



Church of St. Matthew

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



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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June 25, 2023 12th 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

Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

In April of 2012 I turned 70 years old and retired from “active ministry” – major responsibility for a church institution.

I was not sure what retirement was all about. The diocese had provided seminars on financial planning relating to retirement; they also offered assistance regarding Social Security and Medicare. All of this was very helpful, yet no one sat down with me to explore what the next stage of life might be for me.

For the first time I am in a place on which I will never look back; I will not grow out of this place as I grew out of childhood, adolescence, middle age, etc.

I spent the last half of 2012 looking. “How am I going to find out what I am supposed to do? How do I deal with the loss of a very active way of living?” I sought the help of a counselor. We met a number of times; I had homework to do. In the process it came to me that the issue was not “What am I supposed to do?”

The issue was more “Who am I supposed to be?” This led me to investigating a spirituality of aging. Growing old can be a spiritual journey – a window onto God’s love and mercy.

In the next few weeks I will use this space to offer some of what I think I have learned about graceful aging. There are no rules in this journey, there are attitudes – humility, openness to some thing new and willingness to walk into some place new.

There are so many things I know, have been taught, learned and experienced. There are far more things that I don’t know, and I know that I do not know, e.g. foreign languages, so much of psychical science, the world of Africa and the Far East, etc.

The real new walk is in the 99.9% of what God has created and exists around me about which I know nothing, and do not know that I do not know.

How to make that journey?

Fr. Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, 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

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 **Iona** who has volunteered to temporarily help at the reception desk on Wednesday afternoons.

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 June 30, 2023 in honor of **Debra Dee's Birthday.**

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

LOCAL LISTENING – SESSION 2

On Tuesday, June 13, St. Matt's hosted a second West Side listening session. You might recall that our first listening session was on May 2.

At the May 2 meeting, we focused on needs of the West Side. Two main themes emerged: needs of Youth, and the need for Community Building.

At our second session on the 13th, we continued the conversation we began in May. Two questions framed our discussion: What resources are available to us? What resources are needed?

The group worked together to list, post and group the resources identified, whether existing or desired. (This data is available upon request. Please email me if interested.)

We then discussed possible next steps. Some of my favorites included a resource fair, a West Side resource handbook, and the continued use of Loaves & Fishes suppers as a way for groups to meet. That's what we did for both listening sessions: we invited people to come at 5:30 p.m. for supper, then stay for a meeting at 6:30 p.m.

We expect to have a third listening session in September, possibly at another location. St. Matt's has initiated these conversations. However, we want community partners to help. Partnerships increase capacity.

Note that this West Side initiative is separate from our seeking to collaborate with St. Stan's. Both are important, and it's entirely possible that there'll be some common ground. It's too soon to tell.

INSURANCE SEMINAR

Four of us from St. Matt's attended the annual Catholic Mutual General Insurance Seminar on June 9. I'm grateful to Bob Bejblik, Tom Kegler and Angela Rakow for their participation.

Feel free to ask Bob, Tom and Angela what they learned. I know I learned more about ways to reduce risk. That's important when you're self-insured, as we are through Catholic Mutual.

One of the sessions I attended dealt with the important issue of cybersecurity. A takeaway: Be afraid. Be very afraid.

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

Phil Grant

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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!



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"!



News and Events

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!

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are blessed to be a part of a parish where we care and pray for one another. Our parish has four ways in which we can pray for others:

1. We include names of those who need our prayers in our bulletin. A name can be in the bulletin indefinitely.
2. We include names of those who need our prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. Due to a long list of names, the names are divided into groups and rotated weekly.
3. You can include names in the Book of Intentions, found in the back of the church.
4. You can call the parish prayer line (651-424-6677) and leave your information anonymously. A team of volunteers will pray for the intentions requested.

We kindly ask that you call the parish office to let us know how your loved one is doing. If they continue to need our prayers, their names will stay on the bulletin and the Prayers of the Faithful. *We are strong as a community praying together.*



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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 June 25, 2023

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

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 1

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+Don Leibl
+Dorina Martineau

Sunday, July 2

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Lisa Norton
+Jean Troje

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 26 - Friday, June 30

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

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 29

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, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, July 2

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

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