



Church of St. Matthew

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I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS.

— MATTHEW 28:20 —

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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May 26, 2024 **The Most Holy Trinity**

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

Below is reflection from the May 29, 2022 bulletin by Fr. Steve Adrian, retired pastor and sacramental minister of St. Matthew.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of their country. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan, who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it, The date of Decoration Day.

On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery while General James Garfield made a historic speech.

Memorial Day history couldn't be complete without the birth of the "National Moment of Remembrance," which was a resolution passed in December 2000, which asks that at 3:00 p.m. local time, for all Americans "to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

Take the time on Monday to give thanks for those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and to remember that because of their sacrifice we are yet a land of hope and promise, a land that strives to be worthy of the ode by Emma Lazarus:

The New Colossus

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.*

*"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Father Stephen Adrian

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: In the past few months, we have served many families who have experienced the death of a family member. We want to thank those members of our parish who help these families in their time of grief. Funeral Coordinator **Linda Rivera**, Sacramental Minister **Fr. Thomas M. Kommers**, and Sacristans **Linda, Mooreen, Joanne, Marge, Sandy and Mary.**

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

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

Parish Administrator's Note

Our Parking Lot

I recently learned from a long-time parishioner that our parking lot hasn't been redone in the 45 years she's aware of. That's a long time! And it helps me understand why it's in such bad shape. (Our Catholic Mutual insurance inspectors regularly tell us to get it done, so as to reduce trip hazards.)

As I understand it, we've been patching it and patching it and patching it. That's better than nothing, but it's time to redo the whole thing. That's the consensus of our Facilities Committee and Finance Council.

Right now, we're still researching asphalt contractors. We have one bid so far, for about \$90K. By the time you read this, I hope to have a 2nd bid for comparison.

If all goes well, we'll schedule the work during the summer, when school's not in session.

And by "all goes well", I mean the process to pay for the repaving. We expect to use available cash in combination with financing from Catholic Finance Corporation. That's how we were able to replace roofs on the school and Parish Center last year.

By "available cash", I'm not referring to everything in our bank accounts. We have a dedicated savings account, and we regularly add a portion of the charter school's rent payments to that savings account.

Speaking of the charter school, we're close to renewing its lease for one year. That's all we can ask for at this time, given that our current proxy* approval from the Archdiocese expires in 2025. Come July, we will begin negotiations for a new, longer-term lease—which involves Archdiocesan proxy approval.

**Proxy approvals are required by the Archdiocese for leases and major projects. They were instituted years ago, because some parishes went bankrupt for lack of adequate financial oversight.*

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

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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

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is coming to St. Matthew

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will stop at St. Matthew on **Tuesday, May 28**. The Perpetual Pilgrims will arrive at St. Matthew a little after **10:45 AM**, after departing from the Little Sisters of the Poor. They will stay at St. Matthew for approximately 30 minutes, then proceed to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

During this time, all those present can participate in Mary's Way of the Cross. In addition, Isaac's Blessing Bags will be gathered at the front of the sanctuary and be blessed by a clergy member.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four processions start at different locations around the country, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis on July 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi and descends through the midwestern United States. Watch for details to come at archspm.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage



The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on May 27, 2024 in memory of **William Postiglione**.

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.

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

All who are in active duty, served our country and all we lost will be recognized.



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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 26, 2024

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

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 27

9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, May 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, May 29

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, May 30

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, May 31

8:00 AM Cancelled

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

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31

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

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

Monday, May 27

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

Tuesday, May 28

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Wednesday, May 29

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM End of Year Faith Formation Teacher Meeting

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, June 2

10:15 AM Mass
After Mass Confessions

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