



Church of St. Matthew

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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August 13, 2023 **19th 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

Aging is an invitation to go deeper into life. It is the shift from doing to being.

Often our adult life was so busy. We ran here and there just to make sure that everything got done, all the bases were covered, and nothing was left out. Success was finishing it all on time.

Today I don't accomplish as much as I used to. There are many empty spaces in my appoint book. I have more time to reflect.

Early in my life as a priest, Father John Malone and I had the pleasure of working with Fr. Fred Mertz. Fred could never keep his schedule straight, he never carried an appointment book and trusted all to memory. John and I had to remind him regularly of where he was expected to be. After Fred retired, I went to breakfast with him and we decided on a future event we would attend. Fred reached into his breast pocket and drew out an appointment calendar. I said, "Fred, you never had an appointment book before, why do you have one now that you are retired?" He answered, "Before it was always somebody else's time and agenda. Now it is my time, and that is important."

I realize that I don't need most of the stuff I have collected in life. It is time to prune, time to pitch and toss, time to simplify. It is time to shed distractions and allow for fewer encumbrances.

The shedding of the "stuff" is cleansing, freeing, like taking in fresh air.

We learn to enjoy and celebrate the temporary, while holding firmly only to the permanent.

This cleansing allows for a clearer vision of life; the chance to look at life and the meaning of the events of life from the point of view of history, from the mountaintop.

Romano Guardini writes: "In old age something special happens to reality. Its hardness is softened by the experience of change. The view of things widens out. Toward the end the whole comes again into view. In autumn when the leaves fall from the trees, the view expands and one is conscious of a wide space."

Fr. Steve Adrian

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!



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: As we continue to return to pre-COVID "normalcy" we would like to again offer blood pressure checks once a month. As in the past, blood pressure will be checked after Masses on the third weekend of the month. If you are trained and qualified to check blood pressures, and would be willing to offer this service to our parishioners, please contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or contact the parish office at **651-224-9793**. The parish has all the equipment needed to offer this service.

SUPPORT GROUPS: Dealing with the sickness and death of family members and friends can be daunting. We have received requests to begin a support group to help loved ones deal with their own emotions while taking care of or dealing with the sickness or death in their lives. If you would like to see the opportunity of grief support in our parish, please call the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

STRAWBERRIES: In just 1 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!!**

SCHOOL CLEANING: On Wednesday, August 2, a group of parishioners cleaned out unneeded chairs, tables, wood and "junk" that had accumulated in the school building over the years. Some volunteers, who attended St. Matthew School years ago, recognized some of the articles being removed. Chairs, tables, gym equipment that were still useful were moved to other areas of the complex. We thank **Shelley, Kathy, Becky, Dave, Tony, Tom, Al, Mary** and **Phil** who spent hours cleaning out the school!

NIGHT OUT: Thank you to **Ellen, Kathy, members of the Rosary Society, Men's Club, Faith Formation** and **Parish Council** who organized St. Matthew's participation in National Night Out. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, desserts and lemonade and children enjoyed playing and decorating the street with chalk drawings!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

On Tuesday, August 1, St. Matt's hosted its second annual neighborhood get-together. Over the course of a couple of hours, many friends and neighbors stopped by to greet, meet and eat.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success! (I'm thinking especially of bubbles and sidewalk chalk for the kids.)

Near the end of the evening, we were visited by firefighters and police officers. The fire department showed up to check out a fire alarm in the school building. We learned that some kids had broken a window in the school, messed around, and pulled the alarm. (School personnel are working with police, as there's a video record of the intruders.)

At the same time, two police officers stopped by as part of NNO. (Note that one of the original reasons for NNOs was to improve neighborhood safety.) We consulted with the officers about a recent intrusion in the Parish Center building. No window was broken, but an air conditioner was damaged. As with the school building, there was some messing around. Fortunately, there was no substantial damage. And, no one was hurt in either case.

We learned from the police officers that "urban explorers" are a thing these days. Apparently, some young people find adventure in trespassing. I'm saddened. There are far better ways to spend time, e.g., by helping people instead of breaking and entering.

I'm glad that we'll be installing cameras soon, as well as a door access system. In the meantime, we've taken to keeping the Parish Center's front door locked. (If visiting, please ring the bell.)

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL CLEANOUT

Thank you to the volunteers who did such a great job cleaning out parts of the school building. By providential good fortune, the cleanout was the morning after the school's break-in. Special thanks to **Tom, Tony, and Al** for securing the broken window in the school.

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

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Rey Del Angel, Elaine Goldberg, Dean Hinzman, The Karas Family, Judy O'Brien, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Mary Lou Shields, 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

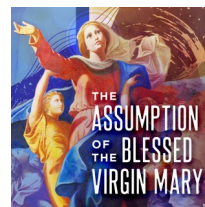
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATIONS

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of July 2023, St. Matthew donated 98 pounds of food.** Thank you for your generosity!



COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday will return on **October 8, 2023.** It will be held after the 10:15 AM Mass on the second Sunday of each month through May 2024. Volunteers are needed to help organize this event. If interested, please contact the parish office at **651-224-9793** to see how you can help.



Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023
7:00 PM



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on August 15, 2023 in memory of **Bill Brengman.**

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on August 15, 2023 for **Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members.**

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.

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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 August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Leo Kegler
+Kevin Kleman
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, August 13

10:30 AM Mass
Our Parish

Monday, August 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 PM Our Parish
+Bill Brengman

Wednesday, August 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, August 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, August 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, August 19

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
Chase Baker, Special Intention
Graciella Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention
+Shirley Johnson Sulat

Sunday, August 20

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Connie Grundei

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 14 - Friday, August 18

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

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, August 20

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

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