



Church of St. Matthew

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”
- Mt 22:21

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October 22, 2023 29th 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

Advancing the call of the Second Vatican Council to “reform” the Church, Pope Francis has made clear that “Christ calls the pilgrim church to perennial reform”.

The Church always needs to be renewed because its members are all sinners and in need of conversion; and any permanent reform of the Church calls for the conversion of the “whole Church.”

In reflecting on the unhealthy elements of the Church that cry out for reform, Pope Francis lists: excessive planning and functionalism, loss of community among the members of the Church, a clergy enmeshed in extravagant garments, honors, careerism and opportunism, and membership in closed circles.

Pope Francis desires that “the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” The Church is called to move out of herself and be drawn to the peripheries.

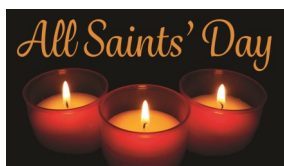
Reforms are carried out from below, based on decisions and processes in the local churches. The “church” that you and I know best is the local church, the parish and diocese. The manner in which faith is lived in the local church can either enhance the work of evangelization or destroy any effort at evangelization. So, it is necessary to “abandon” outdated structures that no longer support the transmission of faith.

The Latin American Church has wrestled with the effort to reform for many years, beginning with the work of Medellin, Columbia in 1968; a Latin American Bishops Conference was held as a follow up to the Second Vatican Council.

The model of Church that emerged from the work of Medellin is a “church in which the laity must participate in discernment, decision-making, planning and implementation.”

In my years as pastor of Saint Matthew, a parish council plan was implemented in which the Council would be a decision-making body charged with planning and implementation. The pastor could not act without the participation of the council, and the council could not act without the participation of the pastor. At Saint Matthew, we drew our model from the work of the Latin American Church.

Fr. Steve Adrian



All Saints Day Mass

**Wednesday
November 1, 2023
7:00 PM**

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

SNOWBLOWING: Looking for volunteer(s) to clean snow off sidewalks of the square block of church property. This would be Hall Avenue, Winifred Street, Humboldt Avenue, Robie Street as well as walks leading up to buildings. Parish snowblower is available for use. If interested please call the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

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**).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: We have had a request to provide a discussion group to center around the Book of Revelations. If interested, call the parish office.

THANK YOU: To **Josie, Scott, Suzanne, and Kathleen** who volunteered to do the blood pressure checks last weekend!

THANK YOU: To all who have supported our “**Giving Thanks in November**” fundraiser! Your generosity will help improve security measures on our parish campus. And thank you to **Karen Thompson** for staying after Mass to make the raffle tickets available.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

*Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

CHURCH CEILING

Did you notice that we moved the altar back several feet, starting last weekend?

That's because pieces of the ceiling have flaked off from directly above the altar, no doubt because of continued leakage from the roof. Recent heavy rains have confirmed there's still work to do on the church roof.

There was also some water that leaked directly onto the altar itself, as well as in the familiar spot by the front door.

We are investigating our options with the company that put the roof on in 2019. We're also talking to a couple of additional roofing consultants.

CONCERNS & PRAYERS

For me, roof concerns are important--but those concerns are dwarfed by concerns for Ukraine and now people throughout the Holy Land. The Hamas terrorists' brutal attack on Israeli citizens shocked the world. I fear the Israeli response will disproportionately affect Palestinian citizens. Jewish friends of mine lament the apparent fantasy of the current Israeli government that someday, all the Palestinians will just go away. It seems Hamas has the opposite fantasy and goal, that Israel will just go away.

As neither scenario is realistic, I fear for continued, extreme violence in the Holy Land.

At a recent Liturgy Committee meeting, members revised our prayer for Ukraine slightly. It's now called a Prayer for Peace. Let us continue to pray that prayer. Let us hope that better angels will eventually prevail over people committed to violence.

I think it will take a while. There's a need for responsible negotiating partners on all sides of the conflict.

GIVING THANKS FUNDRAISER ENDS THIS TUESDAY

On a happier note, our current fundraiser is going well. Thank you for your support! Note that raffle tickets are only available until this Tuesday, October 24. They're available after Mass again this weekend, and in the parish office. At this point, I do not recommend mailing them in.

Have a great week!

Phil Grant
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REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue and William Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, The Karas Family, Judy O'Brien, Pam Perkovich, Marie Scanlan, Mary Lou Shields, Jim Stanger Sr., Dorothy Stearns, 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

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 4
Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Training, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Church of St. Matthew

This workshop is for experienced and new lectors and eucharistic ministers to brush up or learn new skills. Confirmation candidates are welcome.

Our workshop clinician will be Moya McGinn Mathews, Director of Music and Liturgy at Christ the King Parish in Minneapolis.

There is no cost to attend. Current lectors, **please bring your 2023 Lector Workbook**. Breakfast will be provided at 8:30 AM. The workshop will begin at 9:30 AM. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. For more information, contact mleibl@st-matts.org or cczaia@st-matts.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Come make music with us! EVERYONE is welcome, regardless of how far along you are on your musical journey. See the insert for more information on how you can join the St. Matthew music ministry.

TURKEY BINGO

Mark your calendar for the Men's Club's annual Turkey Bingo on **Saturday, November 4, 2023** in the Social Hall. See the insert for more information.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME: Faith Formation students have class this Wednesday, 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. Students attend Mass that evening with their parents/guardians.

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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 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-4

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, October 28

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

Sunday, October 29

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Lisa Norton
+Shirley Smith

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27

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

Monday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, October 29

10:15 AM Mass

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