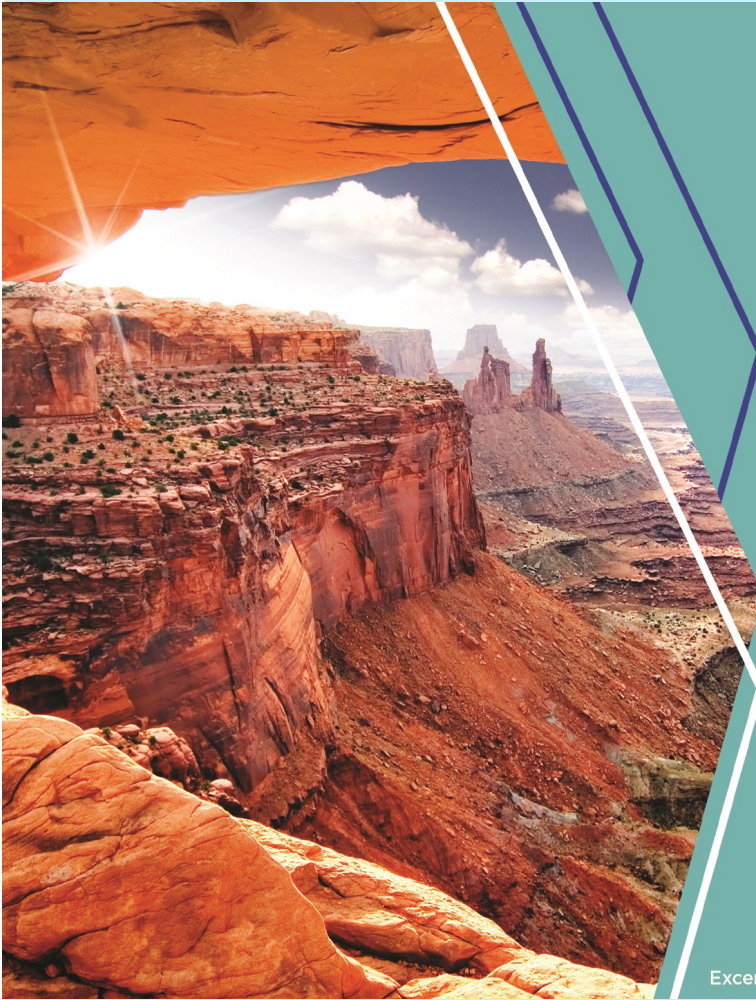




Church of St. Matthew

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”
- Mt 21:32

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October 1, 2023 **26th 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

Within a few days Pope Francis will convene the Synod on Synodality in Rome.

A Synod is a gathering in which reflection and discussion takes place concerning issues of immediate concern to the life of the Church. In the aftermath of Vatican II, the practice of the pope calling a synod on a regular basis began. Bishops from around the world were asked to send representatives to participate in the synod. The synod normally lasted about three weeks and concluded with recommendations to the Pope. Some time after the end of the Synod, the Pope would issue a teaching on the theme of the Synod.

Pope Francis asked each local church, over the past two years, to convene and discuss what it is that the Church must do to proclaim the Gospel in the 21st century in a manner that can be heard and received.

Pope Francis invited a number of bishops from throughout the world to participate. He also invited laypersons – men and women — to participate. The bishops and the lay people will each be given time to speak and all will vote on the resolutions to be presented to Pope Francis at the end of the process. This is the first time in history that laypersons are voting participants in a Roman synod.

Synodality is the word Francis uses to describe the manner in which the church, local and international, will conduct its work. The word means “walking together”, that all the baptized – clergy and laity — share equally in discerning the manner in which church decisions will be made. The process involves everyone listening to each other – listening with the heart — and then praying together for the insight, the grace, the knowledge and the courage to come to a conclusion. Finally, the process concludes with the whole church undertaking a way of being that is appropriate to proclaiming the Gospel to the world of today.

This is a radical change in which the Church will conduct its life. From now on the voices of all, the whole People of God, will be heard and respected in the work of the Church.

In the next bulletins I shall continue to write on the Synod and the implications of Synodality.

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

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED: We are looking for two volunteers to join the collection money counters. You would count the weekend collections after the Sunday 10:15 AM Mass, twice each month. **Training will be provided.** If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

LIBRARY MINISTRY: We are in the process of organizing a parish library. This library will be in the SE corner of the church. We have a large number of books that are being cataloged and prepared to go onto the shelves which are being donated. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help people select books to read, check books in/out and keep the shelves neat. This ministry would take place before and after weekend Masses. If you enjoy books and would like to help others, please contact the parish office for more information.

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.

