



Church of St. Matthew

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THE SPIRIT
OF TRUTH PROCEEDS
FROM THE FATHER.

— JOHN 15:26 —

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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May 19, 2024 **Pentecost Sunday**

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

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

Saint Columba (7 December 521 – 9 June 597) was an Irish abbot and missionary credited with spreading Christianity in present-day Scotland. He founded the abbey on Iona, which became a dominant religious institution in the region for centuries.

Around 563, Columba and his twelve companions crossed to Dunaverty before settling in Iona in Scotland. There, they founded the abbey as a base for spreading Christianity among the northern kingdoms who were pagan.

Legend has it that from the time of Columba to the present day, in these northern lands, the Holy Spirit has been symbolized by the wild goose.

A goose is assertive and demanding. The goose will insist on being taken seriously. If not, the goose will chase you down and probably bite you in the ass.

Today is Pentecost, and what better way to consider the work of the Holy Spirit than by chasing the wild goose through place and time. Unlike the calm and gentle dove, a wild goose is in essence untamed, uncontrolled and unpredictable. And like the wild goose, the Holy Spirit blows to and fro on the wind; coming in strangeness and power to disturb the status quo and to set people onto a new adventure with God.

May the wild goose keep flying for us - may the Holy Spirit continue to bless us and disturb us. In the words of the hymn:

Even now, as on that earliest day
we feel uncertain. So we pray:
Lord, give us Pentecost again
through city square and country glen.
With or without new tongues of flame
make your church worthy of your name.

Fr. Steve Adrian



Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, 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.*

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

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.

Coffee Sunday: Coffee Sunday will be taking a break for the summer months! We want to thank all who help to make this event a success! **Jackie Minus** is the force behind Coffee Sunday. She coordinates it, including being there to help the organizations sponsoring it. She makes sure there are ample supplies and also hosts it on Sundays when no one has signed up to be hosts. The following organizations have each hosted one or more Coffee Sundays:

Men's Club, Rosary Society, Parish Council, Faith Formation, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School and The Minus Family. As a parish, we thank all who help make this event possible.

Youth Mass: Last Sunday, at the 10:15 am Mass, all ministries were served by members of the **Youth Group!** **Anthony, Tara and Katie** are the leaders of this group. The following young members from this group served in major ministries: Greeters: **Liz, Tori and James**, Welcome Reader and Cantor: **Isabella**, Lectors: **Isaac and AJ**, Prayers of the Faithful Reader: **Nico**, Offertory Bearers: **Elayna and Selena**, Ushers: **Liz and Jose**, and Eucharistic Minister: **Simon**. All members of the Youth Group gave flowers to all the women attending that Mass in honor of Mother's Day! It was a hopeful sign for our parish to see these young people being involved in the weekly liturgy!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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See the insert for additional news and events happening at the Church of Saint Matthew.

Parish Administrator's Note

"A Dazzling Tapestry"

We celebrated the Ascension of our Lord last week. Among Jesus's last words to his followers was this commission: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

Shortly after that, the visible Jesus ascended. However, He's still with us—in other ways. As Fr. Thomas said last weekend, we ourselves are now the Body of Christ. Jesus now acts in the world through our voices, hearts and hands.

I've found it interesting to hear Fr. Thomas's observations about St. Matt's parish, given that he's pretty new here. I note what he's noticing about how we live out the mission Jesus gave to us. He's noticed our ministries, our care for the poor, our openness to all, and our many volunteers. As he put it, St. Matt's is "a dazzling tapestry" of hope, faith and love.

At the same time, he's noticing opportunities we might have overlooked. That's a gift of new people in any setting. It's easy for not-new people to stop noticing things that might need attention.

A case in point: hospitality. I think we're pretty good here at St. Matt's. I hear that from people pretty often. I also think we can do better. For example, I'm interested in rolling out nametags. I like knowing people's names, and I'm willing to share mine.

Full disclosure: much of my thinking about nametags comes from Fr. Thomas's stories about how St. Thomas Becket used them to support hospitality. (Fr. Thomas was the founding pastor there.) That was critical in starting a new parish from scratch.

We're not new *as a parish*. We do have **new people** on a regular basis. Let's welcome them with our names, get to know them, and incorporate them into the life of our faith community. Let's add them to our tapestry.

Have a great week!

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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 21, 2024 in honor of **Fr. Steve Adrian**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 25, 2024 in memory of **Jerry Schillinger**.

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

Neighborhood House Collection

This weekend is the monthly Neighborhood House collection. There will be a basket by the main entrance for you to place your non-perishable or monetary donation. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Gifted and Belonging

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **May 26, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall.

Come enjoy some fellowship in this beautiful month of Mary - May. We will be remembering and praying for our loved ones. AND we have some great activities planned. Bring snacks and friends!

During the summer months, GAB will meet at Thompson Park, in West Saint Paul, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on June 23, July 28, August 25! Enjoy outdoor games, walking on the nature trails or enjoying the pond. Look for our flag! We will be near the main parking lot. More info to follow soon. For more information, contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com.

Crating Group

The group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall**. Whatever craft you enjoy, all are welcome! Bring your own supplies.



Join us on **June 1 and 2, 2024** for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul are welcome to come forward and take part.

Memorial Day Mass will be at **9:00 AM on Monday, May 27**.

Please note our parish office will be closed on this day.



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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 May 19, 2024

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18

4:15 PM Mass
+Don Leibl
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Sunday, May 19

10:15 AM Mass
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Lisa Norton
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Monday, May 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, May 23

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, May 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, May 25

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+John and Helen Leibl
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, May 26

10:15 AM Mass
+Laurie Footh (née Tackaberry)
+Leona Jenniges

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 20 - Friday, May 24

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

Loaves and Fishes is closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic

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

Thursday, May 23

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

4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting

6:00 PM Crafting Group

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Confessions

Sunday, May 26

10:15 AM Mass
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Gifted and Belonging Meeting

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