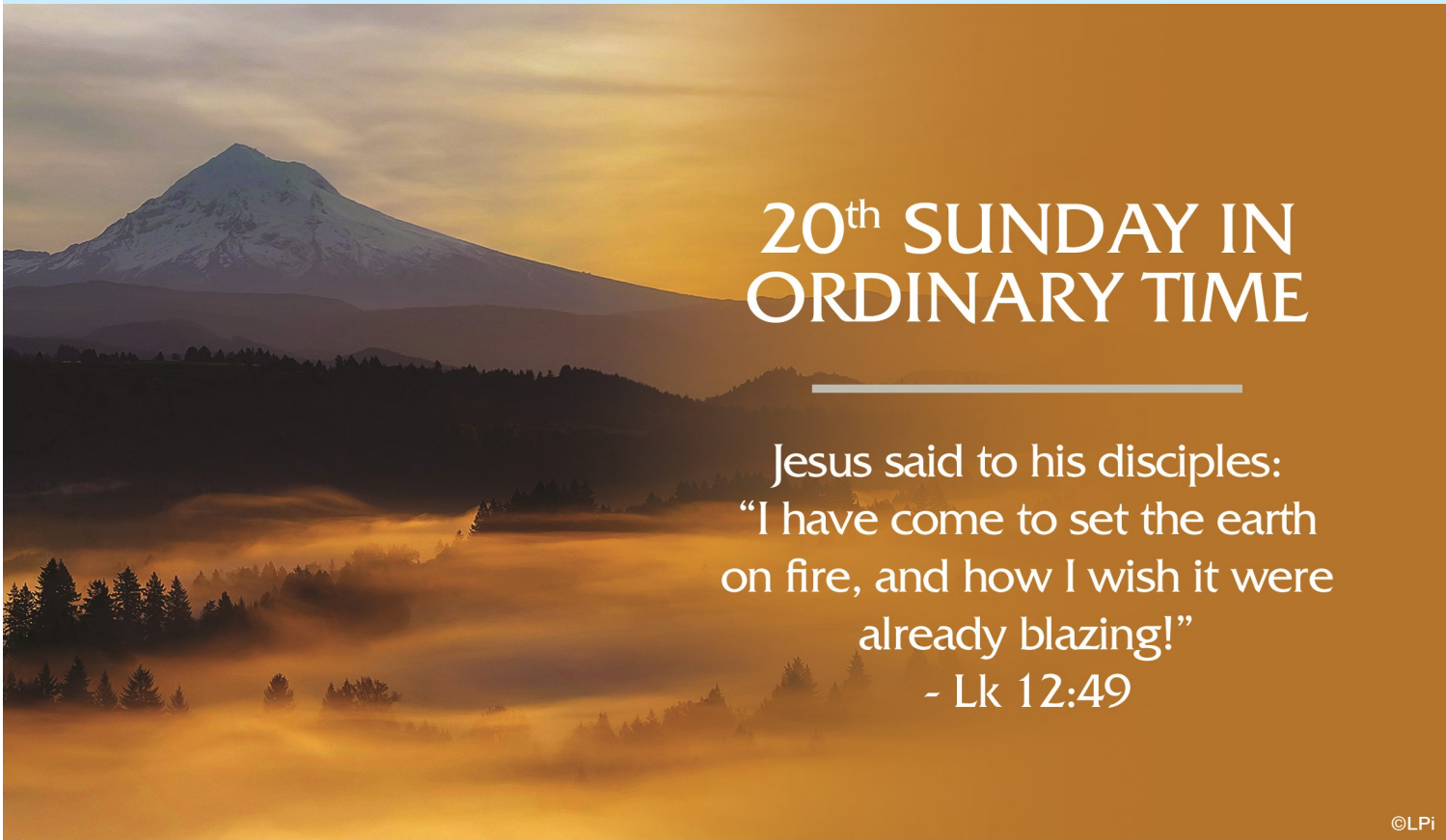




Church of St. Matthew

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



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples:
“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”
- Lk 12:49

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August 14, 2022 **20th 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

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is a saint because she truly accepted who she was and who God chose her to be.

The following, from Bryce Lungren, Wyoming's Cowboy Priest, writes about finding within your self the seeds of holiness.

Father Steve Adrian

Father Bryce Lungren cares for cattle, but he also cares for the souls of his Wyoming parish. He is known as "The Cowboy Priest"

He writes:

"My whole motto is sonship, and that means that God calls me, calls me by name and according to my nature. He calls me as 'Bryce.'" When I first heard the call, I put away my boots. We have to be ready to sacrifice, and sacrifice radically, for the sake of a higher good. But sometimes we make the mistake of equating holiness with hurt. Yes, growing has its pains, but holiness should also bring us joy, and it should mean becoming ourselves.

How do I define holiness? Holiness is being fully the man or woman God has created you to be. Holiness looks like asking God what he desires and hearing back 'I desire what you desire.' That doesn't mean anything you happen to want is the right thing; you have to be sure that your desires are in line with the truth. If you do that, then holiness can be driven from within. It's not God sitting up there, just commanding things, but it's the Spirit moving within the desires of our hearts."

