



# Church of St. Matthew

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



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”  
- Jn 10:9-10

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### April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Liturgy Schedule

#### Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM  
Sunday 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

#### Reconciliation

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month following Mass

Please contact the parish office regarding Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

#### Church

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Twitter [twitter.com/stmattswestside](http://twitter.com/stmattswestside)

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

May 1<sup>st</sup> is International Labor Day. Throughout the world people celebrate the gift and value of work.

In light of that, on May 1<sup>st</sup> the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker.

Since 1881, and Pope Leo XIII's encyclical letter, On the Condition of Human Labor, the Church has celebrated the worker and work and one's right to work.

This letter of Pope Leo was the impetus for the vocation of a young boy in Vermillion, Minnesota, John A. Ryan (1886-1945).

John became a priest of our Archdiocese and later a teacher at the Catholic University of America. His brother Lawrence became pastor of the Saint Paul Cathedral.

John relentlessly promoted the rights of workers. He became a close friend of Frances Perkins, the Secretary of Labor for FDR. Through this friendship John was able to influence and participate in the creation of the outcome of the New Deal – the National Labor Relations Board, the Child Labor Laws, the right to unionize, the Living Wage, the Forty-hour workweek, the solidifying of Social Security, and so much more.

He became known as “The Right Reverend New Dealer”. All of these accomplishments were the working out of the implications of Pope Leo's letter, On the Condition of Human Labor.

John Ryan's efforts contributed to the security and prosperity of working families. US workers achieved the right to participate with management in negotiating fair and just wages and working conditions.

My father was a member of the International Typographical Union, so supper conversation was often on “that great John A. Ryan”.

Pray this week that all people might have the right to work and use their God given talents for their good and the good of others.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**Jeremiah Baker, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Rita Eckert, The Karas Family, Sharon Knops, Carol Mike, Carole Palermo, Pam Perkovich, Mike Poe, Virgil Roethler, Alice Schletty, Mary Lou Shields, Joanne Smith, Jean Troje, and Patricia Weisman.**

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*

**GRASS MOWING:** We are looking for volunteers to take care of the grass mowing on the parish campus. This would entail the boulevards surrounding the church, parish center, school and the grassy areas around the parish center and along the Humboldt side of the school. **It does not** include the Guadalapana property. Normally, the grass only needs to be mowed once a week. If we have more than one volunteer, they can alternate weeks. If interested in helping your parish in this way, contact Mary at [mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the parish office and leave your contact information.

**PRAYER LINE:** We are looking for volunteers who are willing to pray for the intentions of those who leave messages on our **Prayer Line**. The moderator of the Prayer Line will call “Prayer Volunteers” to inform them the “Prayer Request” and those volunteers will take some time to pray for the person requesting prayers as well as the intention mentioned in the request. If you can devote some time to pray for those in need, please contact **Mary Leibl** or the parish office.

**THANK YOU:** To all who helped with our parish Spring Clean-up Saturday. Vacuuming, dusting, furniture polishing and window washing was completed in a few hours. This also included yard work and garden prep outside.

**THANK YOU:** To all who showed hospitality to **Fr. Gary Wiesmann** who celebrated Mass with us last weekend. To **Phil** who met him at the airport and brought him to St. Matthew. To the sacristans and parishioners who made him feel welcome in our parish. To **Jim Cahill** who offered him lodging with People of Praise. To **Phil, Karen, Alan and Mary** who offered hospitality after the Saturday Mass. To **Kathy and Al** who drove him back to the airport after the Sunday Mass. Finally, to all who contributed to help the mission in Mandeville, Jamaica! **Fr. Gary** let it be known that he enjoyed celebrating Mass at St. Matthew and appreciated how welcome he felt.

**THANK YOU:** To **Tim** who replaced the faucet on the Holy Water container in the back of the church. The water no longer sprays out onto the floor when in use!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all our young adults who were confirmed last Sunday at the St. Paul Cathedral. Thank you to Faith Formation Director **Janelle**, Faith Formation **teachers** and the **parents** who prepared them for this important day in their lives!

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
[mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on April 29, 2023 in honor of 21st birthday of **Corporal Lauren Millerbernd, USMC**, who is serving in the Philippines.

