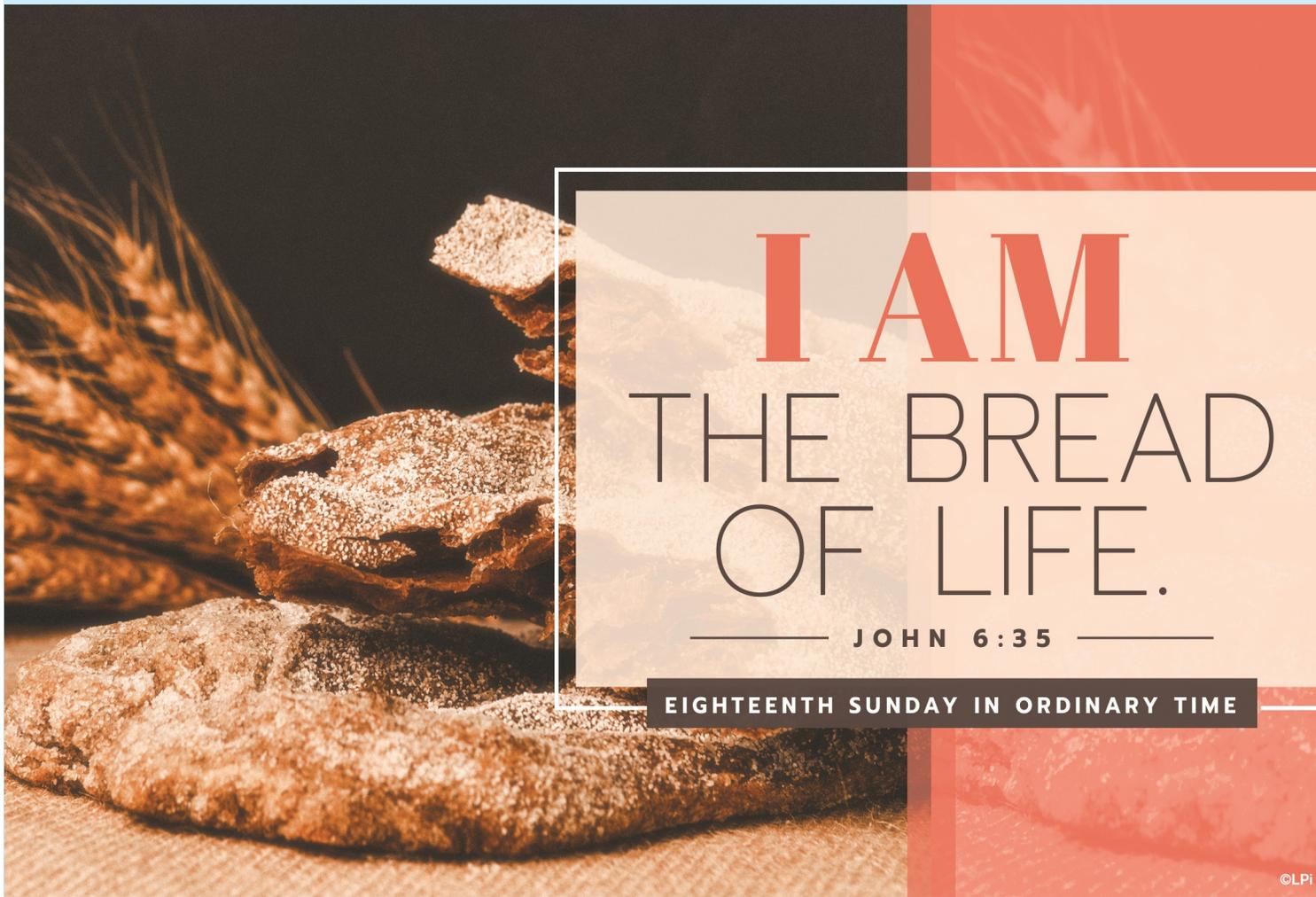


# Church of St. Matthew

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



**I AM**  
THE BREAD  
OF LIFE.

— JOHN 6:35 —

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**August 4, 2024**  
**18th 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.**

#### **Church**

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**YouTube** [www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew](http://www.youtube.com/churchofstmatthew)

**Twitter** [twitter.com/stmattswestside](http://twitter.com/stmattswestside)

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

## Reflection from Father Steve

A few weeks ago, a Saint Matthew parishioner sent me a copy of an article about listening, first printed in *Time* magazine. Along with the article was a note that she was going to try to do less talking and more listening.

