



Church of St. Matthew

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



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

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October 15, 2023 28th 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

The synod that has convened in Rome is undertaken by Pope Francis to address the unfinished work of the Second Vatican Council. He is proposing a renewed model of Church—a Church that listens – a listening that is more than simply hearing.

In this model, listening characterizes the entire way of interacting and connecting that occurs among the whole “People of God”—bishops, pastor and all the baptized.

This model of Church proposes that bishops and pastors must be at the service of the rest of the faithful, being and acting as one of the faithful within the whole People of God.

In the current model of Church, bishops and pastors are seen as distinct from the rest of the baptized community – outside that community, responsible for directing the life of that community. It is the “pyramid model” – Pope at the top, then the bishops and pastors and at the bottom, the laity.

Francis seeks to invert that pyramid. In this new image bishops and pastors are one with the rest of the People of God, there is no distinction, all are incorporated into the mystery of Christ through Baptism and all are called to be witnesses to the compassion and mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

By reconfiguring the Church as a “we” where all are subjects, from the pope to the laity, are equals are seen as one community of faith with the same responsibility regarding the identity, vocation and mission of the Church.

A “listening Church” carries implications for the permanent reform of the Church and the way in which the Church is lived today.

This model of Church is at the heart of Pope Francis’s efforts and reflects a life of Church that Francis lived in Latin America.

More of that later on.

Fr. Steve Adrian

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 main church. We already have a large number of books that are being cataloged and prepared to go onto the shelves that are being donated. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help people select books to read, check books in and 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 who also like to read, please contact the parish office for more information.

GRIEF SUPPORT: We have had a few requests to begin a grief support group. If someone has had experience in leading a grief support group and would be willing to help organize one in our parish, please email Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) or call the parish office. If anyone would like to take part in grief support, call the parish office (651-224-9793).

THANK YOU: To **Suzanne, Kathleen, Josie, and Scott** who have volunteered to help with blood pressure checks the third weekend of each month.

THANK YOU: To **Linda, Kathy, Chris and Patty** who prepared donated books to be put on our parish library shelves by putting card pockets in each book and filling out the card for each book pocket.

THANK YOU: To **Tom, Bob and Tony** who serve as the parish “Handy-Men”! Whenever something isn’t working properly in our buildings, they are called to help by finding the problem and getting everything in working order again!

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!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit October 14 - 20, 2023 in memory of **Howard Merrill**.

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.

Parish Administrator's Note

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

One reason I like being here at St. Matt's is that we're a "Vatican II" church. Note Fr. Steve's columns and homilies on the topic of Vatican II and the current Roman synod.

What I find interesting from a church history standpoint is how the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) echoed topics brought up at the Council of Constance (1414-1418). One of my church history courses, back in my seminary days, talked about that Council as dealing with the question of "Who's in charge?" Some say, "The Pope". Others say, "The Council." We refer to the council-oriented as conciliarists, and Constance was in some ways a high point for that conciliar way of thinking.

That conciliar approach is found throughout our entire church history. In my view, it was unfortunate that the First Vatican Council (1869-1870) largely rejected conciliarism. Papal centralization triumphed.

However--as a recent *Commonweal* magazine article put it, "Many of Vatican II's ecclesiological reforms—those having to do with episcopal collegiality, a renewed theology of the laity, a more diffuse conception of infallibility, the *sensus fidelium*, religious liberty, etc.--are now rightly understood as retrievals from the early Church."

When I taught history, I often invoked the saying, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

I am glad we're remembering and retrieving our history. That *Commonweal* article also said, "In the United States, the crisis over truth-telling is not only social and political, but also ecclesial. The systematic failure of the Church to tell the truth regarding clerical sex abuse is one particularly grave example of this crisis. A person who cannot face his or her own past (or who consistently lies about it) is impeded from reaching full maturity and healthy integration. Put simply, such a person can't grow up. Likewise, the Church, if it can't or won't tell the truth about its own past, can't fully flourish and is doomed to a kind of ecclesial immaturity."

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

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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, Marie Scanlan, Mary Lou Shields, Jim Stanger Sr., 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

GIFTED AND BELONGING MEETING

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **October 22, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall. This month's theme is Celebrating the Saints.

GAB welcomes all young adults to get together to share a time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATIONS

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. **During the month of September 2023, St. Matthew donated 62 pounds of food.** Thank you for your generosity!



Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION FALL BREAK: Faith Formation students do NOT have class this Wednesday, October 18, due to the Education Minnesota fall break. Weekly classes resume on October 25. 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. Parents and guardians, mark your calendars for November 1 when Faith Formation families should come to church at 6:45 PM for Mass to celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

FIRST COMMUNION FOR COS STUDENTS:

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 that can be downloaded from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/. Also, parents, please mark your calendar 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 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-2

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 15

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

Monday, October 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 21

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerry Jenniges
+Gordon Scaramuzzo

Sunday, October 22

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Richard Grant
+Colette Marie Morris
+Shirley Smith

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 16 - Friday, October 20

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

Monday, October 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

4:15 PM Mass
Confessions after Mass

Sunday, October 22

10:15 AM Mass
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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