



Church of St. Matthew

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

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” - Lk 18:13

©LPi

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

October 23, 2022 **30th 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

Church 510 Hall Avenue
Parish Center 490 Hall Avenue
(Mailing Address) St. Paul, MN 55107

Telephone (651) 224-9793

Fax (651) 222-2688

Website www.st-matts.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/churchofstmatthew

YouTube www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew

Twitter twitter.com/stmattswestside

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Next weekend is Halloween weekend, a time anticipated by children and prepared for many weeks in advance. I went to Sam's Club this month to buy the candy treats I will offer the visitors this year.

The celebration of Halloween has a strong religious origin. The English are fond of contractions. The word is the contraction of All-Hallows-Eve – the Eve of the Feast of All Saints.

Just as before Ash Wednesday there is the tradition of celebration in Mardi Gras; so also, on the night before All Saints Day there is celebration. In some Latin countries there are great Fiestas in the city or village square – eating and dancing – people in costume. At midnight “the Grim Reaper” – Death appears in the square, shrouded in black and carrying the reapers scythe. Death joins in the dancing and all are invited to dance with Death. The teaching is: “Once you have danced with Death, you have nothing to fear.”

Some fundamental Christians get bent out of shape with the observance of Halloween. They speak of it as being “Satanic” and “Devil worship”. Forget about that. Prepare for children to ring your door-bell and be ready to greet them with a smile and a treat. For some of us older folks it is one of the few times in the year we have to engage one-on-one with the children of the neighborhood. Enjoy!

Father Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Marilyn Gonsowski, The Karas Family, Bernie Klein, Sharon Knops, Reyes Ledesma, Don Leibl, Greg Lothenbach, Annamarie Moseng, Dick Norton, Eileen Norton, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, Elaine Pesek, Dennis Robinette, Virgil Roethler, Marie Scanlan, Alice Schletty, Chris Stevens and Joshua Viellieux.

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.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ~ Isaiah 6:8

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.

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs (continued)

FUNERAL MINISTRY: We are looking for three to four volunteers to form a second team of Funeral Ministers. Some of the duties are: open church to meet the funeral directors when they arrive on the day of the service; offer hospitality to families and guests; be sure that everything needed for funeral service is in proper place; help the readers and gift bearers to feel comfortable in their roles; and see to it that the church is returned to normal set-up after the funeral. Training will be provided. If you are interested in serving in this important ministry, contact Mary Leibl or the parish office.



PARISH CLEAN-UP: Thank you to all who came last Saturday to help clean up the parish church and grounds! We are extremely fortunate to have parishioners who take pride in their parish property. We thank: **Mary Bejblik, Norma and Jim Cahill, Tim Dalzell, John Del Vecchio, Catherine Fee, Phil Grant, Dave Haley, Becky Montgomery, Tom Kegler, Jill and Bill Kilzer, Jan Lackner, Mary Leibl, Al and Kathy Schowalter, Linda Sellers, Fiona Smith, Karen Thompson and Chris Wilfahrt!**

If any names have been missed, please contact the parish office or mleibl@st-matts.org. An enormous amount of cleaning took place in three hours and the hard work of everyone who participated deserves to be recognized!

THANK YOU: To the **98** people who attended the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass and **88** who attended the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass. Thank You to **Fr. Adrian** who through his homilies helps us to see how the day's readings pertain to our own lives. To **Ellen** who served as the lector on Saturday and **Joanne** on Sunday. To **Linda** who read the announcements on Saturday and **Janelle** on Sunday. Thank you to **Karen, Mary, Wanda and Tim** who served as eucharistic ministers on Saturday; **Paul, Becky and Janelle** on Sunday. To cantor **Linda** and guitarist **Andy** on Saturday and cantor **Linda** Sunday. Thank you to pianist **Jill** on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to musician **Phil** on Sunday. To ushers **Tom, Kevin, Doris and Tim** on Saturday; **Ginny and Steve** on Sunday. Thank you to **Chris** who brought up the gifts on Saturday. Thank you to **Kathy** who carried the Book of Intentions to the Sanctuary. Thanks to our sacristans **Mary** on Saturday; **Ginny and Joanne** on Sunday. Thank you to Saturday greeters – **Tom, Chris, Doris and Tim**; greeter **Janelle** on Sunday.

THANK YOU: To **Josie, Ginny, Tom and Tim** who brought the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass.

THANK YOU: To **Bill Horst from Globe Publishing**, who saw our request in the bulletin and donated a beautiful office chair for the work room in the Parish Center! The chair is not only comfortable, but also “**safe**”! We also thank **Tim Dalzell** who picked up the chair and brought it to the Parish Center!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
mleibl@st-matts.org

Parish Administrator's Note

VATICAN II, 1962-1965

The Second Vatican Council opened its first session in October of 1962. If you're old enough to remember it, what comes to mind? (If you're not old enough for personal memories, I'm still interested in what comes to mind. How has the Council affected your faith journey?)

The first thing that comes to my mind is a "good news, bad news" type of story. In fourth grade, I was trained to be an altar server—in Latin. When I returned for 5th grade, the nuns had news: we had to retrain as servers—in English.

