



# Church of St. Matthew

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



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”  
- Jn 14:20-21

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### May 14, 2023 Sixth 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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YouTube [www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew](http://www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew)

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##### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

For many centuries in the West, Christianity has to a large extent determined and shaped culture and society.

Culture is the way a person inhabits his/her world. Culture structures all the components and dimensions of human existence.

All people live on this earth, but they do not inhabit the earth in the same way. Thus, there are a plurality of cultures.

At a time, all cultures were religious cultures; in religious cultures, religion plays a decisive role.

Religion is not only one of the components in a culture, it is the determining factor in a culture.

Religion is the frame of reference, the world-view in which people think and act.

Christianity was the cultural religion in the West for centuries, western culture has been Christian culture.

Now in a secular society, religion is not what determines the components of society – it may be one of the components, but not the decisive one. In the West, Christianity no longer has the status of cultural religion; it is no longer the frame of reference of the culture.

The secular character of our culture has fundamentally changed the place of Christianity and the Church.

What do we do?

Enter a battle, the “culture wars”, in an attempt to restore a Christian culture.

Circle the wagons and become an isolated community and thus ignore the world in which we live.

The Church now lives within a secular culture. The Church must enter into a dialogue with the secular culture in which it lives. The Church has something to say and has a need to define a new way of being church in a secular culture.

Fr. Steve Adrian



**Jeremiah Baker, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, The Karas Family, Sharon Knops, Carol Mike, Carole Palermo, Pam Perkovich, 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. The parish lawn mower is available for use. 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, **Linda, Ann, Chris M., Elaine, Chris W., and Patty**, our volunteer receptionists. They answer the phones and greet visitors to our Parish Center. Their professionalism and welcoming demeanor are the first signs to callers and visitors, that St. Matthews is a visible expression of God’s love!

**THANK YOU:** To **Mary B. and family** who help decorate the church and sanctuary for each liturgical season. We are still enjoying the beauty of Easter!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on May 13 - 20, 2023 in honor of **Jean Troje**.

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on May 16, 2023 in memory of **Michael and Mary Martinez**.

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit May 13 - 20, 2023 in honor of **Jean Troje**.

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

### SYNODALITY

Have you ever noticed that when you learn a new word, you suddenly see it everywhere? I recall this happening to me a lot when I was in school.

It's happening again, with the word "synodality". I first started reading about it a year or two ago, in the pages of *Commonweal*. (A great Catholic magazine, by the way. I recommend it.) *Commonweal* articles described the synodal processes begun by Pope Francis, noting the emphasis on listening to everyone in our church, not just bishops and priests.

More recently, I was reading a recent copy of *Pastoral Music*, a national journal for music ministers in Catholic churches. There it was: "The process of synodality is a prime opportunity for everyone to listen, so that all may be heard."

And again, in a recent book by Rafael Luciani, *Synodality: A New Way of Proceeding in the Church*. Luciani builds on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, calling all of us to reconfigure how our church is organized.

Here at St. Matt's, we've been wrestling with related issues for years. After all, we often say, "We're a volunteer church." I see that lived out in our many volunteers, engaged in our many ministries. We're in little danger from "staffism", a term I heard from a colleague in a large parish with many staff members. (Why volunteer when you can sit back and expect a staff member to do things for you?)

On May 2, we even convened our own "mini-synod" here at St. Matt's. The purpose was to listen for the needs of the entire West Side. We had almost forty people in the Social Hall, discussing local needs. They came from our parish, from local schools, businesses, non-profits and other churches.

It's a hazard to use insider jargon, so no one used the term "synodality" at our May 2 meeting. Rather, the emphasis was simply on listening.

Two general themes emerged from the May 2 conversation. One was a need for community; the other had to do with resources. We're still processing the data. More about this later.

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

Phil Grant  
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HAPPY  
Mother's  
DAY



Funeral Mass of **Joseph Michael DeVilbiss** was held at St. Matthew on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

Funeral Mass of **Juan Carlos Castro** was held at St. Matthew on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

*Please remember Joseph Michael, Juan Carlos and their families in your prayers.*

## News and Events

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This Sunday, May 14, is the last day of In-Person Children's Liturgy of the Word. It will be on break during the summer months.

Two types of Children's Liturgy packets will still be available near the doors of the church during the summer month. The Seeds packet contains a lesson connected to the week's Gospel, a parent teaching page, and extra worksheets, crafts, and craft supplies. The Promise packet has the same materials, but the Promise lesson is designed for children in first grade. The packets are available at all Masses and can be taken home after the service.

### GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING AT ST. MATTHEW

Gifted and Belonging will hold their next meeting on **May 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at St. Matthew Social Hall. Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, welcomes all young adults to come and celebrate the month of Mary. Please contact Megan at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com) for more information.

### NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of April 2023, St. Matthew donated 196 pounds of food.** Thank you!



### TWIN CITIES DIVERSITY HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR

The Second Annual Twin Cities Diversity Homeownership Fair is taking place on **Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in New Millennium Academy** (5105 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Center, MN 55429). Homebuyer 101 classes will be offered in English, Spanish, Hmong and Somali. It is free to attend. For more information and to register for the event, visit, [www.twincitiesdiversityhomeownershipfair.com/](http://www.twincitiesdiversityhomeownershipfair.com/)

### SAVE THE DATE!

We have again been asked to clean strawberries for the Minnesota State Fair! We will begin at **8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 23**. Our last day to clean will be **Sunday, September 3**. Cleaning usually takes two to three hours, depending on weather and fair attendance. So mark your calendars for the "Great St. Matthew's Get-Together"!



## Parish Leadership

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| Phil Grant, Ex Officio |                 |

## Finance Council Members

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Alan Christensen       | Jackie Lackner   |
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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 May 14, 2023

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 13

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Mary Jane Austing  
+Bill Brengman  
Deceased and Living Rosary Society Members

### Sunday, May 14

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Mary Ann Roscoe  
+Gordon Scaramuzzo

### Monday, May 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, May 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, May 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, May 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, May 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, May 20

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Gerry Jenniges  
+Don Leibl

### Sunday, May 21

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Lisa Norton  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler Sr.  
+Sherry Simpson

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, May 15 - Friday, May 19

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

### Monday, May 15

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

### Tuesday, May 16

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

### Wednesday, May 17

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

### Thursday, May 18

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

### Friday, May 19

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Mary's Diabetes Program Meeting

### Saturday, May 20

2:00 PM First Communion Only Mass  
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### Sunday, May 21

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)  
*No Confessions after Mass*  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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