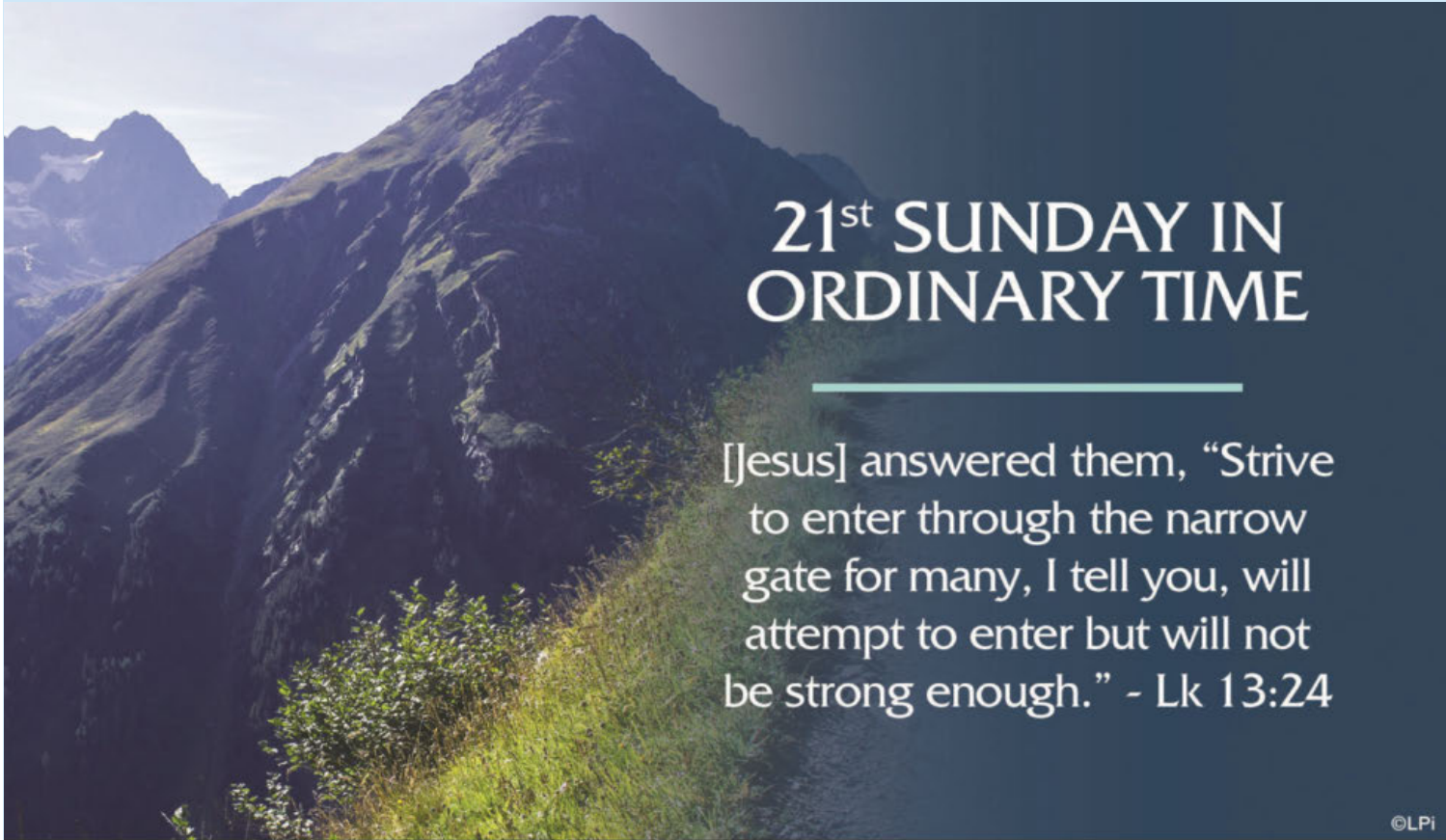


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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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August 21, 2022 **21st 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,
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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

In the 27th chapter of the rule Saint Benedict wrote for his monks, he writes about the need for the Abbot to care for the weakest. He wrote:

“They (Church leaders) are to imitate the loving example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep in the mountains and went in search of the one sheep that had strayed. So great was Jesus’ compassion for its weakness that “he mercifully put it on his shoulders” and carried it back to the flock (Luke 15:5).”

The Christian life is for human beings. Those who exercise authority in the Christian community are to see themselves as healers and shepherds tending the weak and carrying the lost, not as drill sergeants or impresarios. What we have in parishes and families are just people, people who never meet their own ideals, and sometimes abandon them completely.

Our role is simply to try to smooth what hurts them, and lift what burdens them. The spiritual life is a process, not an event.

When asked what monks do in the monastery one monk answered: “We fall and get up, we fall and get up, we fall and get up.” The spiritual life takes time. It takes patience, just like everything else.

Pope Francis wants the Church to be a MASH unit – present in the midst of the action and ready to provide the healing and care for the wounded, the forgotten, and the lost.

That is what our parish mission statement means: “Saint Matthew’s exists in the world as a visible expression of God’s love.”

Father Steve Adrian

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



STRAWBERRY CLEANING: This coming Wednesday, August 24, we will begin cleaning strawberries for a booth at the State Fair. Cleaning will begin at 8:00 AM each day through Sunday, September 4. The owners expect to have twice the number of berries as compared to last year. Come as often as you are able - whether one day or the entire 12 days! The **socialization is great** and makes the time fly by, while earning money for our parish! Workers are also welcomed to take home any berries that do not meet the standards of the booth. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM!

