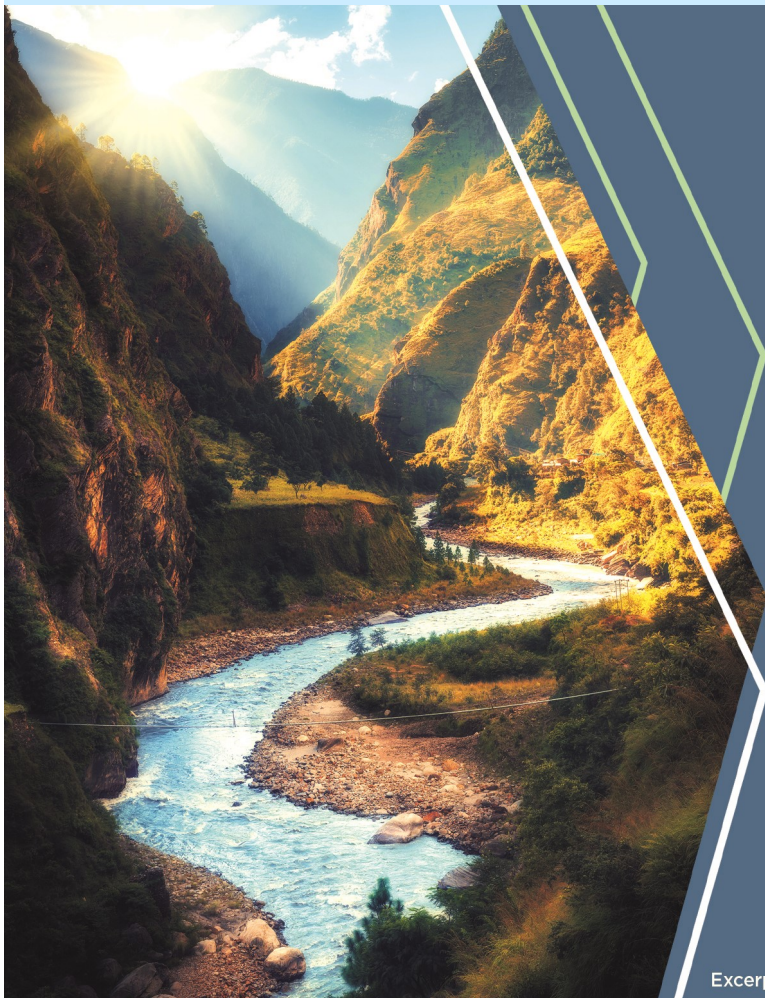




Church of St. Matthew

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



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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July 2, 2023 **13th 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

What we wrestle with is that final stage of life; and what I am invited to do with it. Growing older can be a spiritual exercise – a window onto God’s love and mercy.

All spirituality is a process, a process by which we identify ourselves within God’s plan for creation and the human family; it is a journey into the very heart of God.

Now, in the final stage of life, I am called to the deepest center of who I am, to make the journey, to undertake the quest.

Thomas Merton says: “We cannot become ourselves unless we know ourselves” No Man is an Island. He speaks of this journey or quest as “discovering myself in discovering God.”

The classical literature of the world is the story of the quest, the journey; from Homer’s Ulysses to Virgil’s Aeneas to Melville’s Ahab to Mark Twain’s Huck Finn. The protagonists in these great works undertake the quest; the search for a person, a value, riches, a mythical place. At the deepest level these stories and their heroes and heroines are about the search for meaning. All great works of literature are adventure stories – the fundamental adventure of life, the discovery of the true self.

Read the books you should have read in high school and college, or re-read them. They will come alive in a different way than they did before.

The reason I didn’t like those books or found them boring was that I was too young, with too little experience to understand and appreciate them.

What I discovered: retiring didn’t mark the end of the journey or quest. I have always been insistent that my life must make a difference, and that remains at the center of who I am. The quest goes on and the spirit is young and eager.

Fr. Steve Adrian

FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation from July 3 to August 3, 2023. Fr. Thomas Kommers and Fr. Rodger Bauman will be substituting for Fr. Adrian. We are glad to have Fr. Kommers and Fr. Bauman back at St. Matt’s. We wish Fr. Adrian a restful and relaxing vacation!



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

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 **Jair** who has begun shampooing the carpeting in the church.



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SAVE THE DATE

St. Matthew’s annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on **Sunday, August 13** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. We hope to see you there!

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!



Parish Administrator's Note

GRACEFUL AGING

Fr. Steve's bulletin reflections of late have to do with graceful aging. What an important topic!

And with that topic in mind, we're starting to plan for a fall event. I expect we'll begin with Mass & breakfast, then move on to further reflections from Fr. Steve. After that, we'll hear from speakers from the Catholic Community Foundation.

I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to help plan this event. Let me know if you'd like to help.

FAMILY CAMP

I was out of the office the week of June 19, attending Danebod Family Camp in Tyler, Minnesota. I've enjoyed this camp for many years, as it features many of my favorite things: friends, food, conversation, singing, dancing, games and crafts. (Check out the sampler in my office, if you get a chance.)

While at Danebod, I couldn't help but compare that camp experience with St. Matt's. What do they have in common? To start with, we live in community at Danebod; we're in a faith community here at St. Matt's.

Both Danebod and St. Matt's are very intergenerational. That's different from many places in our society. In the larger world, people are often sorted by age. At camp and here at St. Matt's, we include infants to seniors — in the same place, at the same time.

Another commonality: extreme volunteerism. Danebod's not a resort. Everyone's a volunteer. Danebod guards against a "consumer mentality", where you pay for services or goods.

Similarly, St. Matt's is a volunteer parish. We expect people to engage with each other and with the parish at large. A consumer mentality? Not for us. (Students of church history might recall how problematic that approach has been. \$5.00 worth of prayer for only \$3.95, anyone?)

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

Phil Grant

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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.

News and Events

ROSARY IN CHEROKEE PARK

Once again this summer, the Saint Matt's Rosary Society is hosting the praying of the Rosary in Cherokee Park, the second Tuesday of the month. All are invited. We will gather at **10:00 AM** on **July 11** 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. **August 8** will be the next time we gather to pray the Rosary.

MIESVILLE MUDHENS BASEBALL



The Men's Club is paying for a bus to attend a Miesville Mudhens baseball game on **Wednesday, July 12**. We have room for 46 people to ride on the bus. Anyone is welcome to ride with us. The bus will leave St. Matthew at **6:00 PM**. The game starts at **8:00 PM** and we return after the game.

Estimated arrival back at St. Matthew is **11:00-11:30 PM**. Your only cost is the \$3 admission (under 18 are free) to the game and purchases that you might want from the concession stand. The Men's Club will be providing refreshments on the bus. Contact **Tim Nowak** at **timothy.nowak@usfamily.net** or **612-269-9471** to reserve a spot or if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PACKETS

This summer, the Church of St. Matthew offers two types of Children's Liturgy packets for young worshippers ages 3 to 7. The **Seeds packet** contains a lesson and coloring page, worksheets, crafts, and craft supplies. The **Promise packet** has the same materials, but the Promise lesson is designed for children in first grade. The packets are near the hymnals and on a table in the back of church. They are available at all Masses and can be taken home after Mass.

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!



Our parish office will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4.**

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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 July 2, 2023

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

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see
1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 4

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 8

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Victor Mercado, Sr.
+Shirley Johnson Sulat

Sunday, July 9

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+John Meginness
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 5 - Friday, July 7

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

Loaves and Fishes will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

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

Wednesday, July 5

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, July 6

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

Friday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 8

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

Sunday, July 9

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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