



# Church of St. Matthew

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



## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”  
- Mt 13:43a

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### July 23, 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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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##### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

### BEING AN ELDER

We are a youth obsessed people. Elders don't count for much, rarely thought of as a resource. In the East and in the Southern hemisphere, there is a role for the elder; there is recognition that the elder has much to offer.

We do recognize what it is to mentor, and in a sense mentors are elders; they see the opportunity to pass on to the next generation wisdom and experience.

In the Adrian household there was a special day in the Christmas Season, New Year Day – it was sacrosanct, and required a command performance: bath, good clothes and manners. On that evening the best linen dressed the dining room table, the table was set with china and crystal and the sterling silver. The china, crystal and silver were a gift from Mom and Dad's wedding.

The guest that evening was Mr. Frank Straus, the man who taught my father the trade and the man my father succeeded as foreman of the composing room. That evening, the dining room table was extended to its full length; the chairs surrounding were straight back, except the chair at the head of the table – the chair that had arms, Dad's chair. That evening Mr. Straus sat in that chair and Dad sat on a straight back chair to his right.

Frank Straus was a mentor to Dad. Mentorship is the work of "generativity": taking care of the next generation, investing in life and work that will outlive ourselves.

Dad was grateful; he needed to honor his "elder". New Year's evening was a symbol of the relationship between an elder and a younger person.

Dad was a mentor to younger people as time went on. Often on Saturday afternoon two or three students from the trade school would come with their portfolios of work. They would spread the work on the dining room table and Dad would talk with them about their work, he would encourage them and teach them about the trade.

The old are put on this earth to nurture the young.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

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### FR. ADRIAN IS ON VACATION

Fr. Adrian will be on vacation until 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!

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

*Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8*

**FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS:** The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades 1 to 10 will resume September 20, and we have openings for teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM between September and early May. Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith and do not need to be experienced teachers. Training and support are provided, in addition to supplies and curriculum that includes a lesson plan for each week. If a weekly commitment is too much, please consider being a substitute or helping with specific events such as parent meetings or sacrament meetings. To find out more, call or text **Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004** or send an email to [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org).

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** On **Tuesday, August 1, 2023** "Unite the Night" will take place nationwide. St. Matthew parish will also be taking part in this celebration. From 6:00 – 8:00 PM, we will gather in front of the church at 510 Hall Avenue. Hall Avenue will be blocked off between Winifred and Robie. Beverages and snacks will be provided. We could use some volunteers to help greet our neighbors and offer refreshments. If you are able to help, please call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

**STRAWBERRIES:** In just 4 ½ weeks, we will begin cleaning strawberries! Keep **Wednesday, August 23 – Sunday, 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 **Linda R.** who serves as our Volunteer Parish Funeral Coordinator. Linda meets with families who are planning a funeral for a loved one. She guides the family as they choose music and readings. She then attends each funeral to give moral support to the families.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

### WELCOMING THE STRANGER

I recently invited a stranger to Mass. That was after she stopped by the Parish Center early one morning, and we talked a bit. First, I mentioned Loaves & Fishes suppers, Mondays through Fridays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Then I gave her the address for Neighborhood House. These are among our most common ways of helping people, either on site or by referral.

What else do we do here at St. Matt's? We gather on Saturdays and Sundays to worship God. I know that if the young woman came to Mass here, she'd be welcomed by good people. She'd hear God's Word, a good homily, and then have the opportunity to receive Communion.

Who else might I invite to worship with us? Who might you invite? Strangers? Friends?

### PACE & PRISM

I've been working on our insurance rebate programs, known as PACE (Protecting All Church Employees) and PRISM (Property Responsibility In Service to Mission)—or P&P, for short.

P&P says that if we follow good practices for our personnel and take care of our buildings, we can receive up to 20% off of our annual insurance costs. To qualify, we need to document things for Catholic Mutual, our insurance company.

Last year was the first year we participated in the P&P program, and we received more than \$4,000 back as an insurance rebate.

The annual deadline is August 1, which means we have some paperwork to complete in the next few days. Fortunately, year two of P&P is easier than the first year.

### FACILITIES UPDATE

As it turned out, school building roof replacement work began this past week. Englund Roofing wanted to get our project done now, before classes resume at Quantum STEAM Academy. While the Englund crew and equipment are here, there's no parking on the school side of the parking lot. They said it would take two to three weeks for the full project.

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

*Phil Grant*  
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**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, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Mary Lou Shields, Joanne 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.*

## News and Events

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

St. Matthew will host National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Come out to meet your neighbors! More information can be found in the insert.

### NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We will be writing the new ministry schedule the week of August 7. This schedule will begin Labor Day, Monday, September 4 and run through Sunday, November 26. This will include Thanksgiving Day. Please let **Mary Leibl know by Sunday, August 6** as to what Masses you would be available, and/or which Masses you cannot serve. Thank you for your continuing service to St. Matthew's Parish!

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION TEACHER NEEDED

Preparation is underway for the St. Matthew Faith Formation 2023-2024 school year. There are openings for teachers for the upcoming year. More information on how you can help can be found in Mary Leibl's volunteer column. You can also call or text **Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004** or send an email to [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) for more information.



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of St. Matthew rang on July 12, 2023 for **Louise Breidel's Birthday and Gerald and Louise Breidel's 60th Wedding Anniversary.**

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 Leadership

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## Parish Council Members

Jerald Dosch	Tiffany Monita
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 July 23, 2023**

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, July 22**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Lisa Norton  
+Jean Troje

### **Sunday, July 23**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Arthur Geis  
+Jack and Carol Heintzinger  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

### **Monday, July 24**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, July 25**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, July 26**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, July 27**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, July 28**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, July 29**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.  
+Sherry Simpson

### **Sunday, July 30**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Lisa Norton

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28**

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

### **Monday, July 24**

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

### **Tuesday, July 25**

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

### **Wednesday, July 26**

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

### **Thursday, July 27**

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, July 28**

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

### **Saturday, July 29**

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, July 30**

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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