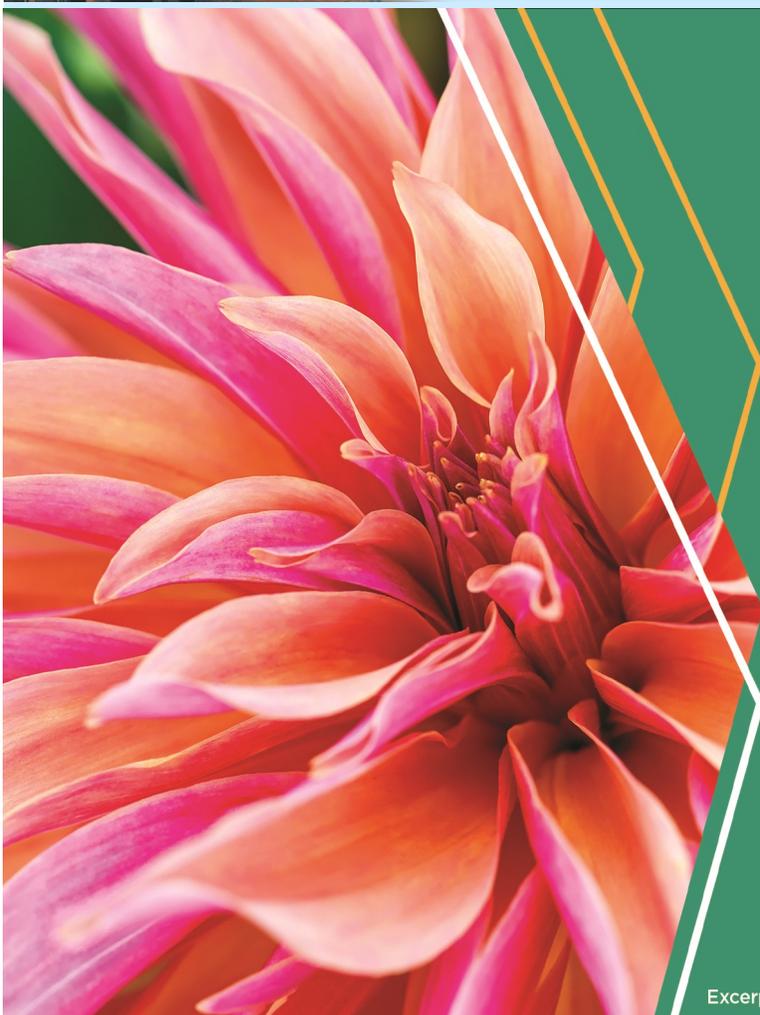




# Church of St. Matthew

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



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”  
- Jn 15:16-17

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### **May 5, 2024** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

#### **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)** 11:00 AM  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*During Fr. Steve Adrian's break from active ministry, we will look back at his previous reflections. Below is his reflection from the August 21, 2022 bulletin.*

In the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter of the rule Saint Benedict wrote for his monks, he writes about the need for the Abbot to care for the weakest. He wrote:

*"They (Church leaders) are to imitate the loving example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep in the mountains and went in search of the one sheep that had strayed. So great was Jesus' compassion for its weakness that "he mercifully put it on his shoulders and carried it back to the flock (Luke 15:5)."*

The Christian life is for human beings. Those who exercise authority in the Christian community are to see themselves as healers and shepherds tending the weak and carrying the lost, not as drill sergeants or impresarios. What we have in parishes and families are just people - people who never meet their own ideals, and sometimes abandon them completely.

Our role is simply to try to smooth what hurts them, and lift what burdens them. The spiritual life is a process, not an event.

When asked what monks do in the monastery, one monk answered: "We fall and get up, we fall and get up, we fall and get up." The spiritual life takes time. It takes patience, just like everything else.

Pope Francis wants the Church to be a MASH unit – present in the midst of the action and ready to provide the healing and care for the wounded, the forgotten, and the lost.

That is what our parish mission statement means: "Saint Matthew's exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love."

*Fr. Steve Adrian*



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.

## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**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.

