



Church of St. Matthew

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
- Mt 16:19

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August 27, 2023 **21st 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

We stand on the threshold of a new school year. As a priest, each year of my life's work has been an involvement in school.

Schools are, among other things, academies for citizen development. In a free society, that depends on the involvement of the citizenry, an educated, a schooled people are essential.

Both private and public education has this as part of its mission. A literate people, able to calculate, able to participate in discussion and debate, and able to reason – these are indispensable tools for democratic life; they are necessary to participate responsibly in civic life.

A people's investment in and commitment to education is an investment and commitment to the future. Whatever you and I hope for tomorrow is bound up in a young student of today.

Educational opportunity is not equal in our country. Racial, ethnic, demographic, economic and social differences contribute to great disparity.

When a student is hungry, or lacks even minimal health care, and the want for stable housing the student cannot learn. When a student cannot read or do math at grade level by the age of eight, that student is destined for failure and our society lacks what it must be to advance democratic life.

Reading and math ability are keys to successful living and a good society.

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: We have finished **four days** of strawberry cleaning! We will continue to clean berries every morning through **Sunday, September 3**. Our parish is cleaning strawberries for the **Strawberry & Cream** booth at the Minnesota State Fair. We begin cleaning each day around 8:00 AM and are usually finished about noon. Many of our volunteers look forward to this project and enjoy being together and socializing with fellow parishioners. If you haven't yet joined us, you have eight more days to take part in this fundraising project. 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 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 and Holy Trinity Catholic School in South Saint Paul. Years ago, St. Matthew School had a similar program organized by **Sr. Audrey Lindenfelser, SSND**. Many of our "senior" parishioners helped one day a week in the school. More information can be found in bulletin insert.

THANK YOU: To the many volunteers who, since last Wednesday, have joined us to clean strawberries!

THANK YOU: To **Tim, Mike, Karen and Mary** who arrive at the Social Hall at 5:30 AM to meet the truck delivering berries, set up the tables for the cleaning volunteers and begin washing berries. When our volunteers arrive, they can begin cleaning.

THANK YOU: To **Tim, Becky** and members of the **Men's Club** and **Rosary Society** who had the cooler ready to receive the many tubs of cleaned berries.

THANK YOU: To **Suzanne** who has volunteered to help with blood pressure checks.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

THANK YOU, JILL!

Jill Kilzer, our music and liturgy director since 2007, is retiring October 2. Many thanks, Jill, for your years of dedicated service to St. Matt's. And congratulations on your retirement! All the best to you and Bill!

Ever since I began work at St. Matt's in 2021, I've been grateful to Jill for her leadership in music and liturgy. Much of that important work is likely invisible to most people, so let me highlight some of what's involved:

- Choosing music for all liturgies, including special music at Christmas and Easter
- Organizing and leading the seasonal choirs at Christmas and Easter
- Recruiting and coordinating additional pianists, cantors, and instrumentalists
- Leading our shift to a new hymnal
- Chairing our liturgy committee
- Dealing with copyright permissions and licensing for music we use, along with other paperwork
- *And of course, the readily visible:* playing piano for Masses, funerals and weddings

All this work supports our Catholic way of worship. Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me." In His name, we gather weekly for liturgy, the "work of the people". We're ministering to each other by assembling, praying, singing, reading, preaching, listening, giving thanks, and breaking bread together.

Jill's ministered directly through her excellence in music and musical leadership. She's also ministered through her professional coordination of liturgical ministries. For all this, let us be grateful. *Note: we are planning to honor Jill at Mass in a few weeks. Look for details in a future bulletin.*

Jill's retiring, not disappearing. She's told me we'll continue to see her in the assembly, worshipping with us when not traveling.

SCHOOL'S STARTING

Quantum STEAM Academy, the charter public school we rent to, begins classes this Monday, August 28. I'm glad that our school building—part of our physical endowment—continues to serve children. Let's wish QSA well in this new school year!

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

Phil Grant
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LABOR DAY MASS

Monday, September 4, 2023, 9:00 AM

News and Events

BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE MINUS FAMILY

On **Sunday, September 10 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, the Minus family invites all to breakfast in the Social Hall in remembrance of Arthur Minus. Come join the Minus family to remember Arthur and spend time with other parish members. A free will offering for the Neighborhood House Food Shelf is welcome.

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.

THANK YOU FROM NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

The St. Matthew community recently donated **\$2,181.00** to the Wellstone Center Food Market. Nearly 500,000 people in Minnesota are facing food insecurity. Two food markets and fresh produce distributions throughout the year are some of the ways Neighborhood House ensures families in the community have the food they need to thrive. St. Matthew collects monetary and food donations every third weekend of the month for Neighborhood House. Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Families with students in grades K-10 attending public schools, please register your children for Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes for the 2023-2024 school year. The registration form is available at www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and at the Parish Center front desk.

This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in winter and spring 2024. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Classes run from September 20 through May 1.

Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text **651-242-6004**. Community of Saints parents can sign up their children at the sacraments table at the COS Back to School Night on August 31.

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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 27, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, August 31

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, September 2

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+Dorinda Martineau
+Lisa Norton

Sunday, September 3

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Sr. Paulissa Jirik, SSND
+Shirley Smith

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 28 - Friday, September 1

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

Monday, August 28

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 29

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, August 30

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 31

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, September 1

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM Strawberry Cleaning

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

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

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