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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

- Lk 15:7b

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September 11, 2022 24th 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

On September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors.

As the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767—United Airlines Flight 175—appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center and sliced into the south tower near the 60th floor.

It immediately became clear that America was under attack.

Where were you when you first heard about the attack? What were you doing? For most of us – middle aged and older – September 11, 2001 and November 22, 1963 mark two events that are burned deeply in our consciousness. In 1963 I was in my senior year of college; and in 2001 I was St. Matt's Parish Priest.

In both of these tragic events an unexpected spirit emerged among all Americans – political persuasion, religious belief, ethnic and racial differences – all of this and so much more paled into insignificance. What emerged was a sense of our being one and our being responsible for each other. We experienced the exhilaration of being “one” – “one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.”

The liturgy this weekend will include a remembrance of 9/11 and prayer that God will keep us safe from harm, and that God will give us the grace and the courage and the wisdom to once more experience ourselves as “one”.

Father Steve Adrian

Faith Formation News

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION

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. 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. Mark your calendar for the first evening of class, which is **September 21**. Parents and children should attend that evening. Grades K to 7 begin class at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. The parent meeting starts at 6:50 PM. ¿Preguntas? ¿Habla español? Envíe un mensaje de texto a Myrna, 651-285-8112.

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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!

CLERICAL: Occasionally we will have a parish-wide mailing. At those times we call on some of our office volunteers to help. They fold letters, put materials in the envelopes and sort by zip code. If you would like to come into the office to help with this project, email Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the parish office and leave your name and contact information.

PRAYER LINE: We are seeking a volunteer to monitor the Parish Prayer Line. In this role, your phone number would be published, without your name, 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.



STRAWBERRY CLEANING: Thank you to all the volunteers who came during the 12 days of strawberry cleaning. It was another successful year!

THANK YOU: To all who attended the Saturday 4:15 PM and Sunday 10:15 AM Masses. To **Tim** who served as the lector and **Jeanne** who read the announcements on Saturday; **Becky** who was the lector and read the announcements on Sunday. Thank you to **Karen, Maggie Lee, Tim** and **Jeanne** who served as eucharistic ministers on Saturday; **Dave, Mooreen** and **Joanne** on Sunday.

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on September 12, 2022 for **Patty and Tom Kane's 30th 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

QSA Update

I'm pleased to report that Quantum STEAM Academy (QSA), the charter public school leasing our school building, has increased its enrollment yet again. Classes began August 29, and I recently visited the school to talk with its director and teachers.

Now heading into its third year, QSA expects over one hundred students for the 2022-2023 school year. This compares with about 60 students in their first year, and about 90 last year.

This growth is good news for QSA, of course. I believe it's a credit to their leadership, teachers, and curriculum. (STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

It's also good news for us, as their rent money is what we're using to pay off our 2016 loan. You might recall that that loan was used to pay for an elevator in the school building, as well as to update the boilers.

I used to be a school administrator and teacher, so I'm glad to see children learning in our school building. It's a great use of our facilities.

HOW'S YOUR PRAYER LIFE?

I wrote about prayer last week—especially the collective form known as the Prayers of the Faithful. They're one of many ways we offer support to each other.

It's unwieldy to read up to 15 names at Mass, so I encourage those looking for prayer support to use the Book of Intentions at the back of church. The Prayers of the Faithful include all names listed in the Book of Intentions.

We plan to move names from the Prayers of the Faithful to the bulletin after a month or so, unless we hear otherwise from the persons concerned. There's no limit to the number of names we can put in the bulletin.

Let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Phil Grant

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Gilbert de la O passed away on August 28, 2022 at the age of 77. His funeral Mass was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Please remember Gilbert and his family 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

ROSARY SOCIETY

All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which will be held **Tuesday, September 13 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** in the lower level of the Parish Center. You can park in and enter the lower level from the parking lot. This will be the first meeting of our program year. The focus of this meeting will be getting to know one another, discussing the programs for our Fall meetings and discussing upcoming Fall activities. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings. Come, enjoy refreshments and find out what the Rosary Society is all about.

ST. MARY'S HEALTH CLINIC CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

On July 29, 1992, the first St. Mary's Clinic was held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in St. Paul. Sr. Mary Madonna led the planning and implementation for the clinics and we now celebrate thirty years of providing health services to those in need. This vision and ministry, started long ago, lives on through the continued support and commitment from the Sisters of St. Joseph, many volunteers, employees, and supporters. In recognition, St. Mary's Health Clinics is holding an Open House on **Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at 1890 Randolph Avenue in St. Paul. Thanks to St. Matthew and Father Steve Adrian for partnering with St. Mary's from its beginnings through today.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

Our next collection for Neighborhood House is **September 17 and 18**. There will be a basket by the exit for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. During the month of August, St. Matthew donated 150 pounds of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis, our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place after Mass on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**. It will take place outside in the square around the Saint Matthew status. Bring your pets for this special blessing.



Congratulations to **Patty and Tom Kane** on their 30th wedding anniversary!

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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 September 11, 2022

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+William Brengman
+Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman

Sunday, September 11

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Macario R. Padilla
+Leonarda R. Padilla

Monday, September 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, September 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, September 17

4:15 PM Mass
+Glenn Bauman
+Joyce Burgess
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, September 18

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Rudy Morales
+James and Helen Stevens

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 12 - Friday, September 16

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

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

4:30 PM Mass (in-person) - Feast of St. Matthew

Sunday, September 18

10:15 AM Mass (in-person) - Feast of St. Matthew
Confession after Mass
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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