



# Church of St. Matthew

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



## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”  
- Mt 25:11-12

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### November 12, 2023 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Liturgy Schedule

##### Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM

Sunday 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

##### Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (after Mass) 5:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (after Mass) 11:00 AM

Please contact the parish office regarding  
Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion,  
Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

#### Church

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

The Psalms are the prayer book both for Jews and Christians. Praying with the psalms has been a part of my daily life for more than sixty years. Some psalms are prayers for forgiveness, some are praise of God, some are the lament of one in trouble or conflict.

As I pray some of those psalms, I am united in spirit with people suffering the ravages of war. An example:

### Psalm 37

#### I

If you trust in the Lord and do good,  
then you will live in the land and be secure.  
If you find your delight in the Lord,  
he will grant your heart's desire.

Commit your life to the Lord,  
trust in him and he will act,  
so that your justice breaks forth like the light,  
your cause like the noon-day sun.

A little longer--and the wicked shall have gone.  
Look at his place, he is not there.  
But the humble shall own the land  
and enjoy the fullness of peace.

#### II

The just man's few possessions  
are better than the wicked man's wealth;  
for the power of the wicked shall be broken  
and the Lord will support the just.

The Lord guides the steps of one  
and makes safe the path of one he loves.  
Though he stumble he shall never fall  
for the Lord holds him by the hand.

I was young and now I am old,  
but I have never seen the just man forsaken  
nor his children begging for bread.  
All the day he is generous and lends  
and his children become a blessing.

Then turn away from evil and do good  
and you shall have a home forever;  
for the Lord loves justice  
and will never forsake his friends.

#### III

The just man's mouth utters wisdom  
and his lips speak what is right;  
the law of his God is in his heart,  
his steps shall be saved from stumbling.  
Then wait for the Lord, keep to his way.  
It is he who will free you from the wicked,  
raise you up to possess the land  
and see the wicked destroyed.

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord,  
their stronghold in time of distress.  
The Lord helps them and delivers them  
and saves them: for their refuge is in him.

*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 a volunteer 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.

**THANK YOU:** To the 25+ liturgical ministers who attended the liturgy workshop last Saturday. Thank you to **Moya** from Christ the King parish who was the keynote speaker. To **Cristina** who organized the workshop. To **Phil**, who procured the breakfast for those attending. To **Karen, Becky** and **Mary** who set up and cleaned up for the workshop. Procedures for lector and Eucharistic ministers were handed out at the meeting. If you did not receive a copy by email, there will be copies in the sacristy.

**THANK YOU:** To confirmation candidate **Simon** who has volunteered to be a lector at Mass. We also thank his mother **Jessi** who has also volunteered to be a lector.

**THANK YOU:** To confirmation candidate **Litzy** who has volunteered to serve as a Eucharistic minister. She will begin her service in the spring after confirmation.

**THANK YOU:** To **Tim** and **Al** who cleaned all the leaves and trash away from the Winifred Street entrance to the school.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

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## Parish Administrator's Note

### LITURGY & HOSPITALITY

I'm still thinking about last Saturday's liturgy training workshop. Our presenter, Moya McGinn Mathews, had plenty of thought-provoking material for our ministers of Word and Table. (We more often use the terms "lector" and "Eucharistic minister".)

**Hospitality** was a key theme throughout the workshop. It's important, whether we're welcoming someone at the door to the church, proclaiming God's word, or sharing our holy meal. As Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Some ways to be hospitable are more visible than others. It's worth remembering the many behind-the-scenes volunteers who prepare for each liturgy. We have people who water the plants, replace vigil lights, and literally set the table for Mass. Others make sure doors are open before Mass begins, and closed afterwards.

I recently attended a performance of the Gilbert & Sullivan light opera, *H.M.S. Pinafore*. (It was a great show, by the way.) It reminded me how very many people, doing many different things, are required when it comes to operas and musicals.

Liturgy's something like theater in that regard, as many, many people are involved. What's different is that our way of worship emphasizes participation, not performance.

### CHURCH CEILING

We continue to work with the roofing company that installed the church roof in 2019. A representative came here on November 1. Along with members of our Facilities Committee, he inspected the roof yet again.

We learned that it's likely we'll want to replace the skylights (ballpark estimate of \$6K for all four). The inspection showed their deterioration after 50-some years. In addition, recent leaks in the altar area might be linked directly to skylight issues.

Before we do anything else, however, we're waiting for answers to our questions. For example, how well did the company deal with the metal flashing on the knee walls? How might the company address the internal damages we're seeing on wooden ceiling boards and the walls of the skylights?

I'm very grateful to members of our Facilities Committee for their help with the roof problems. It's been a long process, but we're making progress.

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

*Phil Grant*  
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**Jeremiah Baker, Marge Blenkush, Jeff Blomgren, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, The Karas Family, Judy O'Brien, Pam Perkovich, Michael Perron, 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.*

## Faith Formation News

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:** On Wednesday, November 15, Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have class in the Parish Center. Grades K to 5 have class from 6:30 to 7:45 PM, and grades 6 to 10 have class from 6:45 until 7:50 PM. There is NO class on November 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**CONFIRMATION LAUNCH:** On Saturday, November 11, Confirmation candidates and their families are required to attend the Confirmation Launch from 4 to 6 PM. COS 8th graders being confirmed with St. Matthew should attend, as should Faith Formation students in grades 8 to 10. The launch includes attending the 4:15 PM Mass plus candidates and their families staying in church after Mass ends for a meeting at which the requirements of the Confirmation preparation program are explained.

## News and Events

### YOUTH GROUP AT ST. MATTHEW

Interested in Youth Group? So are we! The very first Youth Group information and inquiry session will be held on **November 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall**. The meeting is open to any youth ages 11- 17 and their parents or guardians. We will kick off the evening with pizza for dinner, followed by separate discussions and activities for interested parents and youth. We hope to see you there!



### THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit November 11-17, 2023 for **Jacob and Anna Block**.

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 Leadership

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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 November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 11

4:15 PM Mass  
+Bill Brengman  
+Dorothy and Sam Robinette  
+Greg Thompson

### Sunday, November 12

10:15 AM Mass  
+Lisa Norton  
+Shirley Smith  
+Jean Troje

### Monday, November 13

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, November 14

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, November 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, November 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, November 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, November 18

4:15 PM Mass  
+Leo Kegler  
+Mary Jane Sperl  
Victor Mercado, Jr., Special Intention

### Sunday, November 19

10:15 AM Mass  
+Eleanor Bisciglia  
+Gerry Jenniges  
+Mary Ann Roscoe  
+Joseph Savard

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, November 13 - Friday, November 17

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

### Monday, November 13

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

### Tuesday, November 14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Communications Committee Meeting  
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting  
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Wednesday, November 15

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, November 16

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:00 PM Grief Support Group  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Friday, November 17

6:30 PM Youth Group Meeting

### Saturday, November 18

4:15 PM Mass  
After Mass Blood Pressure Check

### Sunday, November 19

10:15 AM Mass  
After Mass Blood Pressure Check  
11:00 AM Confessions

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