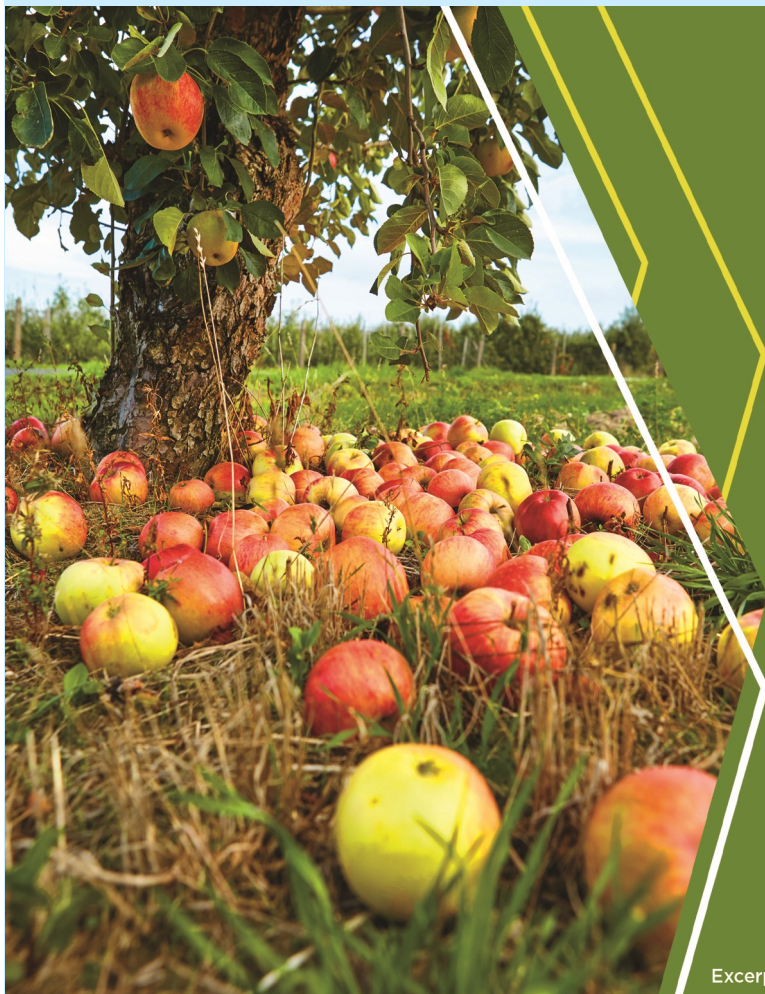




Church of St. Matthew

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



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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July 16, 2023 15th 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

TIME marks every aspect of life: "Too much time", "Not enough time", "How much time will it take?", "Who's got the time?", "I want to see how much time I can spend working this raspberry patch."

The events of our lives give focus and shape to activities. They do not define them. As I grow older, time takes on a different perspective.

Eight hours doesn't seem like eight hours anymore. It seems less.

When I was a child, the summer seemed sooo long; now the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day passes with the twinkle of an eye.

Time is no longer that rippling pond of youth, the pond in which we splashed and played; now it is an accelerating river, bound for a destination.

In our working lives, time was something to be managed; it was a commodity to be doled out. As we age, we see time as precious, there isn't a lot left, now it is a gift to be cherished, not a resource to be managed. There is "no time" to put things off for another day. If it is important, now is the time.

Kierkegaard: "Life must be lived forward, but it can only be understood backwards." The meaning of life only becomes clear with the passage of time. It takes years of experience before one can assess one's life's meaning.

Because there is not that much time left, we will "use" the time wisely. Time is the great equalizer – everyone has 24 hours in a day. As we age we realize that time is not without limits. Maybe on the last day, the most important question God will ask of us is "How did you use the time I gave you?"

St. Paul challenges us: "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation."

Fr. Steve Adrian

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 NEEDED: 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.

CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUPS: 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: In just 5 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, Tom, Bob, Scott, Mary and Phil** who have been serving on the Security Committee and researching what is needed to improve the safety on our parish campus!

THANK YOU: To **Chris, Mary S.** and **Shelley** who tend the parish gardens, pull weeds from the cracks in the sidewalks and mow our parish lawns. Together they keep our parish property looking neat and beautiful!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

FACILITIES UPDATE

• One of our goals this summer is to reduce, reuse or recycle items stored in our various storage rooms. We're currently focused on the school building, which still has things left over from St. Matt's School and the previous charter school tenant. (I'm offering tours to alumni and other interested parties. There is no charge, but know I'm looking for help in clearing things out.) We're trying to avoid putting things in landfills. Let me know if you're interested.

• We've met again with our main electric panel (E-Box) contractor, Apadana Technology. Panel design work is a custom job, and it's progressing. We've also met with Apadana's parts distributor and the parts designer. We expect the panel to be replaced in the fall, after completion of design work and parts procurement.

• It looks like the school roof will be replaced in August. We're also going to replace the two low roofs on the Parish Center. Both are in poor condition, and one leaks. The good news is that our contractor, Englund Roofing, said we don't need to replace the top roof on the Parish Center. It's in very good shape. (There's a \$100,000 savings right there.)

• We're upgrading the wiring in the school's classrooms. Modern educational technology tools require more electrical outlets than we had, and various inspectors have told us to get rid of extension cords. They're a hazard.

• Doors, doors, doors. We've fixed or replaced all doors in the school building, per the fire inspector's list. Next up: door work in the church building and Parish Center.

• The security systems ad hoc committee will continue to meet, in order to learn about door access systems as well as cameras.

• Church ceiling fans are still on the to-do list.

As you can see, we're doing a lot to maintain our buildings. It's important work, as our buildings enable our many ministries. If you're interested in helping with one or more projects, let me know. If you'd like to attend our next Facilities Committee meeting, it's scheduled for this **Tuesday, July 18, at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center's 1st floor Community Room. All are welcome!

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

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATIONS

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of June 2023, St. Matthew donated 138 pounds of food.** Thank you for your generosity!



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!

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.

Faith Formation News

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, for more information.

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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 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerry Jenniges
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Sunday, July 16

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish

Monday, July 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21

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

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 20

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

Friday, July 21

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

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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