For the past six months, my ability to speak has been seriously compromised by cancer and especially by the collapse of my left lung.

People told me over the years that I had a voice “easy to listen to.” Some spoke of it as “a radio voice.” I talked a lot, sometimes both on the inhale and the exhale. My mother called me “a chatter box.” She told me that often on the streetcar, a person in the seat ahead would turn and say to her “is there anything you can do to keep him from asking so many questions—he talks so much!”

In the past months, I have spoken very little and have listened more than I ever have before. I have listened to people talk and to the sounds of nature. If I am not going to say anything, I am available to hear what is going on around me. I can listen to not only the words spoken, but also what is beneath those words. Sometimes, words hide more than they reveal.

Early church writers said that at the Annunciation, Mary conceived the Second Person of the Trinity through the ear—by listening to the word of the angel.

Fifteen hundred years ago, a man named Benedict told his followers that the secret to the practice of the spiritual life was to listen with the ear of the heart.

In the beginning, people did not read in silence. They read speaking the words quietly—they read with their eyes, their mouths and their ears.

We are instructed to “listen to the Word of God” with an open heart. That is why the ministry of the lector is so important; by attentively listening to the Word of God proclaimed by the lector, the Holy Spirit comes to me. Saint Paul tells us; “faith comes through listening.”

I do believe there are silver linings in every cloud, and one of the silver linings in this cancer is that I was given a dramatic opportunity to listen in a way that I have not listened before.

*Father Steve Adrian*

**Rosary in the Park** The last Rosary in the Park hosted by the Rosary Society will be Tuesday, August 13th at 10:00 am. All women, men, youth and children are invited to participate. We’ll convene in or near the large picnic shelter in Cherokee Park.

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## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**Ministry:** We will be having a Ministry Workshop for all lectors and Eucharistic ministers at St. Matthews on **Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 AM.** If you are interested in serving as a lector or Eucharistic minister, please mark your calendars and plan to attend! A lector needs to be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Archdiocesan requirement for Eucharistic ministers is that they have been confirmed.

**Offertory Gifts:** Would you like to bring the bread and wine forward at the offertory? Perhaps do this as a family? Would you prefer to know in advance when that might happen? If so, contact the Parish Center, 651-224-9793 or speak to a sacristan or a greeter at Mass.

**Thank You:** To **Kathy** and **Al Schowalter** who make sure that there are always fresh candles in the vigil light holders. They will come in multiple times during a weekend to remove the candles that have already burned out and replace them with new candles. Thanks to their generosity, there are always candles ready to be lit!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

*Mary Leibl*  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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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, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Chris Stevens, 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.*

**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](mailto:arakow@st-matts.org)) at the parish office.



## Parish Administrator's Note

### About Our Budget - 1

I wrote a couple of weeks ago that our Finance Council approved our budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (F25), which began July 1. Today, I'm sharing some details.

We're projecting \$950,000 in revenue for F25. Of that amount, we're budgeting \$231,200 to come in through "Sunday Giving". That includes envelopes (or their equivalent) for weekend Masses, Holy Days, and Christmas and Easter.

That compares with \$230,400 for last year, F24—an increase of \$800, or about 0.3 per cent. That's basically negligible—or as an accountant would say, it's not material.

If you do the math, you see that Sunday Giving is about 24% of our overall revenue. It's the single largest part of our revenue. In large part, that revenue sustains our parish operations. Thank you for your contributions!