We think God's will for our lives can't be what we actually want, just as our desire for something does not necessarily mean it is good, it also doesn't necessarily mean it is selfish or bad. God wants to work with our desires, our talents, our passions, our interests, to find what is good in them and to elevate them. This, he says, is particular to who we are. That's why God calls us by our own name. There already was a Mother Teresa, you have to be your own saint!"



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 15, 2022 for **Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Society.**

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.

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

"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 10:15 AM 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. We thank **Josiah** who has been our Sunday Mass greeter! To volunteer contact: jill.kilzer@st-matts.org, mleibl@st-matts.org or the parish office.



THANK YOU: To **Virginia Roethler** and **Joe Krueger** (St. Matt's Class of 1979) for helping out painting the lower level of school building!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH: In 2018 our parish made the decision to become a **Volunteer Parish**. Weekly, we post volunteer opportunities available in our parish. It is heartwarming to see the many people who step forward to volunteer. People eager to help us fulfill our mission of being a Volunteer Parish.

Last week, we asked for volunteers to weed the parish gardens. Sunday afternoon I received an email from a parishioner telling me she had seen the request in the bulletin. After the 10:15 AM Mass, she got a compost bag from her car and proceeded to weed the garden in front of the church. It looks absolutely beautiful! We can all be proud of the beauty of our front entrance! This volunteer has been a parishioner for less than one year. She answered the call for a "garden volunteer" because she loves our parish and wants to help us succeed as a Volunteer Parish. She asked to remain anonymous.

If you see something in the parish that you think needs attention, let us know. If there is anything you would like to take on as a project, let us know.

If you would like to volunteer within a group of volunteers, working to earn money for our parish, **strawberry cleaning begins on Wednesday, August 24 at 8:00 AM!** We will clean berries every morning through Sunday, September 4. For more information call the parish office or email Mary Leibl at mleibl@st-matts.org. We would love to see you at the "Great St. Matthews Get-Together"!

And always remember:

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

FINANCES

We receive a steady stream of financial information each month, mostly from our accountant (Kimberly) at the Parish Accounting Service Center (PASC). By we, I'm referring to our parish Finance Council, trustees, Parochial Administrator, and me.

Part of my job is to analyze, summarize and report all this data. For example, we recently received the 13-page June 2022 financial report. June was the last month in Fiscal Year 2022 (F22), so it's an especially significant report. That's because it indicates how we did for the entire year. Here's an overview:

F22	Actual (\$)	Budget (\$)	Last Year (F21)
Income	737,341	470,000	820,089
Expense	714,670	470,000	640,061
Income – Expense	22,671	--	180,028

You're probably wondering—as did I—why our actual income was so much higher than the budget. There are many reasons, and here are the main ones:

1. Over \$91,000 of income (and expense) is accounted for in the June report, but it was not part of the F22 budget. That's because of a recent change in how we account for the Catholic Community Foundation's Vivian Byers Endowment Fund income we receive each year—all of which supports Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

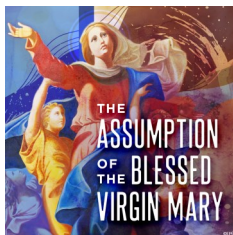
That revenue now flows through our regular budget, and it will be part of the F23 budget currently being prepared. I've learned that because of that accounting change, our overall assessment rate has been reduced by one per cent. (The Archdiocese assesses all parishes each year. Parishes supporting schools are assessed at 8%. Capital expenditures are assessed at 2%.)

2. General support increased in many categories, e.g., Sunday and Holy Day collections; contributions and memorials; and rent.

In a few months, we'll publish our annual parish financial report. It will provide additional detail. In the meantime, let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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The Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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, Jeff Blomgren, Louise Breidel, Carolina Gomez, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Reyes Ledesma, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pablo Munoz, Ann Myran, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, Virgil Roethler, Marie Scanlan, Alice Schletty 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

GAB IN THE PARK!

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social group for young adults with and without disabilities, will be hosting summer fun at Harmon Park in West St. Paul from **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on August 19**. Bring your lawn chairs, favorite yard games or outdoor activities, snacks to share and your beverage! For more information please contact: giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATION

Our next collection for Neighborhood House is **August 20 and 21**. There will be a basket by the exit for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. During the month of July, St. Matthew donated 101 lbs. of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Congratulations to **Roger and Darlene Newmaster** who will be renewing their wedding vows at 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, August 13 in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in Grades 1 to 10 will resume September 21 and we have openings for teachers. Volunteers should enjoy helping children know, love, and serve Jesus and their neighbor, as they learn more about their Catholic faith. We need a teacher for the youngest kids in the program and a teacher for middle school-age kids. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM between September and April. Curriculum and supplies are provided. High school students who need service hours are welcome to teach. If a weekly commitment is too much, please consider being a substitute or helping with specific events. To find out more, call or text Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation Director at (651) 242-6004 or send an email to janelle@st-matts.org.

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Alan Christensen	John Sekevitch
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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 Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/
Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1
Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-
36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt
23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk
13:22-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Leo Kegler
+Richard McKane

Sunday, August 14

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Joyce Burgess
Living and Deceased Members of Rosary Society

Monday, August 15

7:00 PM Mass

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, August 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, August 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, August 20

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
Chase Baker - Special Intention
Graciella Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

Sunday, August 21

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Hank Goers
+Joe Savard

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 15 - Friday, August 19

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

Monday, August 15

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 17

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

Thursday, August 18

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

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

4:30 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, August 21

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

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