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

### MAY 2 MEETING - WEST SIDE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROJECT

I wrote last week about a collaborative public meeting for all interested West Siders, to be hosted by St. Matt's. We're inviting many people and organizations from our West Side community. In this respect, we're following St. Matt's rich history as a Catholic community visibly expressing God's love. We're also following the teachings of the Acts of the Apostles and the Second Vatican Council: listen. Listen to everyone. Listen before acting.

In preparation for May 2, and at the meeting itself, we're asking three major questions:

**1. Based on your experience and your organization's work, what do you think are the top three needs of the West Side Community?**

**2. What resources do we currently have to address those needs?**

**3. What additional resources do we need?**

I invite everyone to reflect on these questions. Feel free to send your answers to the Parish Office, in care of Angela Rakow. I also ask everyone to pray for the success of this project.

We're inviting May 2 attendees to join us for a Loaves & Fishes supper in the Social Hall at 5:30 p.m. The public meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. If interested in attending the meeting and/or the supper, let Angela know. We need to know how many people are coming.

### FACILITIES NEWS, PROXIES\*

Our recent proxy requests\* to the Archdiocese have been approved, so we're moving forward with repairs to the school elevator, a school roof replacement, and replacement of the main electric panel. After additional research in the next several weeks, we'll submit a proxy request for a solar installation.

\*Capital projects that cost more than \$25,000 must be approved by our parish's corporate board. The five members are the Archbishop, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, our Parochial Administrator (Fr. Antony Skaria), and our trustees: John Del Vecchio and Karen Thompson. Parishes submit a proxy request to Archdiocesan officials, so that our Parochial Administrator can vote by proxy on behalf of the Archbishop and the Vicar General.

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

*Phil Grant*

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### ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Angela Rakow at [arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org) to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



Join us on **May 6 and 7** to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass.

This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul and their caregivers and families are welcome to come forward and take part.

## News and Events

### ST. PAUL SERRA CLUB

April 30, 2023 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Locally, the St. Paul Serra Club is an organization committed to promoting and supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and is under the purview of Archbishop Hebda and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The club has been in existence for over 80 years, and continues to work with national and international affiliates to pray for and support vocations.

The club has recently developed a website to inform the general public of who they are, what they do, and what events are coming up that may be of interest. The website can be viewed at <https://www.serraclubstpaul.org>.

### COFFEE SUNDAY - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Our last Coffee Sunday of the year is May 7 after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners.



Coffee Sunday will be on break during the summer months.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We will soon be writing the new ministry schedule. This schedule will begin the weekend of **June 3 and 4** and run through **Aug 26 and 27**. Please email Mary Leibl ([mleibl@st-matts.org](mailto:mleibl@st-matts.org)) to let us know which weekends you will **not be available**. If there is a particular weekend you would like to minister, include that information.

Also, send us the following information:

- Are you primarily either a lector or a eucharistic minister?
- Would like to serve in both ministries?
- Would you be willing to read the welcome announcements before Mass?

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FINISH FOR THIS

**SCHOOL YEAR:** Our final Faith Formation session for the 2022-2023 school year is on Wednesday, May 3. All Faith Formation students and families are invited to the church for a prayer service that will start at 6:30 PM. The prayer service will be followed by bingo games and refreshments. Students can be picked up at 7:45 PM on May 3.

**FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE:** Faith Formation and Community of Saints students preparing for First Holy Communion need to attend a final class and practice on **Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30 PM in St. Matthew Church**. Parents or guardians or another family member must also attend this First Communion practice, which will end by 7:45 PM.

## Parish Leadership

Rev. Steve Adrian, Sacramental Minister  
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## 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	Jackie Lackner
John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Karen Thompson
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

### **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 April 30, 2023**

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, April 29**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Gerard Jenniges  
+Don Leibl  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

### **Sunday, April 30**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Muriel Budziszewski  
+Maurie Grundei

### **Monday, May 1**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, May 2**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, May 3**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, May 4**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, May 5**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, May 6**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+George Lackner  
+Lisa Norton

### **Sunday, May 7**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Gerard Jenniges  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5**

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes  
*Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.*

### **Monday, May 1**

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

### **Tuesday, May 2**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:30 PM West Side Collaboration Project Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 3**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM Faith Formation  
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

### **Thursday, May 4**

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

### **Friday, May 5**

### **Saturday, May 6**

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, May 7**

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)  
After Mass Confession  
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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