

Church of St. Matthew

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TAKE IT; THIS IS
MY BODY.

— MARK 14:22 —

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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June 2, 2024

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Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM

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

Reconciliation

1st & 3rd Sunday (after Mass) 11:00 AM

2nd & 4th Saturday (after Mass) 5:00 PM

**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

LPI is our bulletin publisher. Each week, LPI has additional resources including weekly Gospel meditation. Below is the Gospel meditation for June 2, 2024.

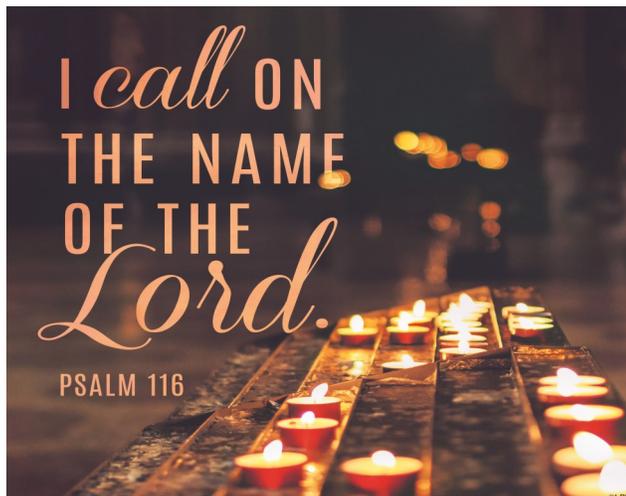
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The best way to understand the Eucharist is to recall God's long, careful teaching process beginning in the Old Testament. This week in Exodus 24, we learn the basic pattern. Moses reads the dictates of God's law to the people, who profess their allegiance to it. Then Moses takes representatives of Israel's twelve tribes and splashes the sacrificed blood of animals in two directions: on the altar and on the people. It's clear and serious business: clear, because the participants are entering a blood-bond with God Himself; serious, because the dead animals symbolize the life-and-death stakes at play.

Many centuries later, God uses the experience at Sinai to teach us something new. At the Last Supper, like a new Moses, Jesus proposes to "pour out" blood as a new covenant. It will land on the altar of the cross and the lips of his disciples. They have promised to be obedient to him who is God's law in flesh. This renews and elevates the breath-taking romance God wants with His people, unfolding from Sinai to this Supper. The Body and Blood of Christ is the sacrificial action whereby this covenant is strengthened.

How hopeful that, like us, the Israelites and the apostles repeatedly fail to live up to their promises and discover that the blood of the covenant continually renews and refreshes them. Today the blood of Christ faithfully flows, to unite and renew, moving us forward toward where our great teacher is taking us. This week, we should say a renewed "amen" to God who so carefully teaches us how to be one with Him in this new covenant.

— Father John Muir



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

Greeter: We have an opening for one or two greeters at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass. Duties include: greeting people as they enter from the Robie Street door, offering a book and a worship aid, answering any questions people may have. Duties would be from 3:50 pm until Mass begins at 4:15 pm. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, please call the parish office at 651-224-9793.

Office Receptionist: We are looking for a volunteer to answer phones and greet visitors on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Volunteer will occasionally help with parish mailings and other clerical jobs. Typing is helpful but not a requirement! If you are able to donate 4 hours/week on Tuesdays, please contact the parish office at 651-224-9793.

Money Counters: We are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collection twice a month. You would work with a team of 3 or 4 other volunteers. If you feel you have the talent or experience to help with this volunteer opportunity, please call the parish office, 651-224-9793.

Thank You: Last fall, a request was made to again have **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 10:15 am Sunday Mass. This program had been suspended at the beginning of COVID in 2020. A total of 30 children participated throughout the year averaging 6-7 children each week. Thank you to **Ellen** who leads this program. We also thank **Myrna, Julius, and Izzy** who helped each Sunday. As our parish motto states – **All are welcome!** As this program proves, all children are welcome, too! The program is now on a summer break. We look forward to the fall when we will again see **Children's Liturgy of the Word** welcoming the children of the parish!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) at the parish office.



Parish Administrator's Note

Paying for Things (Capital Needs)

Question: What do the following facilities projects have in common?

1. 2016 million dollar elevator & boiler projects
2. 2023 roof replacements (school and Parish Center buildings)
3. 2023-24 electric panel replacement project
4. 2024 solar panel installation
5. Parking lot project (hopefully this summer)

Answers:

- a. They're necessary to maintain our facilities
- b. They're desirable, to help the earth
- c. Most of them have been financed in whole or in part by Catholic Finance Corporation
- d. All of the above

The correct answer is d. CFC exists to help Catholic organizations get things done. I know I'm grateful for their helpful advice as well as their financing of our major projects.

Details: of that 2016 loan from CFC, St. Matt's has paid down approximately \$650,000. We will retire the elevator portion of the loan (originally \$800,000) in May, 2026. The boiler portion (\$200,000) won't be retired for another ten years, i.e., 2036.

CFC financed the entire cost (c. \$300,000) of the roof replacement projects last year. They were willing to do that, because we can roll that project in with the solar project for federal rebate purposes. For rebate purposes, we can also roll in the \$109,000 cost of the electric panel replacement. (Recall that we raised that \$109,000 through your generosity over the past year. Thank you so much!)

We've taken on the solar project (\$262,000) to help the earth. It's cost-effective in the eyes of CFC, as we project about \$140,000 in total rebates in a year. In addition, we'll save on our electric bills each year, in the neighborhood of \$18,000 each year.

As for the parking lot project, we'd like to raise as much as possible of the projected \$90,000 cost. That reduces our reliance on CFC financing. The good people at CFC like St. Matt's, but they have their lending guidelines to follow. We're near our limit.

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

Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment Coordinator
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651-224-9793



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jim & Betty Boeckman, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Holly Casillas, Esperanza Cenicerros, Sue Derringer, Elaine Goldberg, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Roberta Otte, Marie Scanlan, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Patricia Weisman, and Thomas & Kasi Wright.

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

Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

This weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

Prayer Requests

Due to a long list of names on our prayer list, the names are divided into groups and rotated weekly for Prayers of the Faithful. Email Angela (arakow@st-matts.org) or call the parish office (**651-224-9793**) with changes to keep our list up to date.

When requesting to add a loved one's name to our bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful, we kindly ask you obtain the individual's permission. Thank you!



Our parish has several ways in which we can pray for others:

1. We include names of those who need our prayers in our bulletin.
2. We include names of those who need our prayers in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass.
3. You can include names in the Book of Intentions, found in the back of the church.



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

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.

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Anthony Minus	Phil Grant, Ex Officio

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John Del Vecchio	Tony Postiglione
Richard Dunn	Karen Thompson
Jackie Lackner	Phil Grant, Ex Officio
Becky Montgomery	

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 June 2, 2024

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 1

4:15 PM Mass
+Kathy Blair
+Randy Gjengdahl
+Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, June 2

10:15 AM Mass
+Mary McCarthy Hedlund
+Stanley Raway

Monday, June 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 4

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 6

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 7

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, June 8

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+John Leibl

Sunday, June 9

10:15 AM Mass
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Mary Ann Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 7

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes

Monday, June 3

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

Tuesday, June 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
5:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 5

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, June 6

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

Friday, June 7

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

Saturday, June 8

4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Confessions

Sunday, June 9

10:15 AM Mass

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