



Church of St. Matthew

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” - Jn 3:16

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June 4, 2023 **The Most Holy Trinity**

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

Today I offer for your reflection the four and fifth priority submitted by the Church of North America – the Catholic Church of the United States and Canada – to the agenda of the Roman Synod of October 2023.

Priority Four: Addressing the unity and communion of the Church in the midst of various kinds of polarization and division. Some of the polarization arises within the Church, other originates in the wider society and are transposed into the Church. How do local churches promote a unity, rooted in Baptism and nourished by the Eucharist? How do we grow into seeing ourselves as “people of the Book and people of the Cup” as Pope John XXIII declared. Long before any racial, ethnic, social, sexual, economic, political or ideological consideration, we are identified as the People of God, a people who finds its identity and meaning in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priority Five: The Church must go out to the peripheries. The Church is called to be outward looking. We hear the call of Pope Francis to go out credibly to the margins. It is easy in an affluent society like North America to become indifferent to those who are poor or ostracized. The Church is always a missionary Church, a people called to go out. We cannot wait for people on the margin to come to the Church door – they won’t, they do not experience welcome. The members of the Church must “go out”. In one sense, the meaning of the Mass is truly found in the final challenge with which we end each Mass, “Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.”

These five priorities are culled from thousands of consultations having taken place in Church basements, classrooms, auditoria, and wherever two or three gathered in “His name”.

The synodal process has not been perfect, but it has been good. Pope Francis told the bishops of the world to keep their mouths shut and just listen, listen to hearts and minds of the rank and file Catholic – practicing and non-practicing; listen to those divorced and civilly remarried without annulment who have been shunned and excluded; listen to the LGBTQ+ Catholic who finds no welcome and no home in his/her/their Church.

The name of synodality is “Listen”.

Fr. Steve Adrian



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.*

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.

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.



THANK YOU: To **Janelle** who planned three meaningful and beautiful First Communion celebrations in May for all the young people who received the Eucharist for the first time. Many hours of work go into planning and executing a celebration this large. These are memories that these young people will carry with them all of their lives!

THANK YOU: To **Mary B.** who handles the liturgical decorating and prepared a beautiful sanctuary for the First Communion celebrations.

THANK YOU: To **Shelly** who is taking care of the lawn mowing on the parish campus.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

CAPITAL NEEDS UPDATE

Here's very good news: we've raised \$55,065 thus far this fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023). By far, the majority of contributions came since the beginning of Lent.

Many thanks to all contributors! That \$55K is just what we needed for the 50% deposit on replacing our main electric panel.

Looking ahead, we already have pledges for additional thousands of dollars. Some of those pledges are for specific one-time donations; others are for steady monthly giving through an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Both methods work well. Let me know if you'd like more information about EFTs or making a pledge.

SECURITY CAMERAS

We've talked to two companies so far. There are two more on the list, after which we'll make a decision. At this point, it looks like we'll start with the church building. Thanks to last November's *Giving Thanks* fundraiser, we already have \$14,000 set aside for cameras. (That money is in an account separate from the \$55K raised for the electric panel.) That's approximately what we need to put a camera system in one building.

LINE OF CREDIT

In addition to the electric panel and cameras, we're planning to replace the school's flat roof. That's a \$220,000 job this summer. There are also significant other projects, such as an estimated \$25,000 for work on the school building's heating system.

To make sure we can complete all planned work this year, we've taken out a Line of Credit (LOC) from Catholic Finance Corporation. The maximum draw is \$500,000. That's more than we need, but it's good to have the LOC in place in case of emergency.

STUDY GROUPS: COMMONWEAL, BIBLE

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

I'm also aware of interest in a Bible study group. Same deal: let the office know, so we can help organize things. Resources are available.

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

Phil Grant
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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

HOLY WATER

Now that the COVID restrictions have been eased, we are again putting Holy Water into the fonts at the main door and the Robie Street door. The water is poured out after the Sunday Mass and fonts are refilled on Friday. Some have asked where we put the Holy Water when disposed of. The water is poured by the rose bush near the front entrance. Take a look and see how the bush is flourishing.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

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

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.*



PARISH REGISTRATION

Have you moved recently? Changed your phone number? If so, please contact the parish office to update your contact information. If you do not receive mailings from our parish, please consider registering. You can download the registration form from our website.



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.

Due to early bulletin submission, some items may appear in later issues.

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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 4, 2023

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

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-5

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 9

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

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, June 8

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

Friday, June 9

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

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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