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW: Thank you to all who helped to make our celebration of the Feast of St. Matthew a memorable weekend! Thank you to **Fr. Adrian**, who through his homily helped us to learn more about the patron saint of our parish and how St. Matthew can be a model for us all. Thank you to liturgists **Cristina** and **Jill** who helped plan the liturgy for the weekend. Thank you to lectors **Zach** and **Becky** who proclaimed the special readings for the weekend. Thank you to Eucharistic ministers: **Karen, Josie, Marie, Paul, Kathy** and **Mooreen**. Thank you to members of the **Men’s Club** who organized bingo on Saturday, football on the big screen TV on Sunday, and provided food and refreshments for both events. Thank you to the **Rosary Society** for their help and providing supplies for the events. Thank you to **Karen** and the **Parish Council** who provided the cookies after Mass. It truly was a memorable celebration of our patron saint!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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Parish Administrator's Note

PRESERVING OUR PATRIMONY

And what does *patrimony* refer to, you ask? In church talk, patrimony refers to two categories:

- **Temporal** matters: our collective ownership of material things, such as buildings; and
- **Spiritual** matters: the charism, legacy and identity of our parish.

I heard all this from Susan Mulheron, Chancellor for Canonical Affairs in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. As Chancellor, she's Archbishop Hebda's go-to person when it comes to church law. She recently spoke on patrimony to parish administrators.

Church law--canon law—is the legal code of the Roman Catholic Church. As is the case with civil law, canon law digs into details most of us have never dreamed of. It's important, however. Church laws and policies influence much of what we do.

Susan's counterpart at the Archdiocese is Joe Kueppers, Chancellor for Civil Affairs. He also spoke during the online sessions I listened to a couple of weeks ago. He had useful reminders about recent laws passed by the Minnesota legislature, and how those laws affect us.

APBA (Association of Parish Business Administrators)

Another meeting I recently attended was hosted by APBA, my professional association. (We met in person, thankfully.) It was a good opportunity to share knowledge and support each other. A highlight for me was that we met on September 21, the Feast of St. Matthew, our patron saint.

We celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew at last weekend's Masses. When Fr. Steve talked about St. Matthew's call to service, I thought back to my call here to St. Matt's. (Good call; works for me.) I continue to be impressed by the strength of our parish community, in matters temporal and spiritual. Would that more of my professional colleagues enjoy similar strengths in their parishes. There are some real struggles out there. Please pray for *everyone* in our Archdiocese.

Special thanks to Tom and Tony, who installed new whiteboards in Faith Formation classrooms before the fall session began recently. The students and teachers really appreciated them!

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

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News and Events

ROSARY SOCIETY: All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting on **Tuesday, October 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM** in the lower level of the Parish Center. You can park in and enter the lower level from the parking lot. We will be continuing our discussion about the focus of the Rosary Society, including discussing the Fall meeting programs and upcoming Fall activities. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings. Come, enjoy refreshments, socializing with one another and finding out what the Rosary Society is all about.

MEN'S CLUB: The next Men's Club meeting is **Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 PM** in the Social Hall. All men of the parish are invited to the meeting and check out what the group is all about! The St. Matthew Men's Club is active in hosting, organizing and volunteering at various events throughout the year for the parish. The group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE OPEN: Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes have begun for public school students, and registration is open for a couple more weeks. Download the registration form from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ or complete a hard copy registration form when you bring your students to class on Wednesday, October 4. Students in grades K to 5 begin class at 6:30 PM and students in grades 6 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. On October 4 only, Father Adrian will be present to bless animals starting at 6:15 PM. Families can bring their pets for a blessing or bring the animal's leash or favorite toy for a blessing. Parents and guardians, please attend the parent meeting at 6:50 PM in church on October 4. Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text **651-242-6004**.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION FOR COS STUDENTS: Community of Saints students in Grade 8 who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are welcome in the St. Matthew program. Parents/guardians should complete a registration form that can be downloaded from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and plan on bringing the 8th grader to class in the St. Matthew Parish Center on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:45 PM. Community of Saints students in Grades 2 and up who would like to make their First Communion may do so through the Church of St. Matthew. Parents/guardians should complete a registration form (downloadable from the web address above) and mark their calendars for Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 PM, when parents and children have a meeting and class in St. Matthew church.

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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 October 1, 2023

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 30

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Geis
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+George Lackner

Sunday, October 1

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Colette Marie Morris
+Joseph Savard
+Shirley Smith

Monday, October 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 4

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 7

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Don Leibl
+John Sperl

Sunday, October 8

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 2 - Friday, October 6

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

Monday, October 2

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 4

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:15 PM Blessing of the Animals
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM: Faith Formation and Parent Meeting
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, October 5

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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