



Church of St. Matthew

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



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep."
- Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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June 30, 2024 **13th 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

The conclusion of the Synod on Synodality will mark the opening of the 2025 Holy Year — **Pilgrims of Hope**.

Francis sees the practice of synodality as a further development in the implementation of the work of Vatican Council II — marking its 60th anniversary in the Jubilee Year.

Synodality has to do with openness to the experience, thoughts, desires, and gifts of others. Francis calls this “encounter”, and sees the mission of the Gospel, entrusted to the Church, only carried out through such “encounters.”

Listening to others with the ear of the heart in one’s faith community, among other religious communities, non-believers and the world, is to be the work of the Synodal Church. The openness to the gift of the Spirit is found in hearing with the ear of the heart.

This encounter and engagement with the world is to see the world and the culture of the time as the field in which the life of the Church and the work of the Gospel must take place — the proclamation of the Kingdom embracing the whole world.

This encounter demands that the Church enter into a respectful dialogue with the culture in which it lives — to embrace the culture in which the treasure is to be found.

44 ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.’ (Matthew 13: 44-45)

Very often, the values of the culture are very different from the values of the Gospel and often the Church uses the method of severity and confrontation in addressing these differences — to no avail. Not surprising — culture overcomes logic.

The Council, like the Synod, calls us into listening with the ear of the heart and so to enter into the encounter with the world:

Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

1. The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of human beings. United in Christ, they are

led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the Kingdom of their Father and they have welcomed the news of salvation which is meant for every person. That is why this community (the Church) realizes that it is truly linked with humanity and its history by the deepest of bonds.

The command of the Gospel calls us into an intimate relationship with God and also a dynamic presence in the culture of our world.

Father Steve 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, 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 **Donis** and **Chris** who take care of the flowers inside the church and outside in the parish gardens.

Thank You: To **Mary B.** who changes the altar cloth and all of the banners for each new liturgical season and for various holy days. The church always looks beautiful!

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Parish Administrator's Note

Power to the Parish!

Our main electric panel has been successfully replaced!

A team from Apadana Technologies performed the critical work over two days (June 18-19), taking less time than originally scheduled. This reduced the time when our electric power was shut off—an unavoidable inconvenience to our staff, renters, and ministry partners such as Loaves & Fishes.

I want to thank all those who've contributed to the success of this project, particularly our many donors. Our fundraising efforts--Lent 2023 to Lent 2024--raised the necessary \$109,000 to pay for the electric panel.

I also want to thank our Facilities Committee members. They've been working on this project for almost two years!

I learned a few more things about the panel, in conversation with Apadana electricians working on the project. Over the years, critical parts of a panel become unavailable. Maintaining electric power becomes increasingly difficult. Sooner or later, it becomes impossible. We're now in good shape for years to come, as we have brand new components in our panel.

General Insurance Seminar – June 18

Several volunteers (Bob, Tom and Anthony) and I attended the annual General Insurance Seminar put on by Catholic Mutual, our insurance company. I attend each year, for it's a good day to learn ways to reduce risk and save money. I'm grateful to our volunteers for attending, as there are too many sessions for one person to take in everything.

At a workshop session hosted by Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC), I was reminded of the importance of avoiding deferred maintenance. The CFC presenters emphasized that deferred maintenance tends to cost more in the long run. (During research for the e-panel project, I learned that an emergency replacement of the panel could have cost two or three times as much! I'm relieved that we no longer face that situation.)

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, Sue Derringer, Sean Kane, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Roberta Otte, Jose Luis Martinez Paltazar, 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

Rosary in the Park

This summer, the Rosary Society is hosting Rosary in Cherokee Park the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. All women, men, youth and children are invited to participate in the praying of the rosary. We will convene in or near the large picnic shelter on **Tuesday, July 9th at 10:00 AM**. The next Rosary in the Park will be Tuesday, August 13th.



Community of Saints Catholic School Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

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**.



Our parish office will be closed on
Thursday, July 4.

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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 30, 2024

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

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 1

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 2

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 4

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 5

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 6

4:15 PM Mass
+Kathy Blair
+Marie Scanlan
+Leticia Maria Vasquez

Sunday, July 7

10:15 AM Mass
+Marguerite Sanbeck

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 1 - Wednesday, July 3, and Friday, July 5

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

Loaves and Fishes closed on Thursday, July 4.

Monday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:30 PM Men's Club Board Meeting

Thursday, July 4

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, July 5

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

Saturday, July 6

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, July 7

10:15 AM Mass

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