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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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August 20, 2023 20th 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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Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

During the summer months I have written about the spirituality of aging. Some have asked for suggestions of further reading and/or the books I have used in reflecting on “growing older”.

On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old, Parker J. Palmer

The Word as it Should Be, Gregory F. A. Pierce
[I first got to know Greg when he was a community organizer for the Industrial Area Foundation, established by Saul Alinsky.]

Uncommon Gratitude, Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams

How to Age, Anne Karrf

A Time To Die, Monks on the Threshold of Eternal Life, Nicolas Diat

Rules for Aging, Roger Rosenblatt

Aging Matters: Finding Your Calling for the Rest of Your Life, R. Paul Stevens

Old Age, a Beginner's Guide, Michael Kinsley

The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully, Joan Chittister

Seasons of Hope, Little Sisters of the Poor

Serenity at 70, Gaiety at 80: Why you should keep on growing older, Garrison Keillor

You may find some of these of value. They are uneven, in my judgment; yet they each have a viewpoint worth considering.

Fr. Steve Adrian



Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Rey Del Angel, Elaine Goldberg, Dean Hinzman, The Karas Family, Judy O'Brien, Pam Perkovich, 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.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

STRAWBERRIES: In just **three days**, 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. The amount of berries to be cleaned depends on the weather and crowd size at the fair. Many of our volunteers look forward to this project and have already signed up to let us know they will help clean berries! They enjoy being together and socializing with fellow parishioners. If you haven't yet signed up or 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. The Social Hall will be open by 7:30 AM each day.** Come to our own Great St. Matthew Get-Together!

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.

TUTORS: Catholic Tutor Corps is looking for volunteers to help tutor students in reading and/or math. Tutors are needed at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School as well as Holy Trinity Catholic School in South Saint Paul. Years ago we had a similar program at St. Matthew School. **Sr. Audrey Lindenfelser, SSND** organized and directed the program. Many of our “senior” parishioners helped one day a week in the school. Lesson plans were provided. More information can be found in bulletin insert. If interested, contact the parish office at 651-224-9793.

THANK YOU: To **Becky, Suzanne** and **members of St. Matthew Rosary Society** who led the Rosary at Cherokee Park on the second Tuesday of each month this summer. A beautiful way to introduce this devotion to other visitors at the park!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

FAMILY REUNION

Thank you to all who made last weekend's Mass in the Park a success. I was sorry to miss it, but I had a good reason: I was in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with more than a hundred of my second cousins and other relatives.

Family history: I grew up in Mitchell, South Dakota, in an extended Irish Catholic family. Reunions at that time involved hundreds of people, most with the last name of Garry. My maternal grandmother was a Garry who married an O'Brien. Gracie, as we called her, was the oldest daughter in a family of 13. Eleven of the 13 married and had many children, who had many children, who had many children . . .

I enjoyed meeting with everyone at the reunion, and it certainly got me to thinking about family. I've noticed that many churches—including St. Matt's—have a family feeling. We often talk about our brothers and sisters in Christ.

At the same time, we're part of a community that's larger than most families. And our St. Matt's community is part of a world-wide institution.

All levels are important. At the family and community level, we might know hundreds of people personally. At the institutional level, it's more common to know roles: Pope, Archbishop, Vicar General, CFO, COO, etc. At the risk of oversimplifying, I think of family and community as sources of **connection**; and institutions as a means of assuring **continuity**. Both connection and continuity are important.

SCHOOL BUILDING WORK CONTINUES

Our school building continues to serve children, and we continue to work with our school tenant, Quantum STEAM Academy (QSA). QSA's preparing for another successful school year. (Classes resume August 28.) We've learned that enrollment has increased yet again. In turn, that increases QSA's rent payments, which allow us to maintain the building: roofs, walls, floors, doors, heating systems, and more. We've done a lot in the past few months!

Special thanks to **Tony** and **Tom** for repairing a tricky door in the school building, among other volunteer projects. You guys are amazing!

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

Phil Grant
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News and Events

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATIONS

This 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!



COS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Community of Saints Regional Catholic School (COS) is still accepting registration for kindergarten students for Fall of 2023. This award winning school offers generous financial assistance thanks to the strong support of St. Matthew's parish and alums. No family is turned away because of tuition. Additionally, Kindergarten students are considered "New" students and receive a \$1,000 tuition credit. For more information, families can schedule a tour by calling **651-457-2510**, or email Principal Bridget Kramer at bkramer@communityofsaints.org.

GIFTED AND BELONGING IN THE SUMMER

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic fellowship of young adults with and without disabilities, will be hosting GAB in the Park on **August 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at **Thompson Park** in West Saint Paul. All are welcome!

We will gather with prayer and thanksgiving at 6:00 PM, and then enjoy the (hopefully) beautiful summer weather. Thompson Park has walking paths, biking paths, fishing dock and beautiful areas to enjoy one another's company. Please bring outdoor games if you have them and snacks or beverages if you would like.

Faith Formation News

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 2023-24 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.

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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 20, 2023

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, August 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, August 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, August 26

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Lisa Norton
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, August 27

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler Sr.
+Sherry Simpson

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 21 - Friday, August 25

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

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Thursday, August 24

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
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, August 25

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning

Saturday, August 26

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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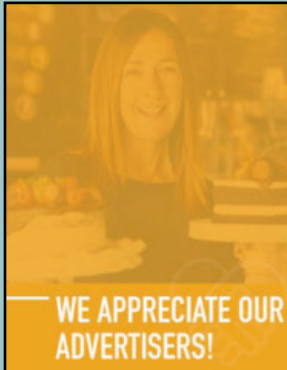
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