



Church of St. Matthew

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



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

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September 17, 2023 24th 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 are immersed in a culture that is individualistic and happiness is seen as immediate self-gratification. Often the current philosophy is:

“In this culture there is no such thing as justice or equality; there is no God-reality, the earth is there for me to use and enjoy as I wish. There is only the present moment and nothing more.

Truth is what I want it to be; the only reality is the reality I see and experience; meaning is what I desire. I am not my brother’s keeper. I stand alone, I do as I choose — and then it is over.”

Occasionally I find Harvey Mackay’s weekly column in the Tribune enlightening and provocative.

Recently he wrote about “the fulfilling life”.

He writes: “Happiness can change from one season to the next, or even one minute to another. Fulfillment is satisfaction or happiness as a result of fully developing one’s abilities and/or character.”

The President of High Point University in North Carolina says:

“Fulfillment comes from a life well lived — one devoted to making the world a better place.”

Mackay urges: “Make gratitude a continuous attitude.”

Gratitude focuses on the myriad of ways in which I have been enriched by others and the myriad opportunities I have to reciprocate. Gratitude calls me to see beyond myself, to live beyond myself. There is nothing that so ennobles a human being as does the quality of a gracious spirit.

The Greek’s held that the end of human life was the achieving of happiness and everything the human being does is in search of happiness. Happiness is found in fulfillment and fulfillment is found in making a difference in the life of my community.

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, Marie Scanlan, 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

FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED: 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. To find out more, call or text **Janelle Rohr, 651-242-6004** or send an email to **janelle@st-matts.org**. You can also check the insert for more information.

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.

STRAWBERRIES: A special thank you to **John Riehle!** An alumnus of St. Matthew school, former parishioner and past Pastoral Administrator, John volunteered his time to help clean strawberries for the State Fair. Remembering the teaching of the School Sisters of Notre Dame: “When you serve the parish, you serve God!”

FIRST AID KITS: Thank you to **Kathy and Scott Goldenstein** who have volunteered to look at the first aid kits at our church to inventory what is needed to make sure we have fully stocked first aid kits.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW CELEBRATION

Saturday & Sunday, September 23 & 24

Come join the parish in the Social Hall as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Matthew with food, fun and games!

Saturday, September 23, 2023

- Food and refreshments for purchase at 5:00 PM
- Bingo at 5:30 PM

Sunday, September 24, 2023

- Vikings game viewing at 11:30 AM
- A puzzle contest at half-time
- Food available from Men’s Club

Parish Administrator's Note

UNITY, LIBERTY, LOVE

In a recent homily, Fr. Steve quoted St. Augustine: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, love."

That quote really caught my attention. It's memorable. I first saw it many years ago. My daughter Bea was playing in a piano recital at a Moravian church, where the quote was on the wall.

I've marveled ever since at St. Augustine's pithy wisdom. Too often these days, people confuse essentials with non-essentials. Even more often, they lack love in their comments. I ran into that lack in some of my previous administrative positions, and it was clear that the organization suffered as a result.

That's one of the reasons I'm glad to be here at St. Matt's. Our community lives out this quote pretty well.

FACILITIES

Englund Roofing is returning to replace the two low roofs on the Parish Center. I had a chance to look at their work on the school's flat roof, recently completed. It's a relief to stop worrying about leaks — recall that one leak last winter took the school elevator out of commission. The repair cost was approximately \$30,000. I'm glad that our insurance company, Catholic Mutual (CM), covered all but the \$1,000 deductible. I'm even more glad that the patch Englund put on at the time worked. I don't think CM would have covered a second round of elevator repairs.

YOUTH MINISTER

We're looking 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.

BOOK MINISTRY

I'm looking for 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? Give me a call.

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

Phil Grant
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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!



Music and Liturgy Notes

I am humbled and honored to serve as the new Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. My husband Zach and I moved to the West Side in April of 2021, drawn to the area by its diverse urban community and its proximity to the beauty of nature on the cliffs of the Mississippi. We welcomed the birth of our son, Isaac, last winter. We believe we have found a special place both to live and to worship with the community at St. Matt's.

I may be familiar to many of you as a regular cantor at Saturday evening Mass, but I'd like to give you a bit more background on who I am.

I grew up attending a Catholic church in Oakdale, MN at a parish where music and liturgy were both very central to the worship experience. This, and my experience of choir and theology attending Hill-Murray high school, led me to pursue an undergraduate degree in Voice Performance. I desired an education with an authentic faith component which I found, first attending St. Louis University where I fell in love with Jesuit spirituality and the Jesuit commitment to social justice. (*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* - For the greater glory of God). I finished my degree at Wheaton College (IL), where the motto *Solo Dei Gloria* (Only for God's glory) was imbued within a rigorous music program. I then completed my Masters in Vocal Arts at the University of Southern California while being actively involved in the Catholic Center on campus.

As a professional musician, I have worked for many varied denominations of Christian and Jewish houses of worship, and I have had the privilege to be formed in faith and music by a vast number of thoughtful and talented individuals. It is my privilege to serve the St. Matt's community. I look forward to getting to know each of you better. Please come introduce or reintroduce yourself to me and share with me your vision for how I can support this amazing community. I am at your service.

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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 17, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Lisa Norton
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 18 - Friday, September 22

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM: Faith Formation

Thursday, September 21

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

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Feast of St. Matthew Celebration

Sunday, September 24

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
11:30 AM Feast of St. Matthew Celebration
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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