



# Church of St. Matthew

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



**NEXT SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 13, 2023**

**Celebrate  
Mass in the Park  
at Cherokee Park**

**10:30 AM Mass  
followed by  
picnic lunch**

**Invite your friends  
and family**

**See inside for details**

## **August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord**

### **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**

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

Next Sunday, August 13, the annual Saint Matthew Sunday Mass in Cherokee Park takes place. This event is long standing, and has come to be seen as an important part of parish life.

The gathering is informal; bring a blanket to sit on the grass or a summer folding chair.

Bring family and friends and neighbors. This event is a good opportunity to introduce others to Saint Matthew in less than the formal setting of the church.

The warmth and acceptance, the hospitality and welcome of Saint Matthew are strong invitations to others. And the "Mass in the Grass" is a wonderful opportunity to extend that welcome.

The Men's Club grill the brats and burgers; the Rosary Society supplies paper products – plates, cutlery, napkins, etc. Each family is invited to bring a side dish or a dessert.

Mass begins at 10:30 am Sunday morning and the picnic follows immediately.

We have the park reservation until 1:30 pm. That gives us three hours to pray and play.

### TRANSFIGURATION

I came to Saint Matthew's in June of 1978. On August 6<sup>th</sup> of that year, the Feast of the Transfiguration, the world was informed of the death of Pope Paul VI. He had been responsible for the promulgation and implementation of the Second Vatican Council. Pope John XXIII was the architect of the Council and Paul spent fifteen years encouraging a "new church", a church called to speak to the world today.

The period after Paul saw a desire to return to the former way of being church. This was often because of apprehensions about the renewal and the turbulence of the world of the last quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Pope Francis has taken up the mantle of Paul VI and is committed to the implementation of the Council and the church structures allowing the church to engage the secular world in which we live.

Today we remember St. Paul VI and give thanks for him.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**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.

**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 2 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!!**

**FUNERAL LUNCHEONS:** Serving funeral luncheons is an important ministry in our parish. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who help serve the luncheon after a parish funeral. We want to recognize and thank these volunteers who graciously give their time to help a grieving family. **Thank You to: Mary Bejblik, Suzanne Clarke, Dave Haley, Diane Hanzal, Anita Hottinger, Joan Johnson, Chris Mattson, Jackie Minus, Becky Montgomery, Kathy Moore, Jackie Morales, Janet Odalen, Denise and Dan Quinlan, Sheila Ramirez, Ann Reidell, Kathy Schowalter, Mary Helen Sperl, Sue Sperl, Florida and Joe Stevens, Kathleen Thompson and Christine Wilfahrt.** If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call the parish office at **651-224-9793** and leave your contact information. Someone from this ministry will return your call.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

### PACE & PRISM (P&P)

Well, it's in. Last Tuesday, I submitted our annual P&P application to Catholic Mutual, the insurance company that insures all Catholic entities in the Archdiocese.

We entered the P&P program a year ago, and it led to our receiving a \$4,400 rebate on our annual insurance costs. Not a bad return for following good practices in personnel matters and facilities maintenance.

This year's application was far easier than last year, for some parts of the program are required only every two or three years.

Some parts, however, are required every year. A prime example is basic cyber awareness training in how to recognize phishing, ransomware and other scams. We know there are people everywhere who are trying to cause problems or make money off of poorly defended computer systems.

### CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE

With all that in mind, I joined colleagues at an Archdiocesan-sponsored cyber security conference in late July. It was actually a pretty good conference. The outside cyber security experts who led the training had clearly worked hard to translate their advice into everyday English.

The good news is that we've already begun to use some of the cyber security procedures now required by the Archdiocese and Catholic Mutual. The less good news is that we have more work to do.

It will be worth it, however, as the purpose is to keep our data safe and our systems operational.

### FACILITIES

On a more concrete level, the school roof has been replaced. Englund Roofing will soon move on to repairing the two low roofs on the Parish Center.

In addition to curing leaks, this roof work enables us to proceed with our plans to install solar panels. In addition to mitigating climate change, a solar installation will lower our electric bills. All good!

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

### COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

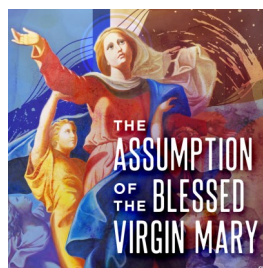
This weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

### 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!

### ROSARY IN CHEROKEE PARK

Saint Matt's Rosary Society is hosting the praying of the Rosary in Cherokee Park, the second Tuesday of the month this summer. All – women, men and youth – are invited. We will gather at **10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 8** by the **large Picnic Pavilion at Cherokee Park**. This is the same location as the annual Saint Matt's Mass and Picnic in Cherokee Park. Please bring a chair if you want, plus a rosary. There will be extra rosaries if you're unable to bring one. There is a new paved path from the street to the pavilion, which makes walking from parking on the street much easier for all. This will be our last Rosary in Cherokee Park this summer.



Mass for the Assumption of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
7:00 PM

## Parish Leadership

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

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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 August 6, 2023**

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

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

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, August 5**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Gerry Jenniges  
+Helen Leibl  
+Dorinda Martineau

### **Sunday, August 6**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Lisa Norton  
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

### **Monday, August 7**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, August 8**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, August 9**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, August 10**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, August 11**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, August 7 - Friday, August 11**

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

### **Monday, August 7**

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

### **Tuesday, August 8**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
10:00 AM Rosary in the Park (Cherokee Park)  
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 9**

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

### **Thursday, August 10**

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

### **Friday, August 11**

### **Saturday, August 12**

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

### **Sunday, August 13**

10:30 AM Mass in the Park at Cherokee Park  
(in-person)

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