



Church of St. Matthew

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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June 18, 2023 **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

This Monday, June 19th, we observe the newest national holiday – Juneteenth. This federal holiday commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It commemorates the anniversary of the order on June 19, 1854 proclaiming freedom for the slaves of Texas.

This holiday is an important step in the education of our citizenry. So much has been done recently to rewrite the history of American slavery; to deny the truth that our nation was built on the backs of African slaves.

The denial of the principal of white supremacy as the underlying support for slavery is fostered in many places in the United States. Gerrymandering to reduce the power of the vote of African Americans is an attempt at the destruction of democracy.

Institutional racism continues as the “original sin” of the United States. While much work is to be done legislatively and in the courts to reduce discrimination, as important as that is, it is ultimately not the answer.

The overcoming of sin demands the process of contrition and repentance – and repentance has to do with a transformation of the way we think and the way we see.

The holiday calls all of us to recognize the sinful evil of white supremacy. The first step is always to recognize the root of the sin.

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 two to three 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. **The names of those who call the Prayer Line and of those volunteering to pray are always anonymous.**

BIBLE STUDY: Some parishioners have expressed an interest in having a study group(s) in the parish. Would you be interested in taking part in a study group? Do you have a certain topic you would like to address? Perhaps the Synod Process & Results? A certain Book of the Bible? If interested in being involved, 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 **Rita** who has volunteered to join the Sunday morning money counting team. We thank Rita for offering to serve in this important volunteer opportunity!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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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.

Parish Administrator's Note

SYNODALITY

"The only authority in the Church is the authority of service."

So said Pope Francis in 2015, marking the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Synod of Bishops. That re-establishment was one of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council. The idea is that bishops aren't merely branch officers of the Vatican.

Rather, bishops are to "walk together" with the whole People of God. Indeed, walking together is the foundational meaning of "synod."

My column today is based on a recent article by Bishop John Stowe in *Commonweal* magazine. Stowe suggested that each recent pope has tended to be remembered by one key word. When Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council 60 years ago, that word was *aggiornamento*, which means "bringing up to date."

Stowe thinks that the word for Pope Francis might well be *synodality*. Works for me! The more I learn about synodality, the more I appreciate the pope's insights. Our church has suffered much from clericalism; synodality is an antidote to clericalism.

Synodality requires work, however. That work includes plenty of dialogue—which, according to Pope Francis, includes "approaching, speaking, looking at, listening, coming to know, understanding, and finding common ground."

Given the fractures in our country today, I pray for more dialogue.

PARISH COUNCIL & DIALOGUE

In our parish, we have several venues for dialogue. An important one is our Parish Council. It meets monthly to discuss "the mission of the parish in various forms of service, outreach, and formation." (Parish Council *Constitution*, p. 1)

June is the month of Council turnover. I want to thank members who are leaving the Council: **Zach Czaia, Janelle Rohr, and Linda Sellars**. At the same time, let's welcome new members **Tiffany Monita, Tara Perron, and Katie Shetka**. Thank you for volunteering to serve!

Next weekend is "Listening Weekend" for Parish and Finance Council members. They'll be available after both Masses, to listen to your questions and comments. Those will be reported at the June 29 meetings.

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

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



News and Events

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE COLLECTION

This 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.

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

GAP School will be a site for free breakfast and lunch during the summer months. This program is for kids age 5-18 and up to 21 with disabilities. There is no registration or form required. For more information, contact Kathy Rappos at (651) 226-2970.

Location: GAP School
381 E. Robie Street

Dates: June 20 - July 26 (Monday - Friday)
(closed July 3-5)

Times: Breakfast 7:30 AM - 8:15 AM
Lunch 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

St. Agnes Catholic School is hosting an iconography workshop in July. During the workshop, instruction will be given to complete the icon of Our Lady of Tenderness. All icon supplies will be provided. You are asked to bring a bag lunch.

Location: St. Agnes Catholic School
530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul

Dates: July 24 - 28, 2023

Times: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$550.00 (a deposit of \$150.00 is due at registration)

Workshop will be limited to 24 students. For registration, contact Paragon workshop coordinator, **Judy Symalla** at (651) 351-0650 or judy@stcroixiconography.org.

Visit stcroixiconography.org for more information.



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Alan Christensen	Jackie Lackner
John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
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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 June 18, 2023

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

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, June 24

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Lisa Norton

Sunday, June 25

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 20 - Friday, June 23

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

Monday, June 19

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

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 22

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

Friday, June 23

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

Saturday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 25

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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