



Church of St. Matthew

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent
me, so I send you."
- Jn 20:21

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May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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

Church

Parish Center (*Mailing Address*)

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

The North American Catholic Church – Catholics from the United States and Canada – offer five priorities to be discussed at the October Roman Synod.

Last week I wrote about the first of the five.

The second priority: **The Church has the challenge of welcoming those who feel excluded from participation in the life of the Church, and to do so in a manner that is authentic and faithful to the Gospel.** Often this tension was obvious in the words of individuals and communities. People believe that welcoming and serving the wounded and isolated in the world and in the Church is an essential aspect of the mission Jesus gave to his Church. People believe this is essential – without this, a community cannot call itself the Church of Jesus Christ. That's what essential means. The carrying out of this mandate implies new initiatives and Gospel accountability. What does it mean to be "radically inclusive"? What are the implications of this? How do we become more welcoming and inclusive? And, how do we do this with authenticity, and not just window-dressing?

The third priority: **Co-responsibility.** How can baptismal co-responsibility for the mission of the Church be achieved? How does co-responsibility demand a better understanding of the roles of the laity in general, and women and young people in particular? How does our hierarchical church learn the art of shared decision-making and transparency? Pope Francis says that clericalism is the great sin the Church must overcome. There is a universal call to holiness that Vatican II proclaimed. Ordination or religious profession is not the call to holiness; the call is found in the sacrament of baptism. Every single member of the Church is called to live out his/her baptism and in doing so, live as the one People of God. There are no first-class and second-class memberships in the church.

Fr. Steve Adrian



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.

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.

OFFERTORY GIFTS: Would you like to participate more fully in the Mass? Would you be willing to occasionally carry the gifts at the offertory? If you would like to volunteer for this service, please give your name to the sacristan or a greeter at Mass.

THANK YOU: To **Mary S.** who weeded and cleaned up the side yard of the Parish Center.

THANK YOU: To **Jair** who shampooed the carpet in the church sacristy.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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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

"I WISH I COULD BE A MEMBER OF YOUR PARISH."

I recently heard that compliment from a volunteer medical professional, as she was leaving St. Mary's Health Clinic. She's among the many who volunteer here every Wednesday.

She went on, "You're always helping people." She was referring not only to St. Mary's free clinic, but also to Loaves and Fishes, Casa Guadalupana, the free mental health clinic starting up at St. Matt's, and other ministries here.

In talking to this dedicated volunteer, I learned that she belongs to a suburban Catholic parish. She's an active, supportive member of that community, yet she sounded wistful when she compared her parish to ours.

Her compliment to St. Matt's reminded me of a comment from Fr. Steve, that "One's creed is found in what one does." It's clear to me that a major part of our creed is to be caring, especially regarding the poor. As Fr. Steve has preached, love involves more than words. Love includes the doing of good things.

HOSPITALITY

One way we care for people is to be hospitable. How do we do that on a personal level?

I think hospitality is a skill anyone can develop. Anyone can smile, say "Hello. Good morning (evening)" before Mass, or simply, "How can I help you?"

(I recognize that the skill of greeting people is easier for some than others. If that's you, please consider adding your name to our list of greeters at Mass.)

Hospitality also has institutional elements. For example, our church's official teachings (the Bible, Vatican II, Pope Francis's encyclicals) tell us to welcome the stranger. Jesus is present in everyone.

COMMONWEAL MAGAZINE

Several parishioners have expressed interest in forming a group to discuss articles found in *Commonweal* magazine. Let me know if you'd like to join the group. All are welcome.

CONTRIBUTION METHODS

- Envelopes or cash in the collections at Mass. Because of the importance of maintaining our buildings, we've added a Capital Needs envelope to the bimonthly packets and at the back of the church.

- Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs). This system simplifies giving for many people, as it enables monthly contributions without needing to write a check. You can also direct contributions to our Capital Needs fund and/or Community of Saints School, in addition to regular operational support. *Approximately 20% of our regular contributors already use EFTs. Call or email me for more information.*

- PayPal. We use this platform mostly for Men's Club activities, though it is possible to donate directly to the parish.

- All donations to the Church of St. Matthew are tax deductible

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

Phil Grant

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Dean Hinzman, The Karas Family, Carole Palermo, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Alice Schletty, Mary Lou Shields, Joanne Smith, Shirley Smith, Jean Troje, Mary Lynn Vasquez, 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.*

News and Events

HOLY WATER

With the easing of COVID restrictions, Holy Water has been returned to the fonts at the main door and the Robie Street entrance. The fonts are emptied on Monday morning and refilled before the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!



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

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



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 to become a member. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



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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 28, 2023

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 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 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 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 29

9:00 AM Mass
Our Parish

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, May 31

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, June 3

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Lisa Norton
+Macario and Bridgida Padilla
+Mary Jane Sperl

Sunday, June 4

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Carol Dvorak Johnson

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, June 2

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

Monday, May 29

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

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, June 4

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
Confession after Mass

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