**First Communion:** Thank you to all who helped to make First Communion a beautiful and memorable event for First Communicants and families! Thank You to Presider: **Fr. Kommers**, Faith Formation Director: **Janelle**, Music: **John** and **Joel**, Sacristans: **Kathy, Ginny** and **Joanne**, Greeters: **Liz** and **Kathleen**, Catechists: **Valerie** and **Autumn**, Lector: **AJ**, Ushers: **Lorenzo, Miguel**, and **Ginny**, Eucharistic Ministers: **Jeanne, Joanne, Dave, Kathleen**, and **Kathy**. Photographer: **Julius**, Spanish Interpreter: **Myrna**.

**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 at the parish office. 



**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.*

## Parish Administrator's Note

### Meetings & Leadership

I enjoy a good meeting now and then.

Yes, you read that right. I hold the view that good meetings are important, useful, and sometimes very enjoyable.

The key word, of course, is "good". For me, that implies meetings with skilled leadership. Beyond that, good teamwork is essential. I look for team members who:

- support the ideas of others
- encourage others to share ideas
- contribute ideas toward accomplishing team goals
- assist in performing operational tasks
- seek input from others
- act to maintain direction or focus to achieve team goals
- seek consensus among team members.

(These "look fors" are not mine, incidentally. I credit my work at the University of St. Thomas for learning about them.)

You might wonder why I didn't mention agendas. I've learned some meetings can be useful without a predetermined agenda. That's often the case with our unscheduled staff meetings in our parish office. They occur when two or more people want to discuss something. The focus is usually on short-term, operational matters.

I do value agendas for the monthly meetings of our Parish Council, Finance Council, Facilities Committee, and Liturgy Committee. These groups tend to take longer term views of things.

I've found that I not only value all four monthly meetings, I enjoy them. That's because we have good people involved in all four groups; I regularly see many of the "look fors" mentioned above, and we're getting important things done: strategic planning, sustainable financing, facilities preservation, quality worship, and more. It's very satisfying.

*By the way, all four groups are open to new members. Hint, hint.*

Have a great week!

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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## 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.

## Faith Formation News

**Faith Formation Summer Break:** The St. Matthew Faith Formation program has finished for the 2023-2024 school year. Thanks to the 40 public school students who came to weekly classes, thanks to the 30 Community of Saints students who attended sacrament classes, and thanks to parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members for bringing children to class and supporting their learning. Thanks to catechists and helpers **Angela Abl-Barranco, Myrna Beltran, Valerie Gerlich, Josie Johnson, Autumn Koch, Janelle Rohr, Joanne Smith, Dave Sunday, and Kathleen Thompson**. Thank you to the St. Matthew community for supporting the program and to the many people who stepped in and assisted with certain tasks, including **Mary Bejblik** and **Katie Shetka**, among many others who graciously showed a visible expression of God's love to our students and families.

## 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!

### Coffee Sunday

Our last Coffee Sunday of the year is **May 12 after the 10:15 AM Mass**. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners. Coffee Sunday will be on break during the summer months.



### Save the Date - Strawberry Cleaning

We have again been asked to clean strawberries for the Minnesota State Fair! We will begin at **8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 21**. Our last day to clean will be **Sunday, September 1**. Cleaning usually takes two to three hours, depending on weather and fair attendance. So mark your calendars for the "Great St. Matthew's Get-Together"!



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

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Maggie Lee	Katie Shetka
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 May 5, 2024**

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, May 4**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Kathy Blair  
+George Lackner

### **Sunday, May 5**

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

### **Monday, May 6**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, May 7**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, May 8**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, May 9**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, May 10**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, May 11**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Bill Brengman  
+Leo Kegler  
+Kevin Kleman

### **Sunday, May 12**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Bennett Alward  
+Leona Jenniges  
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, May 6 - Friday, May 10**

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

### **Monday, May 6**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
4:30 PM - 5:45 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 7**

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

### **Wednesday, May 8**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

### **Thursday, May 9**

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

### **Friday, May 10**

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

### **Saturday, May 11**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Baptism Preparation Meeting  
4:15 PM Mass  
After Mass Confessions

### **Sunday, May 12**

10:15 AM Mass  
After Mass Coffee Sunday

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