



Church of St. Matthew

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TAKE NOTHING FOR
THE JOURNEY.

MARK 6:8

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 14, 2024
15th 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

Pope Francis has a way of seeing reality, making decisions and taking action. Francis' theological method is made clear when he states: "Realities are more important than ideas" (LS, Nos. 110, 201). In continuity with the methodological preferences of Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI, Francis uses the See-Judge-Act method for reflection on, and interpretation of, reality (or the signs of the times, if you prefer), with the goal being transformative social action and justice.

The See-Judge-Act method was created by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, even though its roots can be found in Thomas Aquinas' description of the virtue of prudence. Cardijn's method was later developed by the Latin American liberation theologians, with recent advancements made by North American practical theologians.

Francis says he begins by reviewing ("see") the best research and understanding today, then considers ("judge") principles from Judeo-Christian tradition. In light of his reflection, he will advance proposals for dialogue and action ("act"), both on an individual and global level. This three-step process represents a method that prioritizes a critical assessment of reality (step 1) to change reality (step 3) through critical reflection as a mediating step (step 2). Francis' justification for his use of this method is made explicit when he says, "Theological and philosophical reflections on the situation of humanity and the world can sound tiresome and abstract unless they are grounded in a fresh analysis of our present situation, which is in many ways unprecedented in the history of humanity" (No. 17).

Pope Francis teaches about the process of "encounter." He says: "For me, this word (encounter) is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

As members of the Body of Christ, we are each created in the image of and loved by God. We are called to form relationships with one another, and we are called to "create a culture of encounter," a culture of friendship, a culture in which we find brothers and sisters, in which we can also speak with those who think differently, as well as those who hold other beliefs, who do not have the same faith. They all have something in common with us: they are images of God; they are children of God.

Encounter is key to understanding Francis and what he says and does.

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**.

Catholic Tutor Corps is looking for volunteers to help students with reading lessons next fall. The tutoring would take place during the school day. Two schools that are looking for volunteers are our own parish school, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School in West Saint Paul and Holy Trinity Catholic School in South Saint Paul. Tutoring would begin when school resumes in September. If you, or someone you know, would like to take part in this mission, contact **Richard McGuire**, ctutorcorps@gmail.com or **612-360-0677**.

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
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The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on July 16, 2024 in memory of **Shirley Smith**.

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.



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, Eileen Norton, Roberta Otte, 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

PACE & PRISM (P&P)

We're well into July—or as I sometimes think of it, P&P season. This month, I'm documenting all sorts of things for Catholic Mutual (CM), our insurance company. By doing so, we knock thousands of dollars off our insurance costs each year.

PACE refers to personnel items. PRISM refers to facilities. I value the whole process, as CM guidelines are basically good practices we should always be doing. The rebate is like very nice frosting on the operational cake.

Speaking of Facilities

- A major component of our August 1 report to CM is a lengthy Capital Repair spreadsheet. That spreadsheet details our major projects, in all of our five buildings. It's very useful for planning purposes.

- By the time you read this, we will have sent our final check to Apadana Technologies, the company that installed our new electric panel a few weeks ago. Many thanks to all who contributed to this effort, from last year into early this year. You made panel replacement possible!

- We continue to analyze possible parking lot project contractors. Many thanks to all who've already contributed or pledged funds to renew the lot. You are making this new project possible!

- Church overhead fans. They are still on our to-do list, as they're noisy and wearing out.

Family Camp – July 15-19

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.

"Wait a minute, Phil," you might say. "Weren't you just there?"

Well, yes. I was. I went to the June session last month; now I'm going to the July session. Much of each month's program is similar, though the people are different. The July campers have asked for my help, and I'm happy to oblige. Danebod has given me much over the years, including skills I've applied in school settings—and now, in a parish setting. Feel free to ask me for details.

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

*Phil Grant, Administrator
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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.



News and Events

Mission Speaker - PIME Missionaries

This weekend, Fr. George Berendt will speak at all Masses about the work of the PIME Missionaries. Founded in Italy in 1850, PIME Missionaries are priests and brothers who dedicate themselves as lifelong messengers of the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the Word of God. They live and work alongside the poorest among us in 19 countries, shedding light on the silent struggles of our brothers and sisters in the missions and connecting them to those with a spirit to help. Find out more at:

www.pimeusa.org.

Parish Database Clean-up

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is asking all parishes to clean up their database in an effort to streamline record keeping. As a part of this effort, all adult children over the age of 25 will be removed from the records of their parents household.

If you were previously registered under your parents household and would like to be a registered member of St. Matthew as your own household, please turn in a parish registration form. The form is on our website and in the back of the church.

If you have questions about the status of your parish registration, contact Angela at the parish office.

Neighborhood House Donations

Next 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. On behalf of Neighborhood House and the people it serves, thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date

St. Matthew's annual Mass and Picnic in the Park will be on **Saturday, August 10 at 4:30 PM** at the Cherokee Regional Park in St. Paul. We hope to see you there!



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

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Phil Grant, Ex Officio	

Finance Council Members

John Del Vecchio	Becky Montgomery
Richard Dunn	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 July 14, 2024

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 13

4:15 PM Mass
+Bill Brengman
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
+Mary Ann Roscoe

Sunday, July 14

10:15 AM Mass
+Lee F. Maruska
+Robert A. and Jeanne M. Stadt
+Deceased Rosary Society Members

Monday, July 15

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, July 16

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, July 17

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, July 18

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, July 19

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, July 20

4:15 PM Mass
+Leona Jenniges
+Don Leibl

Sunday, July 21

10:15 AM Mass
+Dan D. Roscoe
+Sam S. Roscoe

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19

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

Monday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic

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

Thursday, July 18

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

6:00 PM Crafting Group

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, July 19

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

Saturday, July 20

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Confessions

4:15 PM Mass

Sunday, July 21

10:15 AM Mass

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