



Church of St. Matthew

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



ALL THE BIRDS
OF THE SKY
CAN DWELL IN
ITS SHADE.

MARK 4:32

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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June 16, 2024
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis chose these three words to describe the theme of the 2025 Jubilee year and the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

The Council chose similes, metaphors, and images to describe the Church. Chapter VII of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church speaks of the Church as a Pilgrim Church.

Pilgrims set out on a journey, perhaps a quest. Pilgrims are people with a goal. Pilgrims desire an end that brings some completeness, fulfillment, perfection.

Prior to the Council, the image of the Church was as a static institution. The Church was complete, nothing was lacking, nothing needed to be discovered or added. The 1917 Code of Canon Law describes the Church as “a perfect society.”

A Pilgrim Church is a church called to change and grow. The fulfillment sought by the Church is tied to its willingness to change and to be renewed in its mission of bringing the Good News of God’s mercy and compassion to a secular world that sees no need for God.

A Pilgrim Church is on the road. It has a goal and mission. It is not yet complete. It is called to grow and mature. Saint John Newman writes, “To grow is to change, and to have changed often is to have grown perfect.”

All of this is tied to Synodality—the process by which we listen to each other with open minds and willing hearts, knowing that the Spirit has something yet to reveal.

To prepare for the Jubilee Year, let us listen to each other with the ear of the heart.

Father Steve Adrian



Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jeff Blomgren, Jim & Betty Boeckman, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Holly Casillas, Esperanza Cenicerros, Sue Derringer, 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

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, and 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.

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: The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage began on Pentecost Sunday at Lake Itasca. On Friday, May 24, the pilgrims entered the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis where they visited various parishes. On Tuesday, May 28, the pilgrimage visited St. Matthew parish! For the next 30 to 40 minutes, we prayed Mary’s Way of the Cross, while collecting items for Isaac’s Blessing Bags. We thank **Cristina** and **Phil** who were the leadership for this devotion. Thank you to **Becky, Beth, Joanne** and **Mary** who led the Stations of the Cross. Special thanks to **Isaac, Tara, Kathy** and **Maggie** who arranged to have articles for the Blessing Bags. The pilgrims in attendance were able to witness not only our devotion to Mary and Jesus, her son, but also our care and concern for those in need.

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

It's a Lot

Meaning #1: our newest Capital Needs effort is focused on our **parking lot**, long overdue for replacement. As Fr. Thomas said last weekend, our parking lot's many trip hazards pose a risk. Our insurance company (Catholic Mutual) insists we deal with it.

Meaning #2: we seek to raise a lot of money: around \$100K depending on final scope of work. As we learn more about the project details from our potential contractors, we'll have a more precise number.

Here's what I ask: please contribute what you can. Whether that's a dollar, \$1,000, or some other amount—thank you. We know that many people are on limited incomes. I'm reminded of that classic Gospel story about "the widow's mite". As Jesus said, the poor widow gave more than the rich guy—not in quantity, but in proportion.

I'm confident that by working together, we'll reach our goal within a year. For contribution methods, see this week's insert.

This just in: A generous donor has offered to match parking lot donations up to \$10,000! That is, the next \$10,000 in donations will be effectively doubled. That's a lot!

Power Off June 18-21 – Office Closed

All electric power to our three main buildings (Parish Center, church and school) will be cut off starting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18. We expect power to be restored by the end of Friday, June 21.

Accordingly, our staff will be working remotely during those four days. I expect to stop by each day, however, to check on things. See the insert for additional details.

Note: I will be on vacation the week of June 24-28. For assistance during that week, please email or call Angela in the office.

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator
Safe Environment Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on June 17, 2024 in memory of **Parky Rodriguez**.

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on June 17, 2024 in honor of **Sarah Postiglione's Birthday**.

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

Main Electric Panel Replacement Project

The main electric panel replacement for the St. Matthew campus is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 18 - Friday, June 21**. During that time, there will be no power in all three buildings - church, school, and Parish Center. The parish office will be closed, and staff will work remotely on those days. See the insert for more information.

Loaves & Fishes Volunteer Opportunities

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization with a mission to serve free, healthy meals to Minnesotans where the need is greatest. Currently, approximately **300 meals** are served Monday through Friday out the doors of the Church of St. Matthew. The operations wouldn't be possible without the dedication, passion, and hard work of people like YOU. Learn about individual and group volunteering by contacting the Director of Volunteers and Outreach at Loaves & Fishes, Latisha (volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org) or check out/sign up through the direct site information link for St. Matthew here: <https://www.loavesandfishesmn.org/community-meal-sites/st-matthews-catholic-church/>

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. During the month of May 2024, St. Matthew donated **91 pounds** of food. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!



Funeral Mass for **Julie Pfoser** was held at St. Matthew on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Please remember Julie and her family in your prayers.

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John Del Vecchio	Tony Postiglione
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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 June 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 15

4:15 PM Mass
+Leo Kegler
+Kevin Klemm
+Don Leibl
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Sunday, June 16

10:15 AM Mass
+Marjorie DeGraw
+Peggy Leach

Monday, June 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 20

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 21

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, June 22

4:15 PM Mass
+Arthur Geis
+Leona Jenniges
+Pam, Lucille, and Robert Stickler, Sr.

Sunday, June 23

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

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 17

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

Loaves and Fishes will be closed Tuesday, June 18 - Friday, June 21.

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18 - Electric Panel Replacement

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

Wednesday, June 19 - Electric Panel Replacement

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

Thursday, June 20 - Electric Panel Replacement

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

Friday, June 21 - Electric Panel Replacement

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

Saturday, June 22

4:15 PM Mass
After Mass Confessions

Sunday, June 23

10:15 AM Mass

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