



Church of St. Matthew

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



Cover design © Liturgical Publications Inc. Photographer, Sheryl Kasper, bigstockphoto.com

November 27, 2022

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

Prayer Line (651) 428-0779

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

This weekend we begin a new Church year with the opening of the Season of Advent. Advent is, in part, a kind of “new year” celebration for the Church.

In the last weeks of “the old year” and the first weeks of “the new year” the liturgy of the Church focuses on the final coming of Jesus in glory and the fulfillment of God’s plan for creation.

As a society we shun death, we push death under the rug, we are hesitant to speak of death. Parents often find their children unwilling to have the conversation about funeral plans and estate plans.

Yet Christian practice and tradition has always emphasized that creation has a purpose and a destiny – and each of us share in that destiny. The meaning of human life and destiny is only complete with rebirth into eternal life.

The older we get the more the realization of our mortality comes into focus for us. Yet, from the first moment of life in Christ, baptism, we are told: “all who are baptized into Christ Jesus are baptized into His death. If we have died with Christ in baptism, we are destined to rise with Him in glory.”

From our earliest days we are reminded of our invitation to share the things of Heaven. One of the first prayers I was taught was my night prayer: “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord me soul to take.”

In Advent let us remember Christ’s comings: first in history in Bethlehem, His final coming in the end time, and his daily coming in our lives. Let us keep one eye fixed on today and the other eye fixed on our future glory. Often during the Advent Season the final prayer of the Mass is: *Lord, God, help us to use wisely the things of this earth and to love deeply the things of heaven.*

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, 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.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

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.



THANK YOU: To **Anita, Chuck, Rose, Chris M., Mary, and Chris W.** who spent three hours working on the parish wide Advent mailing!

THANK YOU: To **Marie** who has volunteered to be the new moderator of the Parish Prayer Line.

THANK YOU: To **Hope** who for many years faithfully served as the Prayer Line moderator!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
mleibl@st-matts.org



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

Parish Administrator's Note

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

In a recent homily, Fr. Steve talked about the signs of the times. As he said, it is wise to pay attention to them. It is prudent to act on them. He went on to compare the early 1960s with today.

In response to the signs of the times in the 60s, Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council into session. He knew that our Church needed to engage—not retreat—from everything that was happening.

How might we read today's signs? How can we respond, locally and beyond?

I'm glad that part of our parish's continuing response involves feeding the hungry (Loaves & Fishes), sheltering the homeless (Casa Guadalupana), and healing the sick (St. Mary's Clinic). While these are among our highest profile ministries, we have others. (Ask me about GAB, for instance.)

What else might we do? Let's start by asking a few questions, based on your personal experience in and around St. Matt's:

- What do you notice in your immediate neighborhood, or on the West Side as a whole? Where do you see God at work?
- What are the needs? Where could we be at work?

Vatican II renewed the church of its day. Let us work to renew our church in our times. Let us pray for wisdom and prudence to guide our work together.

NEW HYMNALS

We are replacing our current (2004) hymnals with new ones. I'm pleased. Not only will the new 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
pgrant@st-matts.org
(651) 224-9793

News and Events

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

Maranatha Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 30, 7:45 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

Maranatha Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 PM

Last Day to Send in Flower Donation

Friday, December 16

Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 PM

Gifted and Belonging Meeting

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME

Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have class on Wednesday evening, November 30. Grades K to 7 start at 6:30 PM and Grades 8 to 10 start at 6:45 PM. Class ends at 7:30 PM for kindergarteners, at 7:40 PM for Grades 2 to 7, and at 7:50 PM for Grades 8 to 10. We meet in the Parish Center on November 30. Families, please mark your calendars for December 7, when the Faith Formation program has Mass in church. Parents and students sit together. Please plan to arrive for church on December 7 at 6:45 PM.



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

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

Mario Medina Gonzalez, Maintenance

Scott Hertzog, Custodian

Jair Aguilar Vasquez, Custodian

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 November 27, 2022

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

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 26

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

Sunday, November 27

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Joe Savard
+Sherry Simpson
+Ted Snyder

Monday, November 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, December 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, December 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, December 3

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Leo Kegler
+Steve Newell
+John and Mary Jane Sperl

Sunday, December 4

10:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Barbara Rau
+Lester Robinson

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 2

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

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, December 1

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
5:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

9:00 AM CPR Training at
Mendota Heights Fire Station
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, December 4

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
10:15 AM Saturday Mass available online
After Mass Confession
3:00 PM St. Paul Civic Symphony Concert

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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

Community means everything.
That's why we're proud to be here to help life go right™



Steve Stremski
Ins Agcy Inc
Steve Stremski, Agent
1560 Livingston Ave., Suite 101
West St. Paul, MN 55118




Thomas Stremski
Ins Agcy Inc
Tom J Stremski, Agent
1560 Livingston Ave.
West St Paul, MN 55118
Bus: 651-457-6348

StateFarm
1601492 State Farm, Bloomington, IL


¿Necesita ayuda?
¿Conoce a alguien que la necesita?
¡Estamos cerca de usted!

- Asesoramiento profesional.
- ¡Gratis! No se necesita tarjeta del seguro de salud.
- Puede permanecer en el anonimato.




Walk-In Counseling Center
www.walkin.org • 612-870-0565
179 Robie St. E • St. Paul, MN

Rick Kissner • Ben Strand
1137 South Robert Street | West St. Paul, MN 55118



651-450-0535
www.hometowntireandservice.net



Your Complete Auto & Tire Repair Shop

Community of Saints Small. Catholic. Affordable.
Regional Catholic School

Offering Preschool
8th grade education
Serving St. Paul's West Side,
West St. Paul, South St. Paul,
Inver Grove Heights
and Mendota Heights.

651-457-2510



ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide




ADT AUTHORIZED PROVIDER | **SafeStreets** | **833-287-3502**

CARDINAL
FINANCIAL COMPANY | LIMITED PARTNERSHIP




JESSICA GOLDBERG
Mortgage Advisor
(NMLS 1713098)
612-718-6763
jessica.goldberg@cardinalfinancial.com
cardinalfinancial.com
www.goldbergloan.com


If you're looking for a
COVID BOOSTER OR VACCINE



We're here. For you.



MINNESOTA COMMUNITY CARE



scan here to book your appointment or visit:
MNCARE.ORG | (651) 602-7500

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Rob Witte

rwitte@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2501

PULSE Electric Inc.

For All Your
Residential &
Commercial
Wiring Needs

651-324-8427

WE'RE HIRING!
AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community



Contact us at
careers@4lpi.com or
www.4lpi.com/careers

TWIN CITY REFUSE AND RECYCLING

318 Water St W
St Paul, MN 55107

TwinCityRefuse.com

On call roll off boxes & dump site

651-227-1549