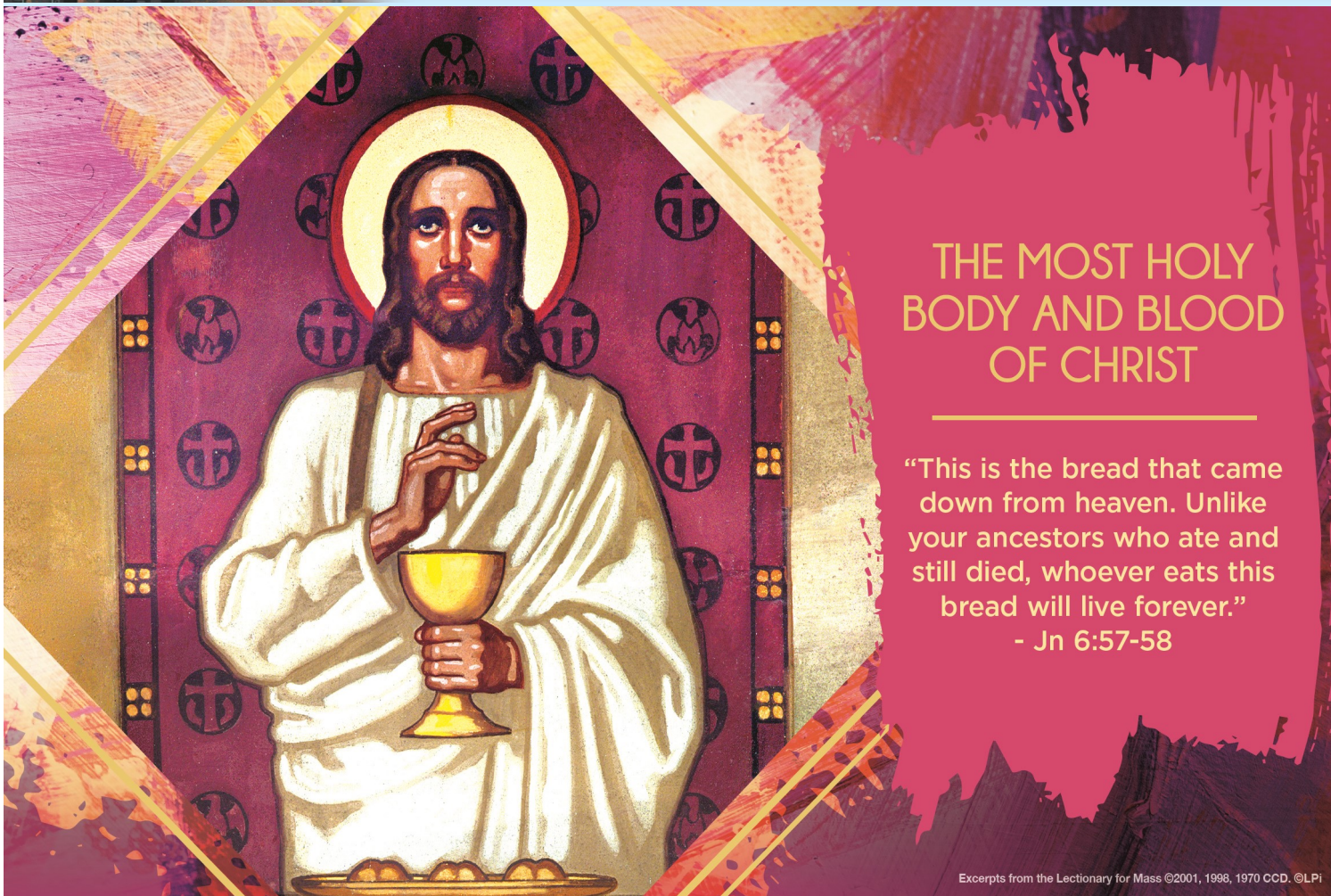




# Church of St. Matthew

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



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”  
- Jn 6:57-58

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**June 11, 2023**

### ***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ***

#### **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

### An Open Letter to Graduates

Congratulations! You have arrived at a change moment in your life—whether you are graduating from high school, trade school or college.

In ancient times, students were pictured as camels. These civilizations saw education as a time to provide what the student needs to be a good worker, a dedicated citizen and a person of ethical values. These values were to be borne by the student as the camel bears precious loads.

In ways appropriate to your age and development, you have been provided with the following:

You have learned to think critically; to seek the very center of the issue placed before you.

You have been encouraged to discover the God-given meaning of your life and how you will carry out your life's work through service to your community, your nation, the world. You have two fundamental questions to answer: "Where am I going?" and "Who will I take with me?" Unfortunately sometimes people answer the second question first—they choose their partner before they decide where they are going, and sometime the person chosen to go with you wants to go somewhere else. And big problems emerge.

You have been taught that cultures and people have differing experiences, even though we all share the same earth, yet we see the world through different eyes. You have been helped to see difference and diversity as gifts and not as problems.

You have been challenged to recognize the unique gifts and skills you possess. One of the basic jobs of parents, teachers, and coaches, etc. is to help you make that discovery. Your own hand will never liberate the best that is in you; it is the hand of another who brings those gifts to your awareness. These people are your companions on this journey of life. Cherish them as they cherish you.

