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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- Lk 23:42-43

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November 20, 2022 ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

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

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

Wednesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Thursday, November 24th is Thanksgiving Day. This is the closest we have to a “national holy day”. The holiday was celebrated on the last Thursday of November since President Lincoln’s 1863 proclamation of “a national day of Thanksgiving and praise.”

Each year it was up to the President to issue a proclamation to announce the date on which the holiday would fall, but it was dependably set for the last Thursday – that is, until 1939.

In two years out of seven November contains five Thursdays. In order to permanently anchor a place for the holiday FDR proclaimed that from now on the Thanksgiving Holiday will be observed on the 4th Thursday of November.

At Saint Matthew the Thanksgiving Liturgy will be celebrated at 9 am, Thursday, November 24th. Come, and bring your family and friends as together we give thanks for the gifts we have received this year.

I have come to realize that the virtue most appropriate for older persons, like myself, as we live the final stage of life, is the virtue of gratitude, the virtue of thanksgiving. It is important and is a time to remember the hundreds and thousands of ways God has touched and blessed my life; the many people who have been an occasion of grace for me. It is time to sit back with a gracious spirit and simply live gratitude.

May you and all who share your table this holiday be blessed and mercied by God; and may you show mercy to each other.

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, Theresa Lopez, Greg Lothenbach, Annamarie Moseng, Eileen Norton, Lisa Norton, Pam Perkovich, 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.

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.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: To Bury the Dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Helping to serve luncheons, to family and friends of the deceased, after a funeral is part of that Corporal Work of Mercy. A team of volunteers gather after each funeral to serve lunch to those attending the funeral. This group of parishioners could use more volunteers to help set up, serve food, and clean up after the luncheon. Would you be able to offer some time to help in this needed ministry? If so, please contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number.

Happy
Thanksgiving



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit November 19 - 26, 2022 in memory of **Roger Goldberg**.

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

ON SYNODS AND SYNODALITY

Perhaps you've heard of the worldwide synod process initiated by Pope Francis?

Or not? After all, most media don't pay much attention to synods, admittedly a somewhat obscure topic. So, let's review.

In Roman Catholicism, a synod is basically a type of meeting, or a series of meetings. Our local Archdiocese actually began its synod process before Pope Francis did. You may be among those who attended various sorts of local synod meetings over the past three years, whether here at St. Matt's or regionally. Those meetings involved listening, preparation and engagement with laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy.

This weekend—the Feast of Christ the King—Archbishop Hebda is releasing his pastoral letter outlining his vision and Synod Priorities. He's basing his letter on all those meetings. I know I'm curious to see what his vision and priorities are.

If you're interested in learning more about our local synod, you can sign up to receive the pastoral letter and other Synod updates via email at archspm.org/synodupdates. You can also scan the QR code.



Most of what I know about synods is what I've read about in *Commonweal*, one of my favorite magazines. It's edited by lay Catholics, and it covers religion, politics, arts and culture. I'd like to get a *Commonweal* discussion group going here at St. Matt's, so please let me know if you're interested.

In *Commonweal*, I've read about "synodality" as an antidote to clericalism in our church. That's because good synod processes include listening to everyone in the church, including the laity. That aligns well with the Second Vatican Council's emphasis on the importance of the laity. And, it aligns well with our identity as a volunteer parish.

NEW HYMNALS

We are replacing our current (2004) hymnals with new ones soon. (They're on order. I don't know when they'll arrive. We're hoping by Advent.) I'm pleased. Not only will the hymnal include some of the "greatest hits" of the past 18 years, it'll also have a current order of Mass that reflects liturgical language changes instituted back in 2011.

If you would like to honor people in your life by dedicating a new hymnal to them, you'll have that opportunity when they arrive. We'll do that with a special nameplate we can put inside the front cover. The recommended donation is \$20, which will be used to defray the cost of the hymnals.

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

Phil Grant
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News and Events

Anointing of the Sick

Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20 during Mass

Second Collection for Neighborhood House

Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20

Gifted and Belonging Meeting

Sunday, November 20, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 24, 9:00 AM

Maranatha Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 PM

Last Day to Participate in Isaac's Blessing Bags

Thursday, December 1

Second Collection for Community of Saints School

Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4

Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert

Sunday, December 4, 3:00 PM

Vigil, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 PM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM

Christmas Bake Sale, Boutique and Tea

Saturday, December 10, 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Santa Breakfast

Sunday, December 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Faith Formation News

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES THIS WEEK

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Faith Formation students do NOT have class on November 23. Classes resume November 30. Parents, please mark your calendars for December 7, when the Faith Formation program has Mass in church. Parents and students sit together, and families should plan to arrive for church that evening at 6:45 PM.



Due to early bulletin submission, some items may appear in later issues.

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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 November 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 19

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Roger Goldberg
+Barbara Rau
+Mary Jane Sperl

Sunday, November 20

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish

Monday, November 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, November 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, November 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, November 24

9:00 AM Our Parish

Friday, November 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, November 26

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

Sunday, November 27

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Joe Savard

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 21 - Friday, November 25

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes
Meals are being served as take-out only at this time
No meal service on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 24

9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, November 25

Saturday, November 26

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, November 27

10:15 AM Mass
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online

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