



Church of St. Matthew

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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM

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

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 - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Beginning in 2021, Pope Francis called the universal church to prepare for a Synod, a month long meeting in Rome during October 2023.

Synods have been gatherings of selected bishops, representing the whole church, coming together, and with the Pope, undertaking a reflection on current issues facing the Church; and discerning what the response to the issue should be. A process to implement the plan is then established.

He asked that each diocese undertake a process inviting all to reflect, discuss and conclude what it is that the Church of the 3rd millennium must undertake to be a renewed witness to the love of God made human in Jesus and His Church.

During 2021 and 2022 a host of efforts were made to gather the reflections of the Grass Roots Church. At the beginning of 2023 a national and even continental gathering of the millions of contributions to the process was assembled, distilled and articulated into a number of topics to be taken up at the October Synod.

Pope Francis has redefined the make-up of the Synod. There will be bishops, selected by each nation. Pope Francis insisted at least 100 non-clergy fully participate as members of the Synod. They, along with the bishops, will reflect, discuss and decide what recommendations will be made to Pope Francis for implementation.

Five priorities were submitted by the Catholic Church of the United States and Canada, the North American Catholic Church. The first of the priorities directed to the Synod gathering in Rome is:

Number 1: Synodal consultation and discernment must define the manner of parish decision-making. Pastor, parish staff and parish membership must be involved in decision-making. All come together as equals – women and men baptized into the People of God. The image for me is the “old west”. No one brings a gun into the saloon; all guns are checked at the door. No one shoots down the vision of church another will express. No one has veto power. We are called to listen to each other, not only with our physical ears, but also with the ear of the heart. We listen to each other and are attuned to the Holy Spirit in this process of consultation and discernment.

In the following weeks I will write about each of the five priorities.

Fr. Steve Adrian



Jeremiah Baker, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, The Karas Family, Carole Palermo, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Alice Schletty, Mary Lou Shields, Joanne Smith, Shirley 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

MONEY COUNTER: We are looking for a volunteer to count the collection money. You will work with a team of three to four other volunteers. Counting will take place after the 10:15 AM Mass on the last two Sundays of the month. Training will be provided. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the parish office at **(651) 224-9793**.

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 **Shelly** who has volunteered to mow grass and tend to the yards on the church property.

THANK YOU: To **Ellen** who served as the Director for Children’s Liturgy of the Word this past season. We also thank **Myrna, Julius** and **Niko** who helped with the program. On average four to five children attended the program each week and occasionally up to eight children at a session. The program proved to be a success! The program is taking a break for the summer, but will return in September. Watch the summer bulletins for exact date and for more information.

THANK YOU: To **Ginny, Tim** and **Dave** who took the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend Mass in person.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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HOW TO GET YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED AT ST. MATTHEW

The Church of St. Matthew welcomes a child and his or her parents for the Sacrament of Baptism. We invite you to be a living part of our faith community.

If you have a child you would like baptized, please complete the baptism registration form and submit it to the St. Matthew parish office.

You can find the baptism registration form and additional information online at <https://st-matts.org/baptism/> or by calling the parish office at (651) 224-9793.

If you have children making First Communion in the next year or two who have not been baptized, it is important to begin taking steps now for their baptism.

Parish Administrator's Note

PARISH COLLABORATION MEETING

On Thursday, May 11, parishioners from St. Matt's hosted counterparts from St. Stan's. The purpose was to get to know one another. We did. It was a good meeting!

Details: I'm grateful to our Council members who came, including Kathy Goldenstein, Becky Montgomery, Janelle Rohr, and Ellen Schneider. Also present were our trustees, John Del Vecchio and Karen Thompson.

Our guests from St. Stan's included trustees and staff—including my counterpart, Kim Myers. Kim and I see each other monthly, at parish administrator meetings. I've found it useful to share information and ideas with her. Now, we're exploring additional ways to collaborate.

It's energizing to learn more about St. Stan's, a neighboring parish that has much in common with St. Matt's. Both parishes are lay-led, with many volunteers, and committed to the teachings of Vatican II. It was exciting to learn of possible areas of cooperation, e.g., youth ministry and adult faith formation.

Next steps: (a) possible joint hire of a youth minister; (b) share news between both parishes; (c) look for additional ways to collaborate.

I couldn't help but think again of **synodality**, a term for the process of listening in the church. And when I say church, I'm thinking of local, Archdiocesan, national and global levels. With reference to our local church, members of St. Stan's and St. Matt's are listening to one another.

SECURITY AND HOSPITALITY

As I've been researching security systems, I've also been reflecting on hospitality. What do we do when we encounter a stranger on campus? How comfortable are we in saying hello, asking how we can help, and potentially referring a person to resources?

Security and hospitality: it's not one or the other. We must attend to both. If interested in helping, let me know.

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

Phil Grant

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Memorial Day Mass will be at
9:00 AM on Monday, May 29.

Please note our parish office will be
closed on this day.



Funeral Mass for **Shirley Sulat** was held at St. Matthew on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

Please remember Shirley and her family in your prayers.

News and Events

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 for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

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



Faith Formation News

FIRST COMMUNION THANK YOU: As we finish our celebration of 36 First Communions this May, we thank those who helped them register and prepare for the sacrament. Thanks to teachers **Autumn Koch, Valerie Gerlich, and Janelle Rohr.** Thanks to **Myrna Beltran, Mary Bejblik, and Kathleen Thompson** for their help with the program. Thanks to **Community of Saints teachers and administration.** Thanks to **Angela Rakow and Linda Rivera** for sacramental records work and preparation of First Communion certificates. Thanks to **Father Adrian, John Riehle, Joanne Smith, and Jeanne Maanum** for help with First Communion meeting nights.

Seventeen of the First Communion students attended weekly Faith Formation classes at St. Matthew for public school students. Nineteen of the First Communion students attend Community of Saints Regional Catholic School.

To register public school children for First Communion during the 2023-2024 school year, watch the St. Matthew website Faith and Learning page for a downloadable PDF registration form that will be live in August. Community of Saints families can register at the sacraments table on parent paperwork night in early August or on the back-to-school night at the end of August.



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.

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Kathy Goldenstein	Ellen Schneider
Maggie Lee	Linda Sellars
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Finance Council Members

Alan Christensen	Jackie Lackner
John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Karen Thompson
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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 21, 2023

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 9:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-2

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, May 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, May 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, May 27

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+John and Helen Leibl

Sunday, May 28

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerry Jenniges
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 22 - Friday, May 26

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

Monday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

Sunday, May 28

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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