



Church of St. Matthew

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
- Mt 21:42ab

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October 8, 2023 27th 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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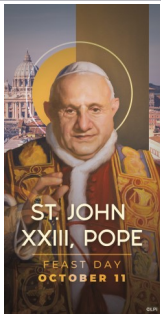
Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve



Wednesday of this week, October 11th is the 61st anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. I was a seminary student at the time, a college junior.

I had just arrived at the Saint Paul Seminary in September of that year. I was just getting acclimated to a new campus and new classmates and teachers. Yet, there was no doubt about it, everyone's attention was drawn to the opening of the Council.

Classes were suspended for the day and students huddled around the black and white TV sets in the lounge of each of the residences.

The high drama of 2,500 bishops processing into the basilica was captivating. Pope John the XXIII walked the length of the basilica as the last person in the procession of bishops – the Pope is a bishop, in fact his most important title is “Bishop of Rome.”

Pope John was the first to speak, and in this inaugural address he laid out clearly the purpose, direction and spirit of the Council. He said:

“In the daily exercise of my ministry, I sometimes have to listen, much to my regret, to voices of persons who, though burning with zeal, are not endowed with too much sense of discretion or measure. In these modern times they can see nothing but prevarication and ruin. They say that our era, in comparison with past eras, is getting worse, and they behave as though they had learned nothing from history, which is, none the less, the teacher of life.

I feel I must disagree with those prophets of gloom, who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world were at hand.

The Church has always opposed errors. Frequently she has condemned them with the greatest severity. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity. She considers that she meets the needs of the present day by demonstrating the validity of her teaching rather than by condemnations.

In the present order of things, the Holy Spirit is leading us to a new order of human relations which, by own efforts and even beyond our expectations, are directed toward the fulfillment of God's designs. And everything, even human differences, leads to the greater good of the Church.”

This call to view the world with the eyes of mercy rather than condemnation is fundamental to the attitude of the Council. The work of the Council was to witness to men and women of the world the gracious

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: As we prepare to again offer blood pressure checks after Masses on the third weekend of the month, we are looking for one or two more volunteers. Additional volunteers would allow more flexibility for our volunteers. If you are qualified to do blood pressure checks, and are willing to serve the parish in this way, please contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or contact the parish office (651-224-9793). The parish has all the equipment needed to offer this service.

THANK YOU: To **Niko** who joined the music ministers at the 10:15 AM Mass last Sunday playing his guitar. His talent is a welcome addition!

THANK YOU: To **Kathy, Rose, Chuck, Chris M., Chris W., Angela, and Mary** who prepared the parish mailing that all parishioners received last week.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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Reflection from Father Steve (cont'd)

compassion and mercy of God revealed in Jesus.

This Wednesday, the anniversary of the opening of the Council, is the Feast of Saint John XXIII. On Wednesday, please pray to John for the assistance we need to be the kind of Church the Holy Spirit called us to in the Council.

Fr. Steve Adrian

Parish Administrator's Note

DISCIPLES, ENGAGED

I mentioned last week that I attended the September meeting of the APBA, the Association of Parish Business Administrators. In addition to learning things from colleagues, I'm fascinated by glimpses into how other parishes do things—or even talk about things.

For example, one colleague mentioned that at her parish, her pastor said, "We don't have volunteers here. We're all disciples."

Hmmm, yes. We're all disciples, called to follow Jesus. And--

Recall the story in Luke's gospel (10:38-42), about Jesus visiting his disciples, Martha and Mary. Martha volunteered to serve Jesus while Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him. My take is that both sisters were engaged in following Jesus, just in different ways.

We need both ways in our parish today: service and prayer. It can be a struggle. "Martha becomes a wonderful spiritual companion for those whose part in the Body of Christ often involves the mundane and worldly. She empathizes with an inner compulsion that drives some of us to try to fix things. ***She understands what it is like to get stuck with the heavy lifting, when no one else even seems to notice what needs to be done.*** (Emphasis added.) At the same time, she receives Jesus' words as truth she needs to ponder." (Quote from Ann Garrido in *Redeeming Administration*, drawing on the work of German mystic Meister Eckhart.)

We say, "We're a volunteer parish." I see the truth in that all the time.

We can always use more volunteers, of course. How are you called to engage with St. Matt's? Are there particular ministries that appeal to you?

Here's my ask today, in light of the annual Parish Finance Report* we recently mailed out: consider joining our Finance Committee or the ranks of money counters. We could use one or two more volunteers in each capacity. Just something that I've noticed of late. Training is provided. Call or email me for details.

**If you did not receive this report in the mail, please let the office know. We're updating our database, with great help from volunteers after Mass this weekend.*

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

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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit October 7 - 13, 2023 for **Grandpa Frank and Grandma Florence.**

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.

News and Events

COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday returns **October 8, 2023 after the 10:15 AM Mass.** Faith Formation will host the first Coffee Sunday of the year. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday is on the second Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE DONATIONS

Next 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, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes have begun for public school students, and registration for public school students closes this week. Download the registration form from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ or complete a hard copy registration form when you bring your students to class on Wednesday, October 11. 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. There are NO Faith Formation classes on October 18, due to the Education Minnesota fall break.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION FOR COS STUDENTS:

Community of Saints students in Grade 8 who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are welcome in the St. Matthew program. Parents/guardians should complete a registration form that can be downloaded from www.st-matts.org/faith-formation/ and plan on bringing the 8th grader to class in the St. Matthew Parish Center on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:45 PM. 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 (downloadable from the web address above) and mark their calendars 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 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next 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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Bill Brengman
+Don Leibl
+John Sperl

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, October 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, October 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, October 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 10 - Friday, October 13

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

No meal service on Monday, October 9.

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 11

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
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Mary's Diabetes Prevention Meeting

Saturday, October 14

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM GSVLOC Rehearsal
4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Blood Pressure Check

Sunday, October 15

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Blood Pressure Check