



Church of St. Matthew

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
- Mt 22:37

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October 29, 2023 30th 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 current Roman Synod strives to enshrine and apply the classical medieval principle: *what affects everyone must be discussed and approved by everyone.*

This principle demands a process and an open and civil atmosphere. The process is a reciprocal listening in which everyone has something to learn. Each one listening to others and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of truth,” in order to know what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

This process demands a listening, not only through traditional ways – the Scripture, prayer, meditation, etc.— but also, and above all, through a confrontation with differing viewpoints.

This allows us to express points of view with an openness to ways of learning and relearning, seeing new issues in life and in the Church.

The Medellin conference (1968) maintains that this capability is essential to guarantee a “constant change of structures, transformation of attitudes, and conversion of hearts.”

The way the “listening Church” proceeds is characterized by several steps:

Take Counsel: seeing the reality, gathering the data, and listening to diverse opinions.

Judge: evaluate what has been gathered.

Act: apply what is judged good to the mission of the Church.

The whole People of God must be part of this process, no one is excluded and no one is given special privilege, all are equal and there is no veto power. Not unlike the law of the Old West, everyone who enters the saloon must hand over his six-shooter before he comes to the bar.

To accept this further definition of what it means to be church will demand a conversion on the part of all of us. It will demand an attitude that rejects narrow self-interest, binary (either/or) attitude, a comfort with inclusiveness of persons, cultures, ways of thinking, human experiences, histories and religious traditions.

For this reason, Pope Francis has determined that 2025 will be an International Jubilee Year. To prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis recommends studying the four Constitutions from Vatican II: The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, The Constitution on the Church, The Constitution on Divine Revelation and the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

Fr. Steve Adrian

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.

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.

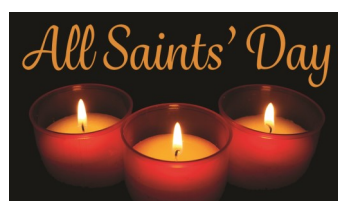
THANK YOU: To **Shelly** and **Mary** who have worked to organize a grief support group at our parish.

THANK YOU: To all who helped clean up the sanctuary after the rain storm a few weeks ago.

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

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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All Saints Day Mass
Wednesday
November 1, 2023
7:00 PM

Parish Administrator's Note

CORPORAL (BODILY) WORKS OF MERCY

Last weekend, we celebrated World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your support of Pope Francis' mission work throughout the world.

For me, it was a providential coincidence that the fall issue of *Mission* magazine crossed my desk a few days ago. That's because I always enjoy seeing pictures and articles about our church's work in other countries. They bring back fond memories of my years in Bogotá (Colombia) and São Paulo (Brazil), since the priests serving the Catholic chaplaincies in those cities were missionary priests. (*Note to self: place these magazines in the church library once it's ready.*)

Last weekend, we also honored our parish homeless shelter, better known as Casa Guadalupeana. As Casa's director Dave Haley told us at Mass, Casa shelters people from throughout the world. He quoted Sr. Norma—doing similar work at the U.S.-Mexican border—to tell us that Casa's in the business of providing human dignity.

For me, the annual Mission/Casa collection is a “both and” sort of thing. We must work on all levels (local to global) to promote justice, peace and dignity in the world.

WORKS OF MERCY II

When it comes to all seven Corporal Works of Mercy, how are we doing at St. Matt's these days?

- Feed the hungry: Loaves & Fishes
- Give drink to the thirsty: Loaves & Fishes
- Clothe the naked: Isaac's Blessing Bags in November-December
- Visit the imprisoned: no parish-level ministry that I'm aware of. Anyone else know?
- Shelter the homeless: Casa Guadalupeana
- Visit the sick: Communion ministers, among others
- Bury the dead: funeral ministry

I think this is pretty good for a relatively small parish. Still, I see opportunities for more volunteers, depending on how you want to be engaged. Which of the above works of mercy call to you?

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

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Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, The Karas Family, Judy O'Brien, Pam Perkovich, Marie Scanlan, Mary Lou Shields, Larry Smith, James 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



Join us on **November 18 and 19** to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass.

This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul and their caregivers and families are welcome to come forward and take part.

TURKEY BINGO

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

ISAAC'S BLESSING BAGS

Isaac Garcia, a senior at Cretin-Derham Hall, will once again be collecting donations for Isaac's Blessing Bags. Check the insert for more information.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: Wednesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. All Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 start class that evening at 6:45 PM, and they should come to the church with their families to celebrate Mass. Drop off and pick up are from church that evening. On Wednesday, November 8, students preparing for First Communion have class in church and their parents will meet with Father Adrian in church. Confirmation candidates have class in the Parish Center. Students in Faith Formation who are NOT preparing for a sacrament do NOT have class on November 8.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS:

Faith Formation and Community of Saints families with children planning to make their First Communion at the Church of St. Matthew in May 2024 are required to attend a meeting on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:30 PM in the church. The meeting will end by 7:45 PM, and it is fine to bring younger children to church, too. Questions? Email Janelle Rohr at janelle@st-matts.org or call/text at 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 October 29, 2023

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, November 1

7:00 PM Our Parish

Thursday, November 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, November 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, November 4

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+George Lackner
+Lisa Norton
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, November 5

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Nathan Stevens
Living and Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3

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

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:45 PM Faith Formation - All Saints' Day Mass
7:00 PM All Saints' Day Mass
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

Saturday, November 4

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Liturgical Minister Workshop
4:15 PM Mass
5:30 PM Turkey Bingo

Sunday, November 5

10:15 AM Mass
Confessions after Mass

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