



# Church of St. Matthew

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



## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”  
- Mt 13:44

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### July 30, 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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

Regret is the ghost of aging. It prods me to look back and to question everything I have done. It awakens the "life of should" – I should have...

Regret nibbles around the edges of the mind and we feel weary, listless and with no desire to do anything.

It is not only the past that disappoints us when regret gets a foothold. The brooding slips over into the present. It sours the immediate, the here-and-now.

The thought of what could have been eats at the center of the heart and dampens the glow of what we did do.

Regret is not insight; it fails to recognize that there are many ways to the fullness of life. Regret is a temptation.

It entices us to hunger for what never was in the past rather than bring new energy to the present. The antidote to regret is forgiveness.

Oliver Wendell Holmes: "The young know the rules, the old know the exceptions." There is a softening of heart that comes with age. We come to know that no one is perfect, and no one can be. We learn that life is a series of exceptions to be reckoned with.

We come to know ourselves from awareness of our own failings as well as successes, our virtue and our sin and our deep need for mercy.

Tennyson: Two aged men, who had been foes in life, met by a grave and wept – and in those tears, they washed away the memory of their strife. Then wept again the loss of those years."

Forgiveness is the therapy of old age that wipes the slate clean. Forgiveness is more important to the one who forgives than the one who is forgiven. Forgiveness puts life back together again.

Life does not have to be perfect to be perfect; it only needs to be forgiving and forgiven.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*

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### 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!

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## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS:** 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](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org).

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** On Tuesday, August 1, 2023 "Unite the Night" will take place nationwide. St. Matthew parish will also be taking part in this celebration. From 6:00 – 8:00 PM, we will gather in front of the church at 510 Hall Avenue. Hall Avenue will be blocked off between Winifred and Robie. Beverages and snacks will be provided. We could use some volunteers to help greet our neighbors and offer refreshments. If you are able to help, please call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

**STRAWBERRIES:** In just 3 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 **Kathy S.** who will be our Tuesday morning receptionist! She will be a wonderful addition to our office staff.

**THANK YOU:** To **Chris M.**, our outgoing Tuesday morning receptionist. We thank her for her time and service to St. Matthew!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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

### Patience

I enjoyed Fr. Rodger Baumann's homily on patience last weekend. I certainly need patience in my work, as some facilities projects can take a long time to plan and execute. Case in point: we began the school roof replacement project over a year ago.

After such a long process, I was pleased to hear the roofing company's crane this past week. The crane was used to lift materials to the school roof. Workers—up to 14 at some points—climbed a very long ladder to get up there. Oh—the first thing the crane lifted last week? A Porta-Potty.

### It's Clean Out Time

We've scheduled this coming Wednesday (Aug. 2) and Thursday (Aug. 3) mornings to clean out things from the school building. If you're free at 9am on either or both of those days, please join us! (School building curiosity seekers are welcome on condition you help empty the old locker rooms off stage left!)

We'll probably finish around 11:30 a.m. and have light refreshments. It'd be helpful to know who's coming, so we can plan for food. Please email Angela in the office ([arakow@st-matts.org](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)). Thanks!

If you work during the week, know that we'll have some Saturday morning opportunities coming up in the next couple of months. There's plenty to clean out in the Parish Center and church building as well. If you're familiar with Facebook Marketplace, let Angela and me know. We want to avoid putting things in landfills.

### Solar Project Update

I've met again with representatives from Apadana Technologies, the company that will be replacing our main electric panel in a few months. We're also planning for a solar installation by Apadana. With the school roof replaced, it'll be a great spot to install panels. Good for the earth and good for our bottom line!

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

*Phil Grant*  
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### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S



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.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, 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

### 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.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

St. Matthew will host National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. More information can be found in the insert.

### 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!

### MASS IN THE PARK

St. Matthew's annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on **Sunday, August 13 at 10:30 AM** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. See the flyer inside for more information. We hope to see you there!

## Faith Formation News

### FAITH FORMATION TEACHER NEEDED

Please see Mary Leibl's volunteer column to find out how you can help in the upcoming school year. You can also call or text **Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004** or send an email to [janelle@st-matts.org](mailto:janelle@st-matts.org) for more information.

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Alan Christensen	Jackie Lackner
John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	Karen Thompson
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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 30, 2023**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

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

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, July 29**

4:15 PM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.  
+Sherry Simpson

### **Sunday, July 30**

10:15 AM Mass  
Our Parish  
+Lisa Norton

### **Monday, July 31**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, August 1**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, August 2**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, August 3**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, August 4**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **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

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4**

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

### **Monday, July 31**

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

### **Tuesday, August 1**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM National Night Out

### **Wednesday, August 2**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

### **Thursday, August 3**

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

### **Friday, August 4**

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

### **Saturday, August 5**

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

### **Sunday, August 6**

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

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