You might well ask, what about the other 76%? Well, we expect to receive another 23% from renting our school building to our tenant, Quantum STEAM Academy. Most of that money goes right back into the building. It makes it possible for us to pay our monthly bills to Catholic Finance Corporation (CFC), notably \$10,000 a month on the elevator and boiler loan. CFC lent St. Matt's one million dollars in 2016, and we retire \$800,000 of that loan in May of 2026. The remaining \$200,000 won't be fully repaid until 2036.

Another significant portion of our overall revenue is for Capital Needs (aka the Building Fund). Last year, the focus was on replacing our main electric panel. This year, we're concentrating on renewing our parking lot. I expect to have a progress report on that effort in a week or two, after we receive our June financial reports from our accountant at PASC (Parish Accounting Service Center).

In the meantime, I appreciate your pledges for and contributions towards the parking lot fund. See the table in the back of the church for Capital Needs envelopes and pledge forms. Let me know if you have any questions.

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
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651-224-9793*



### The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit August 10-16, 2024 in memory of **Sister Alene Kuhn, SSND**.

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

### Logo Survey



As the Communications Committee moves forward to create a new website for St. Matthew, we need to update our parish logo. A new logo will give us a consistent way of presenting our name, Church of St.

Matthew, in the digital world and on all printed pieces, such as the bulletin, letterhead or signage. We will be working with a professional designer for this project, and we would like to get your input before we start.

On the weekends of **August 10-11, and 17-18**, there will be drawing materials in the back of church after Mass. You are invited to share your idea for a logo design by drawing or writing down the top 3 words that you feel identify our community. This is not a contest, and all images will only be used as inspiration for our designer. Please share your ideas with us!

### Baptism Preparation Meeting

Parents looking to have a child under eight years of age baptized, please join Cristina Czaia for a baptism preparation meeting in the church. A baptism preparation meeting is required if you have not had a child baptized at St. Matthew's in the last five years.

- **Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, August 24 at 10:30 AM**

Baptisms will be scheduled the second full weekend of each month. For questions, contact **Cristina Czaia (cczaia@st-matts.org)**.

### Liturgy Training Workshop

The workshop will take place on **Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 AM** in the church.

Please consider joining a liturgical ministry. Because the best way to learn is to do. Ministers new and old are invited to participate. We will hone our crafts as:

- Lectors
- Eucharistic ministers
- Cantors
- Greeters

Individuals age 12+ are welcome to lector. Eucharistic ministers must be confirmed. For questions, contact **Cristina Czaia (cczaia@st-matts.org)**.

## Parish Leadership

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## Parish Council Members

Ralph Brown	Maggie Lee
Isaac Garcia	Tara Perron
Kathy Goldenstein	Ellen Schneider
Terry Grundtner	Katie Shetka
Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

## 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 August 4, 2024**

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, August 3**

4:15 PM Mass  
+Kathy Blair  
+Nancy Maloney

### **Sunday, August 4**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Lee F. Maruska  
+Agnes C. and Gordon B. Roscoe  
+Jason Skogseth

### **Monday, August 5**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Tuesday, August 6**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Wednesday, August 7**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Thursday, August 8**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Friday, August 9**

8:00 AM Cancelled

### **Saturday, August 10**

4:30 PM Mass  
+Leo Kegler  
+Kevin Kleman  
+Don Leibl

### **Sunday, August 11**

10:15 AM Mass  
+Robert B. and Stephen J. Roscoe  
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt

## Calendar of Events

### **Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9**

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

### **Monday, August 5**

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

### **Tuesday, August 6**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM National Night Out hosted by St. Matthew

### **Wednesday, August 7**

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, August 8**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
4:30 PM Finance Council Meeting  
6:00 PM Crafting Group  
7:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Friday, August 9**

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

### **Saturday, August 10**

4:30 PM Mass in the Park at Cherokee Park, Large Picnic Pavilion

### **Sunday, August 11**

10:15 AM Mass

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