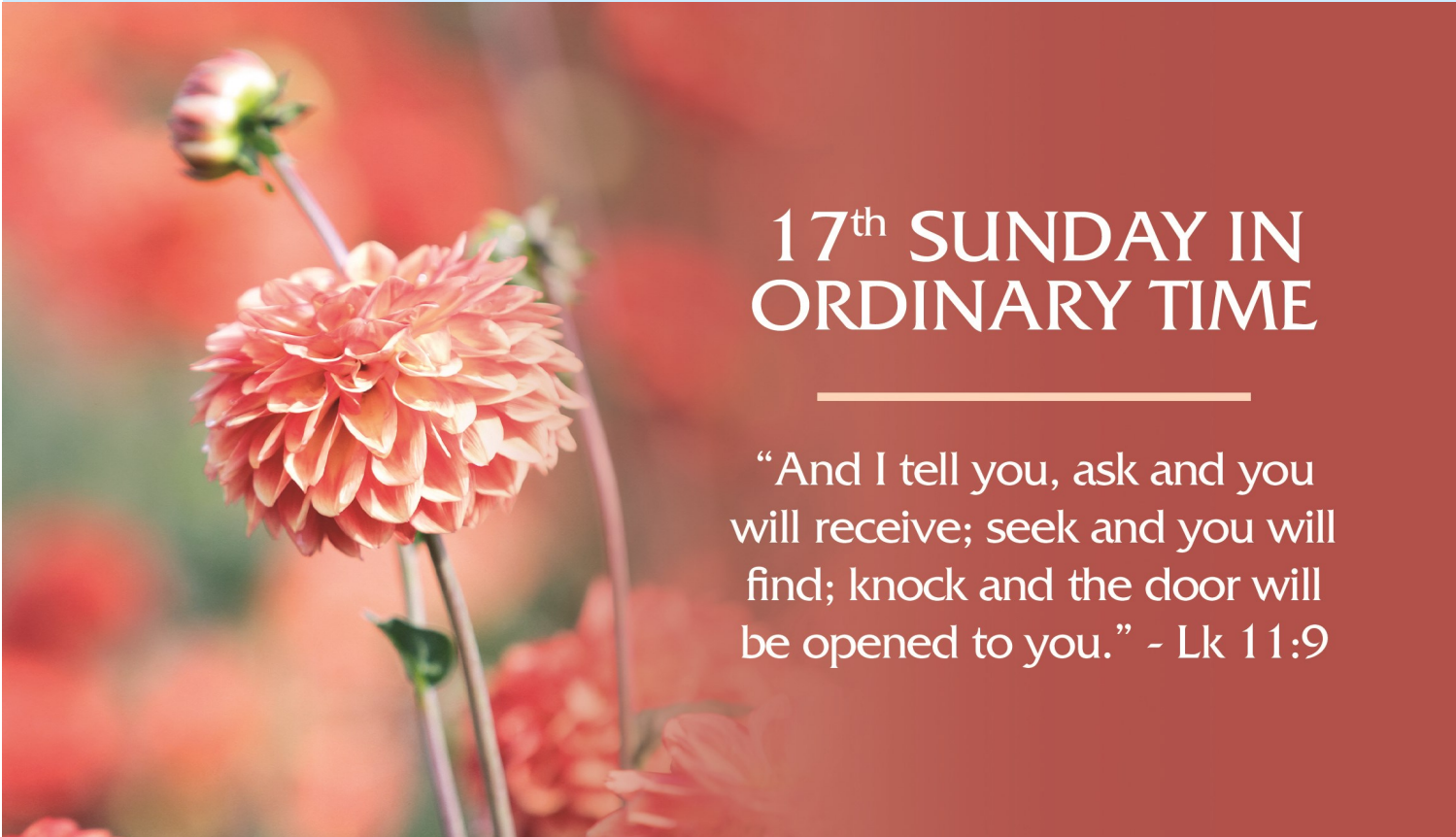




Church of St. Matthew

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



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9

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July 24, 2022 **17th 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
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

If you or your son were students at Cretin High School in the 1960s you may have taken a course from Brother James Miller or Brother Jim Miller may have coached you in football. He was known for his ability to fix almost anything. He oversaw the maintenance work at Cretin. Students called him "Brother Fix-it".

James Miller grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin. He met the Christian Brothers when he attended high school. Later he joined the Order in 1959. He taught at Cretin and in 1969 was sent by the Order to Central America.

In Nicaragua and in Guatemala Brother Jim helped build a number of schools and taught vocational skills, especially agricultural skills.

Brother Jim developed a passionate commitment to serve the poor, especially the education of boys and young men from very low-income families. He challenged his students to learn the skills that could help them become leaders in their communities.

On February 13, 1982 gunmen shot Brother Jim outside of Casa Indigena School, in Guatemala. The government targeted the brothers because they refused to force their students into military service. His murder was never solved.

Some time before he died Brother Jim wrote: "I pray to God for the grace and strength to serve him faithfully among the poor and oppressed in Guatemala. I place my life in his Providence."