Finally, I urge you to be ever conscious that you have been created in the very image and likeness of God, and thus you are endowed with ultimate dignity and value. Don't sell your self short. God does not make junk.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*



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

## 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](mailto: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. **The names of those who call the Prayer Line and of those volunteering to pray are always anonymous.**

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Several people have inquired about the possibility of forming Bible study groups in the parish. We are looking for volunteers to lead these groups. Also, we would like to know how many people would be interested in participating, what times are best etc. If you feel the call to lead such a group or if you would be interested in participating in a Bible study group, please call the parish office at (651) 224-9793 and leave your name and contact information.

**STRAWBERRIES:** As you plan your summer calendar, keep August 23 – September 3 open. Our parish has again been asked to clean strawberries for the **Strawberry & Cream** booth at the Minnesota State Fair! We begin cleaning each day at about 8:00 AM and are usually finished about noon. Much depends on the weather and crowd size at the fair. Many of our volunteers look forward to this project. They enjoy being together and socializing with fellow parishioners. If you have never taken part in this opportunity, reserve at least one day on your calendar and see if you too might find the experience **enjoyable!**



**THANK YOU:** To **Kathy** and **Marie** who are helping to count the collection money on Sunday mornings.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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## Parish Administrator's Note

### LISTENING & SYNODALITY

I've been reading Rafael Luciani's 2022 book *Synodality: A New Way of Proceeding in the Church*. One of his main themes is the importance of listening. The very first page of the Foreword refers to Pope Francis's teaching that "the bishops are obliged to listen carefully to the people of God, just as the people of God are obliged to listen to the voice of the bishops."

Luciani extends this idea in many chapters, noting how often hierarchical structures get in the way of listening, or make it one-sided.

If any of this reminds you of Fr. Steve's homilies of late, it's no coincidence. He gave me a copy of the book. And others in our parish have copies. (Study group, anyone?)

Recall what Fr. Steve preached on Pentecost, building on what Pope Francis has taught. The Spirit of God is active today. We should clear our minds; talk and **listen** to each other; choose to act; and go forth to do what the Spirit asks.

This is good guidance for everyone in our community. I think it's especially helpful for Parish Council members, Finance Council members—indeed, all of our committees and groups. We improve our decision making when we listen well.

### SECURITY UPDATE

Speaking of groups, our ad hoc group looking into security systems has now listened to three companies; there's one more to go. We're learning important things from each company.

For example, we've been asked questions about our security plans apart from cameras. It's important that we figure out what we want to do with regard to door access controls as well as cameras. It's also important that we consider regular training for all staff and volunteers, when it comes to security and hospitality concerns.

Many thanks to the volunteers who've helped with this project: **Bob Bejblik, Kathy Goldenstein, Tom Kegler, Mary Leibl, and Linda Sellars**. If you're interested in helping, please let me know.

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

*Phil Grant*  
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651-224-9793



Funeral Mass for **Douglas Harding** was held at St. Matthew on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

*Please remember Douglas and his family in your prayers.*

## News and Events

### ROSARY IN CHEROKEE PARK

Once again the Saint Matt's Rosary Society will be hosting the praying of the Rosary in Cherokee Park, the second Tuesday of the month this summer. All are invited.



We will gather at **10:00 AM on June 13** by the **large Picnic Pavilion at Cherokee Park**. This is the same location as the annual Saint Matt's Mass and Picnic in Cherokee Park. Please bring a chair if you can, plus a rosary. There will be extra rosaries and chairs if you're unable to bring either of these. There is a new paved path from the street to the pavilion, which makes walking from parking on the street much easier for all.

Future dates are **July 11** and **August 8**.

### NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of May 2023, St. Matthew donated 111 pounds of food.** Thank you for your generosity!



### FATHER STEVE ADRIAN'S HOMILY BOOK

A limited number of Father Steve Adrian's Homily Book is available for purchase. You can purchase the book in the parish office between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Please call the parish office at (651) 224 - 9793 to see if copies are available. The cost is \$25.00 per book.

### GIFTED AND BELONGING IN THE SUMMER

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic fellowship of young adults with and without disabilities, will be hosting GAB in the Park on **July 23** and **August 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** each evening, at **Thompson Park** in West Saint Paul. All are welcome!

We will gather with prayer and thanksgiving at 6:00 PM, and then enjoy the (hopefully) beautiful summer weather. Thompson Park has walking paths, biking paths, fishing dock and beautiful areas to enjoy one another's company. Please bring outdoor games if you have them and snacks or beverages if you would like.

There will not be a GAB meeting in June.



### 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.

### POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION - JUNE 2023:

**For the abolition of torture**

*We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.*

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Kathy Goldenstein	Tara Perron
Maggie Lee	Ellen Schneider
Anthony Minus	Katie Shetka
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 June 11, 2023**

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12//Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, June 10**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Bill Brengman  
+Leo Kegler  
+John Leibl

### **Sunday, June 11**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Lisa Norton  
+Gordon Scaramuzzo  
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

### **Monday, June 12**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, June 13**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, June 14**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, June 15**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, June 16**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, June 17**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Gerry Jenniges  
+Parky Rodriguez  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

### **Sunday, June 18**

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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16**

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

### **Monday, June 12**

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

### **Tuesday, June 13**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
10:00 AM Rosary in the Park (Cherokee Park)  
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting  
6:30 PM West Side Collaboration Community Mtg

### **Wednesday, June 14**

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

### **Thursday, June 15**

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

### **Friday, June 16**

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

### **Saturday, June 17**

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, June 18**

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

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