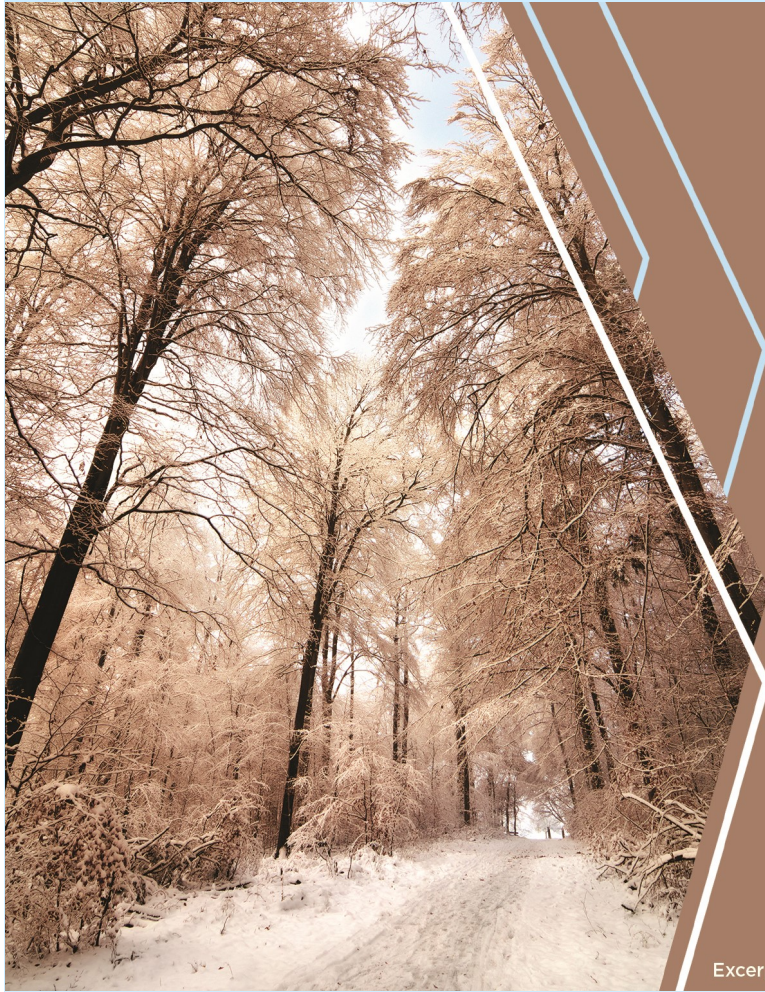




Church of St. Matthew

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



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.”

- Mt 23:8-11

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November 5, 2023 31st 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

There is no such thing as a good war. War, by its very nature, is a testimony to human failure to resolve differences.

More often than not innocent people, what we call non-combatants, are who pay the price of war — displacement, separation of families, torture, hunger, etc.

To date, more than 1,500 Israeli and over 6,000 Palestinians have been killed — many of them elderly and children.

A first step in resolving the conflicts in Israel and Gaza, as well as Ukraine and Russia, is a cease-fire. This allows for humanitarian aid to come to civilians caught in the middle of the conflict. Both Israel and the United States refuse to support a cease-fire, and thus we directly participate in the destruction of communities and the loss of life.

There is no peace without justice, and justice without mercy is cruelty. A negotiated solution is a humane and moral way to arrive at a solution, both parties participating and recognizing that the solution demands compromise and a fresh look at national life.

Peace takes place when disputing parties truly seek a humane solution to their differences. Each Sunday we pray for peace and the end of violence, we recognize the human cost of these conflicts.

All of this demands a change of heart, a desire for reconciliation, a new way of seeing each other and a willingness to search for the common human good.

It starts with a cease-fire, but that is only the beginning.

Fr. Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, 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.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER - CERENITY: Cerenity Nursing facility has asked if we have someone in the parish who would be willing to bring the Eucharist to Cerenity residents. **You do not need to be a parish Eucharistic minister.** We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to bring Communion to some of the residents at least once a week. Preferably the same day and time each week. If more than one person volunteers, the visit could be once or twice each month. If you are willing to take on this Corporal Work of Mercy, please contact **Mary** at the parish office (**651-224-9793**).