PRAYER LINE: We are seeking a volunteer to monitor the Parish Prayer Line. In this role, your phone number would be published anonymously in the parish bulletin under **Prayer Line**. People will call, asking to have the names of people in need of prayers placed on the Prayer Line. You will then call volunteers who have offered their time to pray for those requests. Having an answering system will be helpful. If willing to volunteer, please contact Mary Leibl or the parish office.

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!

MASS IN THE PARK: Thank you to all who made the Mass in the Park a huge success! To **Fr. Adrian** who celebrated Mass for all present. To **Jill, Linda, Christina, John, Chris** and **Andy** who provided the music. To **Karen, Jill, Bill, Tim, Ginny** and **Mary** who transported all that was needed for Mass and music by gathering all the articles, loading the trucks and cars, delivering everything to the park and returning everything back to church after the celebration. To **Jeanne** who served as lector and **Ginny, Josie** and **Tim** as eucharistic ministers. To **Tom, Tim** and **Doris** who were ushers. To the **110 People** who attended! Thank you to the **Men’s Club** who provided and prepared the meat, to the **Rosary Society** who provided serving utensils and paper products. To all who brought food to share at the potluck after Mass. **Thank You to all who came to worship and celebrate as a parish!**

THANK YOU: To the **81 people** who attended the Sunday, 10:15 AM Mass. To **John** who did the announcements. To lector **Jerald**, eucharistic ministers **Paul, Ellen** and **Janelle**. To pianist **Jill** and cantor **John**. Ushers **Myrna** and **Juluis**, sacristan **Joanne**, and **Joanne** and **Ann** who carried up the gifts at the Offertory.

Mary Leibl
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit August 20 - 27, 2022 in memory of **Tony Joseph, Mark Meissinger** and **Rich Neveau**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on August 26, 2022 for **Diane and Greg Lothenbach’s 50th wedding anniversary**.

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 Administrator's Note

GRATITUDE

I've heard it said that we should express gratitude every day. With that in mind, I want to thank everyone who helped out with last Saturday's Mass in the Park. I know it's a lot of extra work for musicians, sacristans, food preparers, and others. That extra work contributed to our special tradition in the St. Matt's faith community. It's much appreciated!

I'm also grateful for friends and family, including opportunities to see them in person. For example, I recently flew to Portland, Oregon, to visit my oldest brother, Dick, and his family. Dick has ALS, so it was a poignant visit. (This mortality thing; can't escape it. Glad to be part of a faith that celebrates earthly life and life in heaven.)

The visit was also a chance to see Dick's wife, Mary, their two daughters and sons-in-law in the Portland area, along with nine grandchildren. What with distance and COVID, I hadn't seen any of them for years. (Except for Zoom. I'm grateful for Zoom.)

Even more recently, I flew to Atlanta. There, I picked up my daughter, Bea. She broke her ankle a few weeks ago, and she was recovering with friends there. My mission was to transport her back to Nashville, where she attends university. Bea couldn't fly home while recuperating from surgery, so I appreciated the opportunity for a day with her.

I had one final reason for gratitude with my trip to Atlanta: a few hours with my high school buddy, Chuck. There's nothing like being with people in person. To paraphrase, God so loved the world that He came in person. Let us be thankful!

I have a lot to be grateful for. How about you? What are you grateful for today?

As always, let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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William Brengman passed away on August 1, 2022 at the age of 90. His funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

Sympathy to Brian Osborne and family on the death of Brian's father, Terrance "Terry" Osborne on August 4, 2022 at the age of 78. His memorial service was held at Bradshaw Funeral Home on Friday, August 12, 2022.

Please remember William, Terrance and their families in your prayers.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Louise Breidel, Carolina Gomez, Marilyn Gonsowki, 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

FROM DEMONSTREVILLE JESUIT RETREAT

Looking for a peaceful getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a men's silent retreat at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House September 1st - 4th. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted. For more information, call Demontreville at 651-777-1311 or visit www.demontrevilleretreat.com. Other retreat days are also available.



Congratulations to **Diane and Greg Lothenbach** on their 50th wedding anniversary!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Families with students in Grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Before registering, review the COVID-19 safety plan. The registration form and COVID-19 safety plan are available at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in winter and spring 2023. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Classes run from September 21 through May 3. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text (651) 242-6004. Community of Saints parents can sign up their children at the sacraments table at the COS Back to School Night on September 1.



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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 21, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, August 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, August 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, August 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, August 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, August 27

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

Sunday, August 28

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Mark Lund

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 22 - Friday, August 26

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

Monday, August 22

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

Tuesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 24

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

Thursday, August 25

8:00 AM State Fair Strawberry Cleaning
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, August 26

8:00 AM State Fair Strawberry Cleaning

Saturday, August 27

8:00 AM State Fair Strawberry Cleaning
4:30 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

Sunday, August 28

8:00 AM State Fair Strawberry Cleaning
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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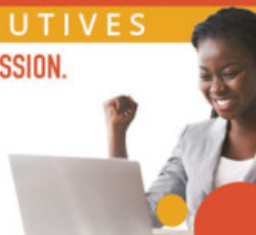
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