lewerenz, Drew Mariani and Paul Sadek, as we honor Our Lady at the 11th Annual Christ Brings Hope Benefit Banquet. This festive evening will take place at the JW Marriott - Bloomington on **Thursday, September 15, 2022**. Gifts made to Relevant Radio that evening will be matched to assist with tuition funds of participating Catholic schools. For details, visit the Events tab at www.relevantradio.com, or call Mary Beth at (847) 861-5075. Space is limited! Register today!"

STATE FAIR STRAWBERRY BOOTH - SAVE THE DATE!

Beginning Wednesday, August 24 and continuing through Sunday September 4, St. Matthew parishioners and friends will again be cleaning strawberries for a booth at the State Fair. The booth owners are estimating that they will have twice the amount of berries this year as compared to last year! Cleaning will begin at 8:00 AM each day. Depending on the amount of berries, cleaning will be done around Noon. The socializing is fantastic!! Mark your calendars to take part in the "Great St. Matthews Get-Together"!!



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Alan Christensen	Janelle Rohr
Suzanne Clarke	Linda Sellars
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John Del Vecchio	Joe Stevens
Bernie Klein	Joanne Smith
Becky Montgomery	Karen Thompson
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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 June 26, 2022

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 25

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Roger Goldberg
+Pam, Lucille and Robert Stickler Sr.

Sunday, June 26

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Helen Bukowski

Monday, June 27

9:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

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 PM Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1

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

Monday, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 28

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

Wednesday, June 29

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open

Thursday, June 30

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

Friday, July 1

Saturday, July 2

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

Sunday, July 3

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

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