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.

THANK YOU: To our dedicated office staff, **Linda, Kathy, Chris and Patty**, who continue to catalog the books for our new parish library! All the more reason we need to have volunteers to staff the library before and after weekend Masses!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

My columns often focus on operational matters here at St. Matt's. This week's no exception; the focus is on financial matters rather than facilities.

APFR stands for Annual Parish Financial Report. This is required by the end of October each year. It provides the Archdiocese with an accounting of our parish revenues and expenses for **FY23** (Fiscal Year 2023, which ended June 30). Thanks to our contract with **PASC** (Parish Accounting Service Center), the APFR is pretty easy for the **CSM** (Church of St. Matthew). We collected the necessary signatures from our **PA** (Parochial Administrator) Fr. Antony Skaria and trustees last week. I submitted the form on October 27.

Because of our significant support of **COS** (Community of Saints Regional Catholic School), our **ASPM** (Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis) assessment rate is 8%, not the usual 10%. Thanks to PASC helping us submit the APFR on time, we received an additional quarter per cent discount. When we receive ASPM billings in the next year, therefore, the effective rate will be 7.75%. (I understand from various sources that our ASPM assessment rate is more or less in the middle, when compared with other dioceses around the country.)

The **ARL** (Annual Representation Letter) was sent in on October 27, as it's also due at the end of October. It affirms to the ASPM's **CFO** (Chief Financial Officer) that we do indeed have a Finance Council; that the Council meets and discusses our finances at least quarterly; and that we report our finances to the parish. You might recall that we sent out a parish financial report in early October. More recently, we posted our **FY24** (Fiscal Year 2024) budget on our website. Hard copies are available by request.

These temporal matters are often invisible to the wider world, but they're essential to the smooth operations of any parish. I'm grateful to the members of our St. Matt's Finance Council, as their wisdom helps steward our financial resources.

Let me know if you have any questions about our finances, or talk to any member of the Finance Council: Becky Montgomery, Richard Dunn, Alan Christensen, Tony Postiglione, Jackie Lackner, and trustees Karen Thompson and John Del Vecchio.

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

Phil Grant
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News and Events

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All women of our parish community are invited to the **November 14th** Rosary Society meeting. This month, we will be meeting from **1:30 to 3:00 pm in the Social Hall**. Please note both the time and location change. Our program will be Florida Stevens teaching us all how to make spring rolls. We will also be discussing our annual Rosary Society Bake Sale, Boutique, and new this year, Craft Sale. You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting.

COFFEE SUNDAY

Our next Coffee Sunday is **November 12, 2023**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. November Coffee Sunday is hosted by the Parish Council. We hope to see you there!

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: On Wednesday, November 8, Faith Formation students preparing for sacraments have class. Students in the program who are not in a sacrament year do NOT have class on November 8. Confirmation candidates have class in the Parish Center on November 8 from 6:45 until 7:50 PM. Children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion have class in the church on November 8 from 6:30 until 7:45 PM. Parents of First Communion children need to also attend the meeting held in church that evening. On November 15, all Faith Formation students have class in the Parish Center.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING FOR CHILDREN

AND PARENTS: Faith Formation and Community of Saints families with children planning to make their First Reconciliation and 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 or text her at 651-242-6004.

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND LAUNCH:

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students in grades 8 to 10+ who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation have class in the St. Matthew Parish Center on Wednesday, November 8, from 6:45 until 7:50 PM. On Saturday, November 11, Confirmation candidates and their families are required to attend the Confirmation Launch from 4 to 6 PM. Candidates should check in with Mr. Sondag in the back of church at 4:00 PM and then attend Mass with their family in church at 4:15 PM. When Mass ends, students and parents should stay in church for a meeting at which the requirements of the program are explained.

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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 5, 2023

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next 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 25:1-1

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, November 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, November 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 6 - Friday, November 10

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

Monday, November 6

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

Tuesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Confessions
5:00 PM Faith Formation - Confirmation Launch

Sunday, November 12

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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