



Church of St. Matthew

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”
- Mt 18:15

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September 10, 2023 23rd 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

Sundown on Friday, September 15 is a Great Sabbath for our Jewish neighbors and friends; September 15 is not only the Sabbath, it is also Rosh Hashanah (literality “the head of the year” — New Year).

It is the first of the High Holidays or “Days of Awe,” ending 10 days later with Yom Kippur.

Rosh Hashanah is a two-day festival that marks the anniversary of human creation — and the special relationship between humans and God, the creator.

Rosh Hashanah begins with the sounding of the *shofar*, an instrument made of a ram’s horn, proclaiming God as King of the Universe, just as a trumpet would be sounded at a king’s coronation. Recall the coronation of King Charles III. Multiple trumpet blasts announced the coronation. Rosh Hashanah is described in the Scriptures as Yom Teru’ah, a day of sounding (the Shofar).

The sound of the shofar is also a call to repentance — to wake up and re-examine our commitment to God and to correct our ways. Thus begins the “Ten Days of Repentance” which ends with Yom Kippur, the “Day of Atonement.”

Rosh Hashanah – the “head of the year” marks a time of new beginnings; the embracing to the coming year as a time of God’s favor, a time to start fresh. We all need “new beginnings”, we do not have the energy or resilience to carry all of yesterday into today.

Remember to pray for your Jewish neighbors on September 15.

Fr. Steve Adrian



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, 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

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.

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**.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: Thank you to **Suzanne** and **Scott** who have volunteered to offer blood pressure checks to our parish. This will begin in October (date TBD) after the 4:15 PM and 10:15 AM Masses.

CARPENTRY: Thank you to **Shelley** who is building new bookshelves for parish use.

STRAWBERRIES: **Over 50 people** came and volunteered their time during the 12 days that strawberry cleaning was taking place in our Social Hall. 5 volunteers arrived at 5:30 AM to set up supplies, meet the semi truck delivering 800 lbs. – 1000 lbs. of berries, open the containers, put berries in the tub of water and fill the colanders with berries to be cleaned. Over 50 volunteers spent the next three or more hours cutting the tops off the berries. The socialization was priceless! An insert listing the names of all who offered their time to this effort will be in a future bulletin. This effort was added proof that:

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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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!



Parish Administrator's Note

RECAPPING THE LATEST STAFF NEWS . . .

(1) **Cristina Czaia** has been hired as our new **Director of Music & Liturgy**, effective September 5. She's replacing **Jill Kilzer**, who's retiring October 2.

(2) Youth Minister

We continue to search for a youth minister to serve our parish and St. Stan's. (Interviews have begun.) In St. Stan's case, they're renewing a successful youth ministry program. In our case, we're starting a program. I'm helping to recruit and interview youth ministry candidates in partnership with St. Stan's; I'm also looking for youth group members and for adults interested in helping with this ministry. If interested, let me know.

VOLUNTEERS

- Many thanks to all who helped with strawberry cleaning this year! Special thanks to **Mary Leibl**, overall coordinator for this year's effort. It's a big job, and she did it well.
- Youth ministry helpers (see above)
- Library team (see below)
- Thanks to all who've helped with facilities work this summer (see below).

BOOK MINISTRY

In other words, a librarian here at St. Matt's. I'm looking for one or more volunteers to manage books going onto our library shelves: helping people select books to read, checking books in and out, and keeping the shelves tidy. We already have books. Shelves are being donated. Who likes books?

FACILITIES

- We're reviewing all security systems (cameras and door controls) proposals, in order to pick one and move ahead with that project. (We just received a proposal from the last company we interviewed. That phase is complete.)
- Church light #11 has finally been fixed. It no longer flickers. Thank you, **Bob, Tom and Tony!** I know it's not easy to crawl around the catwalk above our church ceiling.

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.

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.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All adult women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which will be held **Tuesday, September 12, 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. This will be the first meeting of our program year. The focus of this meeting will be getting to know one another, 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATION

Next weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of August 2023, St. Matthew donated 110 pounds of food.** Thank you for your generosity!



Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

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/**, in the back of church, and at the Parish Center front desk. This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in spring 2024. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Mark your calendar for the first evening of class, which is **September 20**. Parents and children should attend that evening. Grades K to 5 begin class at 6:30 PM and Grades 6 to 10 begin class at 6:45 PM. The parent meeting starts at 6:50. ¿Preguntas? ¿Habla español? Envíe un mensaje de texto a Myrna, 651-285-8112.

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Alan Christensen	Jackie Lackner
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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 September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Mary Ann Roscoe
Corinne Brengman, Special Intention

Sunday, September 10

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Brian Eldridge
+Gerry Jenniges
+Carol Dvorak Johnson

Monday, September 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, September 16

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Leo Kegler
+Don Leibl
Jaden Baker, Special Intention

Sunday, September 17

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Arthur Minus
+Lisa Norton
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 11 - Friday, September 15

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

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 13

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:15 PM Men's Club Board Meeting
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)

Sunday, September 17

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

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