



# Church of St. Matthew

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



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”  
- Mt 25:38-40

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**November 26, 2023**

### ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

#### **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

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is that yearly opportunity to prepare for the remembrance of the birth of the Savior.

The birth of the Child of Nazareth, the Son of David, and Son of God, stands at the very center of human history. It is this Jesus who makes visible the merciful face of God.

Advent is a time to celebrate beginnings, which are also endings. T. S. Eliot: in the last of *The Four Quartets*, written in the early part of World War II in London:

“What we call the beginning is often the end.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.  
The end is where we start from.”

Eliot suggests that endings and beginning are interconnected. In the cycles of life and death, of stories with beginnings, middle and endings, there is no discontinuity. There is only the realization that we are part of the much bigger story—the saving story of God “who so loved the world that he gave His only Son.”

May Advent be a time of both endings and beginnings for you; a time of reflection and decision about yesterday and a plan for tomorrow.

*Fr. Steve Adrian*



**Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, Elaine Goldberg, Carolina Gomez, The Karas Family, Kendrick Morrison, Pablo Munoz, 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.*

## 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 **Sister Adaire, SSND** and **Christine, SSND Associate** who have volunteered to serve our parish as lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

**THANK YOU:** To **Tom, Tony, Bob** and **Steve** who quickly come to our aid when anything on the parish complex needs repair. They have also worked closely with our administrator as we investigate possible security systems and solutions to the leaking roof. Their knowledge and common sense are invaluable!

**THANK YOU:** To **Donis** who keeps our plants and flowers beautiful and to **Katie** and **Jair** who regularly clean our church and chapel.

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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*Due to early bulletin submission, some items may appear in later issues.*

## Parish Administrator's Note

### CENSUS & SYNOD

Last month, we submitted census information to the Archdiocese. Many of the questions had to do with basic parish facts, e.g., physical address, staff members, and programs.

There were also “number” questions about the 12 months ending September 30. How many parishioners? How many for this or that sacrament? How many children in Faith Formation?

We reported 511 registered parish households and 1,214 registered parishioners. (We also have several dozen active parishioners who are not registered.) We had 27 baptisms (various ages) and 27 funerals. We had 32 students in various levels of Faith Formation.

When it came to questions about our implementation of the local synod, I reported that we do not have a SET (Synod Evangelization Team) or an ECT (Executive Cell Team) in place. At our modest size—and given how many other things we have going on—it was not feasible for us to do everything called for by the Archdiocesan synod.

Rather, we have parallel processes, influenced by the local synod and by Pope Francis's recent synod on synodality.

Among those parallels, I include Fr. Steve's frequent preaching on the importance of listening to others. [See: Community Conversation at Humboldt this Tuesday evening. Details in the insert.] We also have various small groups of active parishioners, engaged in ministry to each other and to others. We do not have SETs or an ECT. We do groups our way. You're welcome to join or even start a group. What interests you?

### HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT

Happy New Liturgical Year as of next weekend! The season of Advent starts our church calendar anew.

One reason I look forward to Advent each year is that we have the opportunity to sing special music of the season—Advent season, that is. Look for hymns of anticipation and longing. I also like Advent's gradual build up to the full glory of Christmas, as opposed to skipping straight from Thanksgiving to Dec. 24-25.

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

*Phil Grant*

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

The Bells of St. Matt will ring on November 26, 2023 in memory of **Brian Eldridge**.

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.

## Faith Formation News

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME:** On Wednesday, November 29, Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have class in the St. Matthew 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 to 7:50 PM.

## News and Events

### SAVE THE DATE

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Rosary is coming to Saint Matthew on **Monday, November 27 at 1:00 pm** in the Church Chapel. All are invited to come and pray this special rosary together. Refreshments will be provided after the rosary.



### SEMINAR: PREPARING FOR HEAVEN

Fr. Steve invites you to a free morning seminar on **Thursday, November 30**. Topics include sacramental preparation, funeral & burial planning, estate planning, and legacy charitable giving. The seminar begins with breakfast in the Social Hall at 9:00 AM. The program starts at 9:30 AM and concludes with Mass at 11:30 AM. See the insert for more information.

### SAINT PAUL CIVIC SYMPHONY CONCERT

Saint Paul Civic Symphony returns to St. Matthew on **Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 3:00 PM** with a concert titled ***Songs from the Heart***.

Vaughan Williams  
Five Variants of “Dives and Lazarus”

Hindemith  
“Der Schwanendreher”  
Hyobi Sim, viola soloist

Tchaikovsky  
Symphony No. 4 in f minor



And as always, the concert is free of charge!



See the bulletin insert for more news and events happening at the Church of St. Matthew.

## 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 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 25

4:15 PM Mass  
+Arthur Geis  
+Roger Goldberg  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson

### Sunday, November 26

10:15 AM Mass  
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.  
+Sherry Simpson

### Monday, November 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, November 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, November 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, November 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Friday, December 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Saturday, December 2

4:15 PM Mass  
+John and Carol Murphy  
+Lisa Norton  
+Shirley Smith

### Sunday, December 2

10:15 AM Mass  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Leonard and Betty Johnson  
+Shirley Johnson Sulat

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, November 27 - Friday, December 1

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

### Monday, November 27

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
1:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Rosary  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### Tuesday, November 28

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM West Side Community Conversation (Humboldt High School)  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Catholic Order of Foresters Meeting

### Wednesday, November 29

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 30

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Preparing for Heaven Seminar

### Friday, December 1

### Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Paul Civic Symphony Rehearsal  
4:15 PM Mass

### Sunday, December 3

10:15 AM Mass  
11:00 AM Confessions  
3:00 PM St. Paul Civic Symphony Concert

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