



Church of St. Matthew

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
- Mt 16:24b-25

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September 3, 2023 22nd 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

Tomorrow, September 4th is Labor Day – the last day of the State Fair, the beginning of meteorological Fall, the last day of summer vacation for tomorrow it is back to school.

In some ways Labor Day is another New Year's Day. Those with lake homes bring in the dock and prepare the place for the coming winter season. As a child I remember this time of the year as being the time for the fall house cleaning – time to put the summer clothes away and get the fall clothes out, time to begin putting the vegetable garden to rest, baseball season is winding down and the anticipation of football is in the air.

All of that is happening; yet the purpose of the holiday is to reflect on the gift and the challenges of labor. Our Church has a strong and continuous theology of work beginning in 1891.

In 1891 the Church taught that neither unbridled capitalism nor socialism advanced the common good.

Human labor is our participation in the creative work of God. God has handed to human beings the job of using and protecting the creation of the earth. We are to bring our energy and talent to the work we do. Work ennobles human beings and human beings are entitled to share in the proceeds of the work. Laborers are entitled to a just wage and working conditions that respect human dignity. Owners of production are entitled to an honest return on their investments.

Owners and workers are in partnership. When there is an impasse between labor and management collective bargaining is the means of negotiating a solution.

When a person is denied the opportunity to work, something dies within the person; we are made for participation in the stewardship of creation and the creative work of using the gift of creation for the betterment of all people.

Today we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of human labor.

Fr. Steve Adrian



LABOR DAY MASS
Monday
September 4, 2023
9:00 AM

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Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

STRAWBERRIES: We have finished **11 days** of strawberry cleaning! We have one more day, Sunday, September 3 to clean berries. Our parish is cleaning strawberries for the **Strawberry & Cream** booth at the Minnesota State Fair. We begin cleaning around 8:00 AM and are usually finished about noon. Many of our volunteers look forward to this project and enjoy being together and socializing with fellow parishioners. If you haven't yet joined us, you have one more day to take part in this fundraising project. Reserve at least one day on your calendar and see if you too might find the experience **enjoyable!** **The Social Hall will be open by 7:30 AM each day.** Come to our own Great St. Matthew Get-Together!

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.

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.

THANK YOU: To the many volunteers, who for the last 11 days, have joined us to clean strawberries!

THANK YOU: To **Tim, Kathy, Al, Mike, Karen** and **Mary** who arrive at the Social Hall at 5:30 AM to meet the truck delivering berries, set up the tables for the cleaning volunteers and begin washing berries. When our volunteers arrive, they can begin cleaning.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The parish office is closed on Monday, September 4, 2023.

Parish Administrator's Note

WELCOME, CRISTINA!

In last week's bulletin, we announced the October retirement of Jill Kilzer, our long-time director of music and liturgy. Thank you, Jill, for your many years of service!

This week, I'm happy to announce that we are hiring Cristina Czaia as our new director of music and liturgy. She'll begin work in September, thus overlapping with Jill for a few weeks. Their work together will greatly help the transition.

It's likely that many of you know Cristina by sight and voice, as she's been a regular cantor at St. Matt's for years now. What you might not know is her many other qualifications. They include a Master's degree in Vocal Arts from the University of Southern California, music ministry leadership positions in multiple parish and school settings, and over twenty years of experience as a cantor. She's also studied theology, liturgy and conducting.

In sum, Cristina's well qualified to serve us whenever we gather for liturgy. We've been in good hands with Jill. We will be in good hands with Cristina.

Welcome to the staff, Cristina Czaia!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Speaking of ministry and staffing—we're looking for a youth minister to serve our parish and St. Stan's. In St. Stan's case, they're renewing a successful youth ministry program. In our case, we're going to build our capacity to serve teens and young adults. For more information, feel free to email or talk to me. I'm not only helping to recruit and interview candidates in partnership with St. Stan's; I'm looking for youth group members and for adults interested in helping with this ministry.

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.

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

Phil Grant
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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.*

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 PM 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.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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/ and at the Parish Center front desk.

This is also the time to sign up children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation in winter and spring 2024. Students are prepared for those sacraments during the Wednesday evening classes. Classes run from September 20 through May 1.

Questions? Email janelle@st-matts.org or call or text **651-242-6004.**

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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 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Muriel Budziszewski
+Dorinda Martineau
+Lisa Norton

Sunday, September 3

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Sr. Paulissa Jirik, SSND
+Shirley Smith

Monday, September 4

9:00 AM Our Parish

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, September 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, September 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 5 - Friday, September 8

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

No meal service on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.

Monday, September 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
9:00 AM Mass (in-person)
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

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

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
Confessions after Mass

Sunday, September 10

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Breakfast hosted by Minus Family
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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