Brother James was declared a martyr in 2018 and was beatified on December 7, 2019.

Certainly, students and grads of Cretin can take pride that one of their teachers is about to be canonized a Saint.

Blessed James Miller pray for us.

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!

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.

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 **112 people** who attended the Saturday Mass and **97** who worshipped on Sunday. Thank you to **Fr. Thomas Kommers**, who celebrated Mass with us on Saturday and Sunday as **Fr. Steve** enjoys a well-deserved vacation. To our pianist **Jill** on Saturday and Sunday; trumpeter **Phil** on Sunday. Our cantors **Andy** on Saturday and **John** on Sunday. Thank you to **Andy** who read the announcements on Saturday and **John** on Sunday. We thank lectors **Kathy** on Saturday and **Miles** on Sunday. Thank you to **Bob** and **Bill** who brought the Offertory gifts forward on Saturday; **Hope** and **Christine** on Sunday. Eucharist ministers **Karen, Ellen, Mary** and **Tim** on Saturday; **Becky, Janelle** and **Mooreen** on Sunday. Thank you to ushers **Tim, Tom, Doris** and **Kevin** on Saturday; **Ginny** and **Steve** on Sunday. To greeters **Chris, Doris, 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, Corrine, Tom** and **Ginny** who took the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass in person.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit July 23 - 30, 2022 in memory of **Pamela Stickler**.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Matthew's annual picnic and Mass in the park will be on **Saturday, August 13th at 4:30 PM** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. We hope to see you there!

Parish Administrator's Note

AIR CONDITIONING AND ELECTRIC WORK

Well! I'm sure glad to have the air conditioning working again. That's a good thing for all of us.

Because of supply chain issues, it took several weeks to get all the AC parts needed. Both inside and outside components needed work. Soon, we'll get a bill for the AC repair—for parts and for labor.

I learned in the course of the AC repair that one of our major church electric panels needs replacement. That panel is located in the boiler room, and it dates to the 1968-70 construction of the church. That panel is well past its expected service life!

Steve Kowal, our head of maintenance, has begun the complicated replacement process. In August, experts from Xcel will study the existing panel and begin the design/build process. As I understand it, that can take up to 30 weeks, for it'll be a custom installation. Once the replacement panel is ready, it'll take several days to install it. The power will have to be off during installation, so we're most likely looking at a week next summer, when school's not in session.

At this point, we have little idea how much the new panel is going to cost. I wouldn't be surprised if we're in the neighborhood of \$50,000. (We'll know more after the Xcel people report back.) That's a big number. On the other hand, it's less than a couple thousand a year.

As I wrote last week, we're in good shape when it comes to funding our regular operations. This electric panel, along with needed roof work, will have to be funded differently. That is, with a capital outlay.

Our Facilities Committee members and I continue to seek bids on capital items. That information goes to our Finance Committee, to develop a Capital Improvement Plan (and budget) separate from our regular operations budget. I'll keep you posted.

WELCOME DINNER - JULY 26

Have you recently joined or rejoined St. Matt's?

I ask because we're having our first post-pandemic Welcome Dinner on Tuesday, July 26. We've mailed out invitations to new and returning members, based on available information in our parish database.

It's possible we missed people. If you're new or have returned to St. Matt's in the last 15 months or so—and you didn't receive an invitation in the mail—please call the parish office at (651) 224-9793. Let Angela know, so she can update our records—and let her know if you want to come to the July 26 dinner. And welcome!

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, Carolina Gomez, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Reyes Ledesma, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pablo Munoz, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, 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.*

News and Events

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 in the Social Hall. 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"!!



AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Driver Safety classes are returning to St. Matt's. AARP will hold a 4-hour refresher from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 2,** in the Social Hall. Cost is \$25 for AARP members, \$30 for non-members. Call the parish office or Angela at (651) 224-9793 for reservations or more information (walk-ins are not allowed).

BLEST ART

Blest Art will be returning to St. Matthew during the weekend of **July 23 and 24, 2022.** They will have tables set up at the back of the church of hand-carved statues, crosses and other pieces from the Holy Land. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Church of St. Matthew will host a National Night Out gathering on Hall Avenue between Robie and Winifred on **Tuesday, August 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.** Please feel free to join us whether you live a few blocks from St. Matthew or farther away. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided, but feel free to bring a treat to share with our neighbors.

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.

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Zach Czaia	Anthony Minus
Jerald Dosch	Janelle Rohr
Kathy Goldenstein	Ellen Schneider
Maggie Lee	Linda Sellars
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Finance Council Members

Alan Christensen	John Sekevitch
John Del Vecchio	Joe Stevens
Bernie Klein	Joanne Smith
Jackie Lackner	Karen Thompson
Becky Montgomery	Phil Grant, Ex Officio

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 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-2

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Sara Christensen
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, July 24

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Joe Savard

Monday, July 25

9:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 30

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

Sunday, July 31

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 25 - Friday, July 29

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

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM New Member Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, July 27

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

Thursday, July 28

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 29

Saturday, July 30

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

Sunday, July 31

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

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