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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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June 23, 2024 **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

- Saturday at 4:15 PM
- Sunday at 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

Reconciliation

- Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 PM
- Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office

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 as the theme of the Jubilee year 2025 and the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

Last week, we reflected on what it is to be a Pilgrim people, or as the Council spoke of us as a “Pilgrim Church”.

Today, I reflect on hope.

The hope to which Pope Francis alludes is not some pious wish or vague desire. The virtue of hope is confident trust and conviction that the promise made will be fulfilled. Hope undergirds the strength of faith.

Richard Gaillardetz died in 2023 after a long battle with cancer. In the course of his illness, he wrote a memoir of his experiences of the gradual fading away of the breath of life. He called the memoir While I Breathe, I Hope. He speaks of hope as “an attitude in which we dare to commit ourselves to that which is beyond all human control; the willingness to commit oneself in thought and deed to the uncontrollable which fills us and sustains us.”

The Church makes that pilgrimage of life seeking the fullness of God’s reign with the confidence that even though I do not see the goal close at hand, I will see it. The fulfillment will be revealed as promised.

Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians states:

“Now we see but a dim reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am known (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Francis calls us to walk as people confident that the promise made will be fulfilled, as people who remember the word of the angel to Joseph: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ (Matthew 1:23)

Father Steve Adrian

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.



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**.

Church Library: We have many donated books for our future church library. We need volunteers to sort these books and to put library card envelopes and cards into the back of the books. There is much work to be done! You may set your own hours. Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. If interested, please contact the parish office at **651-224-9793**.

Mass in the Park: On Saturday, August 10, we will gather at Cherokee Park to celebrate the 4:15 pm Mass. This will be followed by a Pot-Luck dinner. Many items need to be moved from the church to the park on that Saturday afternoon, and moved back to the church after the picnic. We will need a truck or two to help with the moving as well as volunteers to help load those trucks with the items from church and back. Everything needs to be back in place for the Sunday 10:15 am Mass. If you will be able to help with any of this “loading & moving”, please call the parish office, **651-224-9793**.

Thank You: To our staff, volunteers, People of Praise residents, St. Mary’s Health Clinic, Loaves and Fishes, Raices Sagradas Community Mental Health and all who worked from their homes or were displaced during the past week, as the new electric panel was replaced.

Special Thanks: To all who contributed during the past year to reach our **\$109,000 Goal** for the new electric panel!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit June 22-28, 2024 in memory of **Dave Hicks**.

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.

Parish Administrator's Note

AUP (Agreed Upon Procedures)

We're over the hump with our Fiscal Year 2023 AUP. Auditors from CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) came in a couple of weeks ago, to review all manner of procedures. Most of them have to do with how we handle money, bank accounts, accounting, and so on. The goal is to minimize mistakes and fraud, e.g., by having two or more people handle money.

Prior to the onsite visit by the CLA team, we had a few weeks of advance work. Fortunately, much of our accounting is handled by people at PASC, the Parish Accounting Service Center. That helped this "mini-audit" go smoothly.

AUPs are required by the Archdiocese every three years. We would have done this one sooner, but CLA itself was running behind—by several months, it turns out.

Family Camp – June 24-28

I'll be out of the office this week*, attending Danebod Family Camp in Tyler, Minnesota. I've enjoyed this camp for many years, as it features many of my favorite things: friends, food, conversation, singing, dancing, games and crafts.

I've been attending Danebod since 1981, and I can't help but compare that my experience there with life at St. Matt's. What do they have in common? To start with, we live in community at Danebod; we're in a faith community here at St. Matt's.

Both Danebod and St. Matt's are very intergenerational. That's different from many places in our society. In the larger world, people are often sorted by age. At camp and here at St. Matt's, we include infants to seniors—in the same place, at the same time.

Another commonality: extensive volunteerism. Danebod's not a resort. Everyone's a volunteer. Danebod guards against a "consumer mentality", where you pay for services or goods.

And just as Danebod is a volunteer community, St. Matt's is a volunteer parish community. We expect people to engage with each other and with the parish at large. A consumer mentality? Not for us.

**June 24-28. For assistance during the week, please email or call Angela in the office.*

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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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, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Roberta Otte, Jose Luis Martinez Paltazar, 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

Hospitality - Name Tags

Our parish community of St. Matthew welcomes everyone. In this spirit, we ask everyone to wear a name tag at Masses. This helps us get to know each other and further develop a sense of community. Please see a greeter or usher. They will assist you in getting a name tag. First name only. Thank you for helping our spirit of hospitality!

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation Teachers Needed: The St. Matthew Faith Formation program for public school students in grades K to 10 will resume in the fall, and we have openings for teachers for the 2024-25 school year.

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM between late September and early May. Volunteers should enjoy helping children learn more about their Catholic faith and do not need to be experienced teachers. We provide supplies, a curriculum that includes a ready-made lesson plan for each week, plus training and support. Most classes have 3 to 8 students. If a weekly commitment is too much, consider being a substitute or helping with specific events such as parent meetings or sacrament meetings. To find out more, please call or text Janelle Rohr, **651-242-6004** or send an email to **janelle@st-matts.org**.

Confession Day and Time Change

Confessions are now offered **every Saturday before Mass from 3:00 - 3:30 PM**. Confessions can also be heard on Sundays after Mass upon request or by appointment, by calling the parish office.

**RECONCILIATION
TIMES**

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Terry Grundtner	Katie Shetka
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Finance Council Members

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

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 23, 2024

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

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day*: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 24

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, June 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, June 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, June 28

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, June 29

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+John and Judy Kelly
+Dorinda Martineau

Sunday, June 30

10:15 AM Mass
+Jason Skogseth
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28

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

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

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

Thursday, June 27

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Crafting Group
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Baptism Preparation Meeting
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, June 30

10:15 AM Mass

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