Fr. Steve's homily from last weekend triggered my memories, when he reminded us that the Council began 60 years ago. As he put it, it was a **significant event**, which over four years captured the imagination of the world. Our church was engaged in deep reflection on the challenges of the modern world. Our church sought fresh ways to speak to everyone, everywhere.

The Council was also a **significant experience**, one of hope and promise. Based on that experience, what is the Spirit asking of us? What are we called to do as a church, in 2022 and beyond?

For the next twelve months, we're going to study and celebrate the Council, particularly its continuing challenges to us. Fr. Steve will preach on it. I'll write about it in this column. Beyond that, how would you like to engage with the Council's work? What can we do together, as a parish?

In addition to homilies and columns, I'm thinking of adult faith formation gatherings from time to time--whether during the day, evening, or after Mass, I can't say yet. What works for you? Let me know. Also let me know if you'd like to help organize these gatherings. In the spirit of the Council, I'm looking for volunteers.

RAFFLE & FINANCE MAILING

Last week, we mailed our annual Parish Finance Report. The mailing also contained information about our **November Giving Thanks Fundraiser**, along with a donation form. If you did not receive the mailing, please let Angela Rakow know. We'd be happy to send you a copy. Copies are also available in the parish office.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

Phil Grant

pgrant@st-matts.org
(651) 224-9793

News and Events

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is celebrated this weekend, October 22 and 23, 2022. Please see the insert for more information about how you can help.



LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER WREATHS AND POPCORN

This is the last weekend to order wreaths and popcorn from Boy Scout Troop 288, chartered by Community of Saints School. Your order will be distributed during the weekend of November 19 and 20. You can find the order form inside the bulletin. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, contact **Joan Smith at (651) 271-3236 or 2022BoyScoutWreaths@gmail.com.**

ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS

Isaac Garcia, a junior at Cretin-Derham Hall, will once again be collecting donations for Isaac's Blessing Bags. The donations are accepted through **December 1, 2022**. Isaac is collecting items such as warm socks, hats, gloves, hand warmers, toothpastes, deodorants, soaps, travel size tissues, snacks and drinks/water. There will be large bins by the main entrance for you to place the donation. Please see the insert for a letter from Isaac.

TURKEY BINGO

The Men's Club is hosting Turkey Bingo on **Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 5:15 PM** in the Social Hall. There will be 12 bingo games for turkeys (cash for multiple winners), 3 cash games and raffle for leftover turkeys. Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome if accompanied with an adult.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME: Public school students in Grades K-10 who are registered for Faith Formation have class on Wednesday, October 26, in the Parish Center. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. Community of Saints 8th graders will join the Confirmation students on October 26. During the Wednesday evening classes, students learn about our Catholic faith and are prepared for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call/text 651-242-6004. ¿Habla español? Text Myrna, 651-285-8112.

CONFIRMATION LAUNCH: Faith Formation students in Grades 8 to 10 AND Community of Saints 8th graders who want to be confirmed with St. Matthew have three events to attend: (1) Class on Wednesday, October 26, 6:45 PM to 7:50 PM, St. Matthew Parish Center at 490 Hall Avenue; students only. (2) Mass and a meeting on Sunday, October 30, 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM, St. Matthew Church at 510 Hall Avenue; students and parents as well as other family members if possible. (3) Class on Wednesday, November 2, 6:45 PM to 7:50 PM, St. Matthew Parish Center at 490 Hall Avenue; students only. Anyone who has not yet registered for Confirmation class may do so by downloading the correct form from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and filling out and emailing the form as directed on the website. We will also have printed forms and take registrations for Confirmation in person on October 26 and 30.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit October 22 - 29, 2022 in memory of **Rita Moser**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on October 24, 2022 in memory of **Rita Moser**.

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 Leadership

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister
sadrian@st-matts.org

Rev. Antony Skaria, Parochial Administrator
frantony@sjvssp.org

Phil Grant, Pastoral Administrator/Safe Environment
Coordinator
pgrant@st-matts.org

Angela Rakow, Administrative Assistant
arakow@st-matts.org

Accounts Payable & Receivable
accountspayable@st-matts.org

Jill Kilzer, Music Ministry
jillkilzer@st-matts.org

Mary Leibl, Volunteer Coordinator
mleibl@st-matts.org

Linda Rivera, Funeral Coordinator
lrivera@st-matts.org

Janelle Rohr, Faith Formation
jdrohr@pro-ns.net

Steve Kowal, Maintenance Engineer
skowal@st-matts.org

Scott Hertzog, Janitor

Reyes Ledesma, Janitor

John Del Vecchio, Parish Trustee
jdelvecchio@st-matts.org

Karen Thompson, Parish Trustee
kthompson@st-matts.org

Parish Council Members

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	Karen Thompson
Jackie Lackner	Phil Grant, Ex Officio
Becky Montgomery	

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 October 23, 2022

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 22

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Rita Moser

Sunday, October 23

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+William Fretchel
Anthony Rivera, Special Intention

Monday, October 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 29

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

Sunday, October 30

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Joe Savard

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28

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

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

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

Wednesday, October 26

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, October 27

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
6:45 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, October 28

Saturday, October 29

4:30 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, October 30

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

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Advertisers on the back of this bulletin pay for this weekly bulletin. Thank them by using their services and products.